

# EXECUTIVE

## MINUTES

**TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009  
THE ORWELL ROOM, GRAFTON HOUSE  
6.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors J W Carnall (Vice Chair), R S Atkins, N A Cenci,  
T J De Hoedt, L B Gooch, P Green, R W J Pope and D J Terry.

At the start of the meeting the Vice Chairman held a Minutes silence to pay tribute to the Chief Executive, James Hehir, after his sad and sudden death. Executive placed on record their thanks for his valuable contribution as an ambassador and advocate for the development of Ipswich, deepest sympathy was expressed for the family.

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**92. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Harsant

**93. Minutes**

**Resolved:**

**that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2009 be signed as a true record.**

**94. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business**

**Resolved:**

**that subject to Item 15 (Exclusion of Public) Item 18 (E/09/64) Item 16 (Exempt Minutes) Item 17 (E/09/63) and Item 14 (E/09/62) being considered before Item 5 (E/09/53) the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the agenda.**

**95. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Pope, being a Director on the Board of Ipswich Churches Trust and an employee of Suffolk County Council declared a personal interest in Item 6 (E/09/54).

Councillor Terry, being a Suffolk County Councillor declared a

personal interest in Item 6 (E/09/54)

Councillor Gooch, being the employee of an organisation that receives a grant from Ipswich Borough Council declared a personal interest in Item 6 (E/09/54)

96. **Exclusion of Public**

**Resolved:**

**to exclude the public (including the press) from the meeting during consideration of the following items under Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulation 2000 as it is likely that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).**

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

- 97. **Transfer of the Community Resource Centre to the Ipswich Umbrella Trust**  
**Ref No: E/09/64**
  
- 98. **Exempt Minutes**
  
- 99. **Crown Pools Refurbishment Tender – Phase 1**  
**Ref No: E/09/63**

**Contact**

Clare Lovell  
Housing Options  
Manager

M Hunter  
B&DS  
Coordinator

**100. Re-admittance of Public**

**Resolved:**

**that the public be readmitted to the meeting.**

**101. Community Improvements & Area Forum Expenditure  
Ref No: E/09/62**

101.1 In response to a question from Councillor Gooch concerning possible revenue implications for the emptying of bins, the Chairman of the Community Improvements Committee confirmed that he had been advised that there was no adverse impact on the revenue budget and that future schemes would be carefully monitored to ensure that there were no revenue implications.

**Resolved:**

**(i) that funding of £51,000 from the Community Improvements Budget for 2009/10 for the schemes detailed in section 3 of the report be approved.**

Reason: The schemes link to the “Safe”, “Strengthening Communities”, “Travel” and “Expanding” Transforming Ipswich objectives by working with the community to keep Ipswich a safe place to live, helping the Ipswich community and improving access and mobility in the community by better street design.

**(ii) that funding of £17,600 from the NW Area Forum Budget for 2009/10 for the schemes detailed in section 4.2 of the report be approved.**

Reason: These schemes link to a number of Transforming Ipswich and Community Strategy objectives and will enhance the local neighbourhood.

**(iii) that funding of £11,280 from the SE Area Forum Budget for 2009/10 for the schemes detailed in section 4.3 of the report be approved.**

Reason: These schemes link to a number of Transforming Ipswich and Community Strategy objectives and will enhance the local neighbourhood.

**(iv) that funding of £3,500 from the SW Area Forum Budget for 2009/10 for the scheme detailed in section 4.4 of the report be approved.**

Reason: These schemes link to a number of Transforming Ipswich and Community Strategy objectives and will enhance the local

J Clements  
Community  
Projects Team  
Leader

neighbourhood.

**(v) that funding of £4,750 from the NE Area Forum Budget for 2009/10 for the schemes detailed in section 4.5 of the report be approved.**

Reason: These schemes link to a number of Transforming Ipswich and Community Strategy objectives and will enhance the local neighbourhood.

**102. Committee Schedule 2010/11**  
**Ref No: E/09/53**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the Schedule of Meetings for 2010/11 be approved.**

Reason: To support the decision-making processes of the Council.

**103. Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Policy**  
**Ref No: E/09/54**

103.1 Councillor Green sought clarification on the Clawback and consequences of default by the grant beneficiary organisation procedure detailed in Section 11 of the report.

103.2 Councillor Pope requested that wording was changed from citizens to people throughout the report.

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the draft Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Policy be adopted.**

Reason: Adopting and implementing this Policy will:

- Provide a more joined up approach to awarding grants which will enable the Council to use its resources more effectively to achieve better outcomes for Ipswich residents;
- Improve and strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

**104. Ipswich 2012**  
**Ref No: E/09/55**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the benefits that the 2012 Games could bring to the Ipswich area, in terms of increasing participation, economic growth, tourism, volunteering and cultural links be noted.**

J Robinson  
Acting Committee  
Services Manager

R Mandal  
Communities  
Manager

Reason: This is a 'one off' opportunity for the Town to benefit from the UK hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**(ii) that the actions set out in the action plan at Appendix A of the report, noting that certain objectives are dependent on resources being made available during the budgetary process or from external sources be endorsed.**

Reason: To ensure that Ipswich maximises the benefits of the 2012 Olympic Games.

**(iii) that further reports are brought back to Executive regarding any financial implications for approval where such implications are not covered by existing budgetary allocation.**

Reason: To ensure that Executive approval is obtained regarding any additional financial commitments in respect of the action plan.

J Stebbings  
Strategic project  
Officer

**105. Performance Information Report 6 Months – 2009/2010  
Ref No: E/09/56**

99.1 Councillor Cenci highlighted the areas of concern and informed Executive that she had requested that petitions were brought to the relevant Portfolio Holder meeting for monitoring.

**Resolved:**

**(i) that Executive take what further action(s) are necessary where performance is not at the required level.**

Reason: To ensure performance is improved and in line with Transforming Ipswich targets.

**106. Financial Management and Control Corporate Budget Monitoring – Second Quarter 2009/10  
Ref No: E/09/57**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the report on the projected variances for the period up to September 2009, be referred to the Audit Scrutiny Sub Committee together with any comments it may wish to make.**

Reason: To ensure Councillors are actively involved in budget monitoring and decisions on remedial action where required.

**(ii) that the service budget performance for the General Fund be noted.**

Reason: To facilitate effective budgetary control.

**(iii) that the Supplementary Estimates totalling £364,000 for**

V Moseley  
Performance &  
Scrutiny Manager

**General Fund Services be approved.**

Reason: To facilitate effective budgetary control.

**(iv) that the actions in 21.3 of the report to leave £185,000 in the additional commitments contingency be noted.**

Reason: To identify the financial impact of the variances reported.

**(v) that Executive notes that £100,000 has been earmarked from the Additional Commitments Contingency to pump prime the Invest to Save efficiency programme. All requests for expenditure to be approved by the Finance Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Head of Finance.**

Reason: To ensure invest to save programme is properly funded.

**(vi) that the service budget performance for Housing Revenue Account be noted.**

Reason: To facilitate effective budgetary control.

**(vii) that the position on the 2009/10 Capital Programme and financing resources be noted.**

Reason: This will enable the Capital Programme to be delivered.

**(viii) that the changes to the Capital Programme detailed in paragraphs 9.2 to 9.5 of the report be approved.**

Reason: To enable the capital programme to be delivered.

**(ix) that the position in respect of the Council's Treasury Management activities during 2009/10 be noted.**

Reason: To facilitate effective treasury management activity.

**(x) that the approach in paragraph 11.2 of the report to allow short term investments up to 12 months with appropriate counterparties meeting the Council's high security requirements be approved.**

Reason: To allow the Council to invest with all counterparties as agreed by Council as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

**107. Regional Spatial Strategy Review 2011-2031  
Ref. No: E/09/58**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the response set out in section 6 (as expanded upon**

I Blofield  
Head of Finance

within section 4) of the report and already submitted as officer level comments be endorsed as the Borough Council's response to East of England Regional Assembly's consultation on growth scenarios for the review of the East of England Plan to 2031.

Reason: To enable the Council's comments to be taken into account by the East of England Regional Assembly as part of the Regional Spatial Strategy Review.

**108. Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework Core Strategy & Development Management Polices: Housing Distribution – Updated Preferred Option 7/09**  
**Ref No: E/09/59**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that the comments submitted expressing broad support for the changes to the housing distribution, subject to provisos about transport and other infrastructure provision as expressed in previous responses to Local Development Framework and development control consultations, and referred to within this report be endorsed.**

Reason: To enable the Council's comments in respect of any potential impacts on Ipswich to be considered by Suffolk Coastal District Council through their Local Development Framework process.

S Barker  
Principal Planner  
ED&P

**109. O&S Recommendation to Executive**  
**Ref No: E/09/60**

**Resolved:**

**(i) that Executive is reassured that the Council's arrangements for the effective management and application of both risk management and consultation are sound and that any developments for future consideration by picked up during each scheduled annual review.**

Reason: To ensure robust arrangements are in place to effectively manage and improve its approach to both risk management.

R Hobbs  
Senior Planner  
ED&P

**110. Environment Agency's Flood Defence Management Strategy – Funding Agreement between EA and IBC**  
**Ref. No: E/09/61**

110.1 In response to a question from Councillor Terry relating to insurance companies actively encouraging people to take out insurance on their homes, the Head of Finance agreed to discuss the issue with the Council's insurance company.

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### Resolved:

**(i) that the Council's Head of Planning Transport and Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Finance be authorised to enter into the agreement with the Environment Agency to contribute the sum of £1,200,000 (provided by the CLG) towards the construction of flood defence walls on the East and West Banks of the Orwell.**

Reason: To help ensure the earliest possible construction of the Environment Agency's flood defence project.

Chairman  
O&S Committee

D Cooper  
Team Leader  
Drainage &  
Flooding

The meeting closed at 7.41pm

**Chairman**