

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Decisions

FRANCES MALLOWAN
Cabinet Member - Health and Housing

Having considered a report contained in the agenda of a meeting of the Policy Advisory Group (PAG) held on 8 December 2003 and the views of the PAG expressed at the meeting, the Cabinet Member has made the following decisions.

1. PORTFOLIO BUDGETS 2004/05

The Cabinet Member has approved for submission to the Cabinet the following:

- (1) the revenue budget 2004/05;
- (2) the list of fees and charges 2004/05; and
- (3) the Capital Programme 2004/05.

The Cabinet Member has further agreed to put forward the following growth bids for 2004/05 for consideration by the Cabinet:

Revenue

(in order of priority)

Housing Monitoring Officer (net cost of post as part of a review of the section)	£16,900	recurring
Liquor Licensing - staffing/ICT fee income	£75,000 (£75,000)	recurring recurring
Emergency Planning - contingency for buying in expertise to cover anticipated new duties	£5,000	*

* (This is in place of a growth bid of £25,000 for a p/t Emergency Planning Officer. This would need to be reviewed in the light of legislation enacted).

Capital

Home Improvement Agency - set up costs	£10,000	one-off
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2. REVIEW OF HOUSING RENEWAL STRATEGY AND POLICIES

The Cabinet Member has decided to recommend the Cabinet / Council to approve policy amendments to the Housing Renewal Strategy and Policies to provide for:

- ◆ A revision to the qualification for Home Repairs Assistance to limit assistance to disabled and vulnerable people, regardless of age, who are in receipt of income related benefits.
- ◆ A revision to the arrangements for Renovation Grants for landlords to require the property to be subject to a Rent Service assessment of increased rental value arising from projected works, with landlords to fund the work at 50% with a grant ceiling of £10,000.
- ◆ Correction of some minor drafting errors to clarify certain detailed aspects of the policies.

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