

Decision No: FIN1 -21/07/08

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 26 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR JAN YOUNG

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: INCOME COLLECTION & RECOVERY
2007/08

AUTHOR: NIGEL MANVELL

THE DECISION

1. That the contents of the report be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. Collection of income and management of debts is critical to the council's finances with over £300 million income collected. These quarterly reports will ensure that the Cabinet Member for Finance is aware of the council's current performance and arrangements for continually improving income collection and recovery.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. This report is for noting.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The decision-maker did not declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the matters set out in the report.

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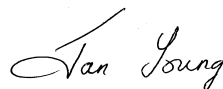
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Councillor Jan Young
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Call-In Period
22-28 July 2008

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: FIN2 -21/07/08

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 27 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR JAN YOUNG

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT (INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY) 2007/08 - END OF YEAR REVIEW

AUTHOR: PETER SARGENT

THE DECISION

1. That the action taken during the second half year to meet the treasury management policy statement and practices (including the annual investment strategy) be endorsed.
2. That it be noted that the authorised limit and operational boundary set by the Council have not been exceeded.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. Treasury management is governed by a code that is recognised as 'best and proper practice' under the Local Government Act 2003. The Code requires a minimum of two reports per year, one of which is a report looking back at the closing year. This report fulfils this requirement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. This report sets out action taken in the six months to March 2008. No alternative options are therefore considered necessary.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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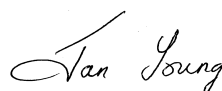
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Decision No: FIN3 -21/07/08

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 28 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR JAN YOUNG

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: ANNUAL VALUE FOR MONEY AND EFFICIENCY REPORT

AUTHOR: NIGEL MANVELL

THE DECISION

1. That the achievement against the 2007/08 efficiency target reported in the "backward look" Annual Efficiency Statement submission be noted.
2. That the actions taken in 2007/08 to improve the council's use of its resources be noted.
3. That the actions planned for 2008/09 to improve the council's use of its resources be agreed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. To update the council's cabinet member for finance in relation to performance against efficiency targets and the progress of value for money reviews.
2. The cabinet member for finance is also asked to agree actions to improve the use of resources to ensure appropriate governance and challenge in setting these targets.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. It is a government requirement to report on performance against efficiency targets and hence the cabinet member is asked to note the report.
2. The actions for improving use of resources are expected to be deliverable within the time scales and resource capacity available to the authority. Actions are in response to:
 - i) Recommendations made by the external auditor in the Annual Audit &

Inspection Letter.

- ii) Recommendations made, or any weaknesses highlighted, by the external auditor in the Annual Governance Report and Final Accounts Report (for Financial Reporting).
- iii) Recommendations arising from internal audits conducted in accordance with the Internal Audit Plan.
- iv) Internal reviews of performance and governance.

The actions identified concentrate on areas requiring further improvement or where the impact will be of most significance. Although these actions cannot guarantee improved CPA assessment scores, they are designed to move the authority in the right direction. Alternative actions could be proposed but must consider the following:

- the likelihood of external audit recommendations not being met;
- the available capacity to deliver against alternative targets, or;
- the potential impact on assessment scores for the authority.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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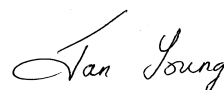
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