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NOTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET MEMBERS

15 November 2005 – 4.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Collins, Lawley, Page, Shrimplin, Smith and Stone.

Mr M Barrow (Corporate Director, Environment and Economy), Mr B Sharma (Corporate Director, Resources), Mr P Warner (Head of Planning and Development), Mr P Dawson (Head of Corporate Services), Mr M Kemp (Group Accountant – Monitoring), and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager).

Councillor Hodds attended by invitation.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2005 were confirmed.

2. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Lead Cabinet Members provided an update on the following priorities on an exception basis:-

- **Stronger Communities**

No items to report under this heading.

- **Economic**

The Cabinet Member (Property Development and Regeneration) reported that visionary meetings to be organised by Halcrow Consultants with regard to the URC would be taking place in both Great Yarmouth and Waveney in the near future. These meetings would involve workshops and focus groups. He also reported that an informal meeting of the URC Board would be held in Southwold in the near future.

With regard to the bid in respect of the Local Economic Growth Initiative Members were advised that the submission would be made by the 9 December.

In connection with the issue concerning regional casinos Members were advised that a group of Councils were getting together to challenge the Government's decision in respect of regional casinos. Cabinet at its next meeting would be giving further consideration to pressing the case for a regional casino in the Borough. The Corporate Director (Environment

and Economy) reported on his discussions with EERA on this issue in respect of matters relating to deliverability. The Head of Planning and Development reported that applications for a regional casino would have to be submitted by the 9 December to the Examinations in Public Regional Assembly.

- **Environment**

The Cabinet Member (Environmental Services) reported that 23 units had been ordered to provide decorative lighting on the High Street, Gorleston which would be sited on the building fronts. The shop owners in the High Street were very supportive of this proposal. With regard to the Flooding Contingency Plan Cabinet Members were advised that a meeting would be held next Tuesday to consider this matter.

The Cabinet Member (Environmental Services) also reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on Monday had considered the call-in in respect of the appointment of consultants/waiving of standing orders to undertake the Needs Based Leisure Strategy and that the Scrutiny Committee had endorsed the single Cabinet Member's decision on this matter. Details were also presented with regard to the NRF awards for next year.

The Cabinet Member (Recycling and Waste Management) reported on the progress with regard to the 4th phase of the wheeled bin distribution.

- **Social**

The Cabinet Member (Social) reported that the Affordable Housing Working Group would be submitting their report to the Executive at its meeting on the 12 January 2006.

- **Resources**

No items to report under this heading.

- **Putting People First**

No items to report under this heading.

3. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE

The Head of Corporate Services presented the Performance Indicators' results for the period 1 April to 30 September inclusive. Cabinet Members noted the above performance indicators.

4. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT – VALUE FOR MONEY SELF-ASSESSMENTS

Cabinet Members considered the Corporate Director's (Resources) report on the CPA Value for Money Self-Assessments. Members were advised that the Audit Commission was formulating a revised CPA Framework for District Councils to take effect from 2006 and was currently consulting on various proposals. During this transitional period and before a new framework was implemented there was interim activity in all District Councils to ensure that

progress was being maintained. This activity comprised a “use of resources assessment” and a “direction of travel” assessment.

Cabinet Members endorsed the Corporate Director’s (Resources) report that had been submitted to the Audit Commission on behalf of the Council.

5. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT – DIRECTION OF TRAVEL SELF-ASSESSMENT – OCTOBER 2005

Cabinet Members received for information the Head of Corporate Services’ report in respect of the CPA Direction of Travel Self-Assessment as at October 2005.

6. MEETING OF GORLESTON COUNCILLORS

Cabinet Members received the minutes of the meeting of Gorleston Councillors held on the 26 September 2005.

7. ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUPS/POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cabinet Members were advised that there were no outstanding items for consideration.

8. UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Member Services Manager reported on a letter received from Norfolk County Council’s Childrens Services advising that the UK Youth Parliament Norfolk would be holding youth lead democratic elections during January 2006 to elect eight young people to represent Norfolk in the National UK Youth Parliament. As part of the process, young people would take part in a Hustings event on the 26 November at County Hall to decide who would go forward to the election process. An invitation had been extended to Cabinet Members from District/Borough Councils to attend the Hustings session.

Cabinet Members agreed that those Cabinet Members who wished to attend this event would give their name direct to the Members Services Manager.

9. BRIEFING ON ITEMS FOR THE EXECUTIVE – 16 NOVEMBER 2005

Cabinet Members considered briefings on items for the Executive of the 16 November 2005.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm.