

# CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Tuesday 12 July 2016



The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **Tuesday 12 July 2016** :-

## **2. BUCKS JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE (DISSOLUTION)**

### **a) Decision(s)**

- (1) That the Joint waste Committee for Buckinghamshire be dissolved when all of the constituent authorities have given their formal agreement to do so, and that the 12 months' notice required by the Committee's Constitution be waived.
- (2) That the Joint Waste Partnership be retained as an informal entity to carry out activities to support the delivery of the Joint Waste Strategy 2014 – 2020.
- (3) That a Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined in the Cabinet report be drawn up to regulate the activities of the Joint Waste Partnership, with authority being delegated to the Interim Sector Lead, Customer Fulfilment, after consultation with the Council's legal advisors to agree the precise terms.
- (4) That the remaining funds in the approved budget of the Joint Waste Committee, once committed expenditure had been met, be used to fund a continued fly tipping campaign across Buckinghamshire.
- (5) That the grant awarded by the Department for Communities and Local Government for the "Fighting Food Waste" project be used to support the activities described in the bid for funding.
- (6) That consideration be given by the partner councils to making provision for the ongoing work of the Partnership once the remaining budget had been utilised, expected to be for the financial year 2018/19 and thereafter.

### **(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

Now that the Joint Waste Strategy 2014 – 2020 has been established and all of the Buckinghamshire District Councils have rolled out their new collection services, the Joint Waste Committee for Buckinghamshire has decided, subject to the formal agreement of the constituent authorities, that the Strategy can be delivered in a more efficient way by dissolving the formal Joint Committee and adopting a more streamlined and less formal structure.

### **(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

To continue as at present, but as referred to above the Joint Waste Committee feels that this is the best approach to take.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Environment and Living.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**3. GRANTS REVIEW**

**a) Decision(s)**

That approval be given to the revisions to the Council's voluntary and community sector grants programme as outlined in the Cabinet report.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

To introduce a set of clearly defined priorities for funding from April, 2017, onwards that are open and transparent and align with the Council's current vision and strategic needs and the identified needs within the community.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

To continue as at present or to consider not to provide grant support. However Cabinet felt that the proposed approach was the most appropriate and would ensure that grants are targeted to those organisations delivering services which aligned to the Council's priorities and community needs.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. A similar report was considered by that Committee on 11 July, 2016.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**4. RESILIENCE STRATEGY**

**a) Decision(s)**

That the Resilience Strategy and action plan referred to in the Cabinet report be endorsed.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

To comply with legislation in relation to business continuity and the management of and recovery from major incidents.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

None as such.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. A similar report was considered by that Committee on 11 July, 2016.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**5. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**a) Decision(s)**

(1) That Council be recommended to adopt the proposed revised Financial Regulations, attached to the Cabinet report (subject to the 2 minor amendments at Appendix A (paragraph 5.01) that the Audit Committee was responsible for approving the statutory annual statement of accounts and to the revised numbering at Section 23 of Appendix D).

(2) That Council be recommended to give authority to the Director with responsibility for finance, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Compliance, to make minor changes from time to time, to reflect changes in operational arrangements.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

The Council's Constitution requires that the Financial Regulations should be reviewed at reasonably regular intervals.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

None as such.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. A similar report was considered by that Committee on 11 July, 2016. This matter is not subject to call-in as the above recommendations will now be considered by full Council.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**6. AYLESBURY VALE BROADBAND (AVB) - DIRECTORS**

**a) Decision(s)**

(1) That approval be given to the permanent appointment of the Managing Director for Aylesbury Vale Broadband, with a salary of £60k.

(2) That delegated authority be given to the AVB Shareholder representative to determine the terms and conditions of the appointment.

(3) That any further changes to the salary and terms and conditions be the responsibility of the AVB Board.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

To ensure the continued commercial success of AVB.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

To continue with the consultancy fee arrangement. However the Board feels that the salary option provides for greater certainty over the long term needs to grow and manage the business. Cabinet concurred with this view.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. A similar report was considered by that Committee on 11 July, 2016.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**7. NOVAE CONSULTING UPDATE**

**a) Decision(s)**

- (1) That at the end of the first trading year for Novae (31 July, 2016), the company be made dormant for one year and all future consultancy work offered to businesses using AVDC staff be routed through Vale Commerce Ltd under the "Incgen" brand.
- (2) That a further review of the requirement to keep the Novae consulting Ltd company registered at Companies House be undertaken before the end of the second accounting year.

**(b) Reason(s) for Decision(s)**

To meet the requirements of the Shareholder Agreement under the Reserved Matters.

**(c) Alternative Option(s) Considered**

To keep running Novae as a separate company.

**(d) Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Finance and Services. A similar report was considered by that Committee on 11 July, 2016.

**(e) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)**

None.

**CALL-IN TIMESCALES**

Any requests for call-in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5pm on Thursday 21 July 2016. The request must be made by the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee or any 3 Members of that Scrutiny Committee.

**Contact Officer:** Bill Ashton (01296) 585040

