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CABINET

21 January 2009 – 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor B Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Ames, Peck, Plant, Shrimplin and Stone.

Councillors Castle, Walker and Williamson attended by invitation.

Mr R Packham (Managing Director), Mr P Hardy (Executive Director – Economy and Environment), Mr S Duncan (Head of Financial Services) and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer).

1. MINUTES

The minutes of 19 November 2008 were confirmed.

2. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY, ADVISORY GROUPS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES

(a) Section 106 Funds

On reference from the Scrutiny Committee of 14 January 2009, Cabinet was asked to consider the following recommendations:-

- (i) That an Officer Working Party is set up with representatives from Planning, Legal, Environment and Finance to meet on a monthly basis to discuss Section 106 Agreements.
- (ii) That a Member/Officer Group is established to meet quarterly comprising the Portfolio Holder for Resources and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning along with the Shadow Portfolio Members and the Chairman of the Development Control Committee to discuss proposals in respect of utilising Section 106 Funds, as well as receive reports on the current position with regard to projects funded by Section 106 Funds, and that delegated authority is given to this group to determine which proposals are agreed, together with an input from relevant Ward Councillors and Parish Councils.
- (iii) That a shared database is set up detailing individual Section 106 Agreements and how these funds have been applied. Summary reports to be considered on a monthly basis.

- (iv) That notification of planning applications when a Section 106 Agreement is to be proposed is made to the Members of the Working Party and their respective Heads of Department.
- (v) That a named individual within the Development Control Team assumes overall responsibility for Section 106 Agreements.

RESOLVED:

That the above recommendations be noted, subject to an input from the Executive Director (Economy and Environment) and the Head of Planning and Development to the processes proposed with a view to a further report being submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 23 February 2009.

(b) Area/Locality Arrangements

On reference from the Local Government Re-organisation Working Group of 15 December 2008, Cabinet was asked to consider the following recommendations:-

- (i) That approval be given to the existing Area Liaison meetings for Great Yarmouth and Gorleston being re-worked as Area Scrutiny Committees.
- (ii) That the proposal that the existing Parish Liaison meeting be replaced by two Area Scrutiny Committees for the Fleggs and Lothingland areas be given further consideration.
- (iii) That all possible measures be taken by the Borough Council to maintain the mayoralty for the Borough of Great Yarmouth with a view to giving further detailed consideration to restructuring the role of the Mayor if necessary, following any decision with regard to local government re-organisation.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That recommendation (i) above be agreed.
- (ii) That recommendation (ii) be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Parish Liaison on 5 March 2009 in order for Parish Councils to discuss what arrangements they would wish to be put in place.
- (iii) That the issue relating to the Mayoralty for the Borough of Great Yarmouth be pursued by the Managing Director.

3. FORWARD PLAN – 1 JANUARY 2009 TO 30 APRIL 2009

Cabinet received the Forward Plan for the period 1 January to 30 April 2009.

4. 2008/09 BUDGET MONITORING

Cabinet received the Head of Financial Services' report which presented a General Fund Revenue Budget Performance Review as at 30 November for the eight months from 1 April to 30 November 2008.

5. MAYOR 2009/10

Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council that Councillor Anthony Thomas Smith be appointed as Mayor of the Borough of Great Yarmouth for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

(Councillor Plant declared a personal interest in the following item on the grounds that he was a leaseholder of a property in the King Street area and took no part in the voting or discussion thereon).

6. ISSUES DETERMINED BY THE CABINET UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION

(a) **St George's/King Street – Regeneration Project – “SeaChange”**

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm.