

Decision No: FIN4 – 13/10/2008

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 41 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR JAN YOUNG

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: INCOME COLLECTION & RECOVERY
2008/2009 - QUARTER 1

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 council's lead 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. The 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.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

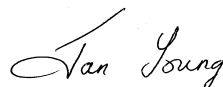
Date:

13 October 2008

Decision Maker:

Councillor Jan Young
Cabinet Member for Finance

Signed:



Proper Officer:

13 October 2008

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny 'Call-In' provisions.

Call-In Period

N/A

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: FIN5 – 13/10/2008

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 42 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR JAN YOUNG

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: CORPORATE FEES & CHARGES POLICY

AUTHOR: NIGEL MANVELL

THE DECISION

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the proposed Corporate Fees & Charges Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, should come into force for the 2009/10 budget setting cycle for proposals to change fees and charges (other than by inflation) and in full from the 2010/11 cycle as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, be agreed.
3. That the report be referred to Cabinet for information.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. Fees and charges are an important source of funding for local authorities, but recent Audit Commission reports indicate that authorities are not systematically reviewing current or potential areas of charging. This report aims to ensure that there is an appropriate corporate focus on fees and charges and a systematic approach to setting and reviewing charges.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The absence of a defined approach to, and policy for, setting and reviewing fees and charges is contrary to Audit Commission best practice recommendations as highlighted in the body of the report. This could potentially be adversely reflected in the external auditor's assessment of the council's use of resources under the Comprehensive Area Assessment framework.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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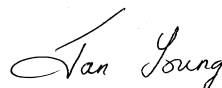
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Call-In Period

14 – 20 October 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)*