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**THE CABINET**

**22 August 2007 – 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

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

Councillor Castle attended by invitation.

Councillors Reynolds and Weymouth and a number of members of the public attended for Item 2 below.

Mr R Packham (Managing Director), Mrs J Ratcliffe (Executive Director – Customers and Resources), Mr T Howard (Head of Regeneration and Environment), Mr P Warner (Head of Planning and Development), Mr S Duncan (Head of Financial Services), Mr S Mutten (Environmental Services Manager) and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer).

**1. MINUTES**

The minutes of 18 July 2007 were confirmed.

**2. SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SMP2)**

Cabinet considered the Head of Regeneration and Environment's report which asked Members to consider the adoption of the principles and policies of the Shoreline Management Plan to deliver a technically sustainable coastline over the medium and long term. Members were informed that bids to DEFRA for funding for coast protection works must be submitted by 31 August 2007 and therefore the Borough Council would need to indicate that it is in the process of adopting a Shoreline Management Plan in order to secure funding.

The Head of Regeneration and Environment reported that the proposed consultation exercise would receive the concerns of all interested parties which would be referred to DEFRA for consideration. There was also a need to provide assurance to DEFRA that the Borough Council is pursuing the adoption of a Shoreline Management Plan.

The Head of Regeneration and Environment pointed out that whilst it was accepted that the shoreline does not recognise boundaries there was a need to make sure that the Borough Council's action was in line with its neighbouring Local Authorities. He reported that the Borough Council was aware of the discussions that had already taken place with regard to coastal erosion issues (especially at Scratby) which would be used as evidence in any submission to DEFRA for funding. Cabinet was informed that both North Norfolk and

Waveney District Councils were currently considering whether they would sign up to the Shoreline Management Plan.

The Head of Planning and Development reported on the need for any agreed Shoreline Management Plan to take account of the processing of development control applications and local land charge searches.

**RESOLVED:**

(i) That the importance of the adoption of a Shoreline Management Plan to deliver a technically sustainable coastline over the medium and long term be recognised and accepted.

(ii) That in order to ensure full and active support such a Plan should only be formally adopted and detailed schemes implemented after full public consultation.

(iii) That the Plan should also provide, where possible, social justice for those who are adversely affected by it.

(iv) That officials be instructed to establish a full consultation process with shoreline communities, parishes and neighbouring authorities and to report back to a future meeting of Cabinet, prior to consideration of the matter by Council.

(v) That in the event of Council agreeing to (i) above, the Shoreline Management Plan approved policies be taken into account for the purposes of processing development control applications and local land charge searches.

**3. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY, ADVISORY GROUPS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

**(a) Member Structure**

On reference from the Strategic Advisory Group of 8 August 2007 Cabinet was asked to give consideration to the allocation of four (two for each) Corporate Management Board meetings to act as consultative meetings open to the public for the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston areas, at which members of the public would be invited to meet the Cabinet and relevant Ward Councillors who would respond to written questions in advance as well as take questions from the floor in a "public question time". A protocol for the conduct of the meetings will be read out at the beginning of the events which will be called the "Great Yarmouth Area Liaison Committee" and "Gorleston Area Liaison Committee" respectively. The Advisory Group also recommended that the Chairman of the Great Yarmouth meetings should be a Labour Member, and that the Chairman of the Gorleston meetings should be a Conservative Member. The meetings to commence at 6.30 pm at venues to be determined.

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposals as outlined above be approved.

**4. FORWARD PLAN – 1 AUGUST TO 30 NOVEMBER 2007**

Cabinet received the Forward Plan for the period 1 August to 30 November 2007.

**5. 2007/2008 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Cabinet considered the Head of Financial Services' report which presented the General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement as at 30 June for the three months 1 April to 30 June 2007 and included a brief explanation of the position to date.

RESOLVED:

That the Head of Financial Services' report be noted.

**6. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/2007**

Cabinet considered the Head of Financial Services' report on the Statement of Accounts for 2006/2007.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to approve the Statement of Accounts for 2006/2007.

**7. LOCAL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SINGLE STATUS**

Cabinet considered the Executive Director (Customers and Resources') report on the Draft Local Collective Agreement for Implementation of Single Status. Members were reminded that the Draft Local Collective Agreement would now need to be agreed by full Council and by UNISON nationally and would also be put to a ballot of the local membership of UNISON.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to approve the Draft Local Collective Agreement for Implementation of Single Status.

**8. ADOPTION OF NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

Cabinet considered the Head of Central Services' report with regard to the adoption of the new model Code of Conduct for Members which would replace the existing Code of Conduct. Members were informed that Council was required to adopt the new Code of Conduct by 1 October 2007. The Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer informed Cabinet that two training sessions to which Parish Councillors had also been invited had been arranged with regard to the details of the new Code of Conduct to be held on 13 and 21 September 2007.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to adopt the new model Code of Conduct for Members.

**9. ISSUES DETERMINED BY THE CABINET UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION**

(a) **The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change**

(b) **Arrangements for Leisure Service Provision at the Marina Centre and Phoenix Pool – April 2008 Onwards**

(c) **Revised Finance Team Structure.**

10. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm.