

Gravesham Borough Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday, 10 January 2011

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Cabinet. Monday, 10 January 2011
The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

All decisions are taken in the public part of the meeting unless indicated otherwise.

6.	Environment, Adaptation Plan & Local Authority Plan	The Cabinet agreed that:- (1) the County Council be informed that this Council will support the development and implementation of the Kent Environment Strategy insofar as it is consistent with this Council's corporate priorities and to the extent that resources will allow; (2) the County Council be informed that this council will support the Adaptation Plan and adopt such actions which are relevant to this authority and will contribute to the joint actions where applicable and where resources allow; and (3) the further development and exploration of a Local Action Plan which addresses more operational environmental actions and improvements.
7.	Amendment to the Housing Allocations Policy	The Cabinet approved the amendment to the Allocations Policy and that this change is adopted into the Allocations Policy.
8.	Providing Disabled Adaptations for Housing Tenants	The Cabinet approved the virement of £60,000 from the Housing Capital budget for Improvements & Conversions Budget to fund further disabled adaptations to reduce the current two year waiting list for such adaptations.
9.	Housing Policy Review	The Cabinet adopted the policies and management statement listed at Appendices A-G.

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10.	Working jointly with KCC and other partners in relation to property assets	The Cabinet agreed the proposed approach for joint working between Kent County Council and Gravesham Borough Council in connection with the property they own or lease within Gravesham be approved including asset rationalisation where practicable and the appropriate portfolio Members and officers be requested to take the necessary action to progress the proposals.
11.	Lower Thames Crossing and Local Transport Plan 3	The Cabinet agreed:- (1) that the Borough Council reaffirms its opposition to any Lower Thames Crossing route that runs through east Gravesham; (2) that Kent County Council be informed of its specific comments: (a) that residents are potentially being impacted by a route for a scheme that it does not currently have a remit to deliver; (b) the crossing being suggested does not have a route north of the river, without which it makes no sense as a strategic road link; (c) the costs have been significantly understated as a complete scheme has to be built, and neither have the wider implications been made clear; (3) to endorse the comments already made to Kent County Council on Local Transport Plan 3 as set out in the Appendix, and their preferred approach to scheme evaluation; (4) on the Lower Thames Crossing section in Local Transport Plan 3 Kent County Council to be requested that they either:

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		(a) note the issue and possible solutions as set out the Parsons Brinckerhoff Study for Department of Transport; or (b) conduct a full Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations assessment as required by the regulations if it wishes to propose a particular route, including an alignment to the north of the River Thames; (5) that the Department of Transport be informed that its studies will need to look at the wider strategic context as well as specific proposals across the Thames, and that the Borough Council would wish to be a member of any stakeholder group and participate in a positive way; (6) that Officers be authorised to explore more fully the implications of a route east of Gravesend and discuss with interested parties both within and outside the Borough.
12.	Shared Services - operational update	The Cabinet authorised the Director (Transformation and Finance) in consultation with the Leader of the Executive, the appropriate Lead Member and the Leader of the Opposition to agree operational staffing arrangements with other councils to facilitate the progression of shared working between councils.
13.	Budget Monitoring Report- 2010-11	The Cabinet agreed that portfolio holders work with Directors to take necessary management actions to bring variances back into line with budgets.

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15.	Exclusion	The following items were dealt with in the private part of the meeting.
16.	Proposed moorings off St Andrew's Gardens, Gravesend to accommodate Cambria Thames Barge and other vessels	The Cabinet agreed that:- (1) the cost of providing four sets of moorings off St Andrew's Gardens, estimated at £20,500 be found from the Corporate Priorities Reserve; (2) the cost of annual mooring fees to the PLA currently under negotiation but estimated at £2,000 p.a. be added to the General Fund budget for 2011-12 onwards, in order to secure the management of this facility; and (3) the area of the moorings be called St Andrew's Quay.
17.	Town Pier Pontoon	The Cabinet agreed that:- (1) the anticipated final project costs be noted; (2) the estimated long term maintenance costs be noted; (3) it be agreed that annual budgetary provision be made as proposed in 5.6 for the pontoon's maintenance to be paid in to a 'Town Pier Pontoon Reserve'; (4) it be agreed that the management of the pontoon be contracted to an external manager; (5) the proposed Management Agreement Heads of Terms contained in Appendix 1 be agreed;

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		(6) subject to all appropriate due diligence checks, it be agreed to delegate the authority to enter into a management agreement with The Embankment Marina (Gravesend) Ltd for the management of Town Pier pontoon and St Andrew's Gardens moorings to the Assistant Director (Business & Law) in consultation with the Leader and Director (Business); (7) it be agreed that the council enter in to contract with Dean and Dyball for the provision of a pontoon off Town Pier, subject to all outstanding consents being in place; (8) it be agreed that 10-yearly reviews be carried out of options for the replacement of the pontoon at the end of its life; and (9) the management company be encouraged to use the pontoon as a public landing stage for yachts and powered boats.