

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISIONS

Date/Time of Meeting	In attendance	Also in attendance	Apologies	Declarations of Interest		
				Executive	Other	Officers
14th October 2015  From 7.00 pm to 9.12 pm	Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Deputy Leader) Councillor Steve Bellamy (Housing) Councillor James Burton (Strategic Delivery) Councillor Mark Dearing (Environment) Councillor David Howes (Rural) Councillor Jan Smith (Finance) Councillor Lesley Thurland (Community and Culture) Councillor Derek Zanger (Regeneration)	Councillor Terry Freer Councillor Anne Lee Councillor Mark Rowley Councillor Mick Scrimshaw Councillor Mike Tebbutt	Councillor Russell Roberts (Leader)	Councillor James Burton declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Item 10 – Delivering Our Town Centres.	None	None

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**PLEASE NOTE:** Decisions will become effective after 5.30 pm on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 unless a request to call-in the decision has been made by then. Urgent items are exempt from call-in.

The draft minutes of the above meeting are available on the Council's website at [www.kettering.gov.uk](http://www.kettering.gov.uk) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the meeting.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	MINUTES
15.EX.29	-	3	
<b>RESOLVED</b>			that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>ISSUES REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT FOR VOICE</b>
15.EX.32	-	6	
<b>RESOLVED</b>			that the Council cease the 2015/16 grant payment to VOICE (previously Victim Support) and recover the SLA grant funding already provided for the current financial year. Should conditions exist to reinstate the grant for 2016/17 the decision would be brought back to the Executive Committee.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>ISSUES REFERRED FROM FORUMS – RENEWABLE ENERGY – SOLAR PANELS ON ROOFS OF BUILDINGS (REFERRAL FROM RURAL FORUM)</b>
15.EX.33	-	7	
<b>RESOLVED</b>			that the issue be referred to the Planning Policy Committee for further consideration

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME</b>
15.EX.34	-	9	
<b>RESOLVED</b>			The Council's Draft Work Programme to be published on 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2015, was noted

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>DELIVERING OUR TOWN CENTRES</b>
15.EX.35	A15/019	10	
<b>SPEAKER</b>		Cllr Mick Scrimshaw	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		<p>That the Executive Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Welcomed the news of the establishment of “Foodie Fridays” in Kettering</li> <li>ii) Noted the date for Small Business Saturday</li> <li>iii) Looked forward to another hugely popular Teenage Market</li> <li>iv) Recognised the importance of partnership working, particularly in reference to the Business in the Community group</li> </ul>	
<b>REASONS</b>		<p>Members have made their priorities for infrastructure and jobs-led growth clear – these are the pre-requisites of growth. Members have indicated they wish to use the growth agenda to leverage three key and inter-related ambitions for the borough; namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A better offer for our town centres</li> <li>• A better education offer</li> <li>• A better employment offer – high grade, higher density jobs</li> </ul> <p>In respect of Healthy High Streets, Kettering was chosen as one of the original 34 “Healthy High Street” towns when the project was implemented in 2014</p>	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>MAINTAINING A DURABLE BUDGET</b>
15.EX.36	A15/020	11	
<b>SPEAKER</b>		Cllr Mick Scrimshaw	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Executive note the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the continued success the Council has achieved in delivering services in house;</li> <li>(b) the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated guiding principles;</li> <li>(c) the Council's Treasury Management performance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September;</li> <li>(d) the Council Tax Support Consultation period will run from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>REASONS</b>		To keep updated on the Council's budget	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>SOUTH-WEST KETTERING (HEADLANDS COMMUNITY) NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA AND FORUM</b>
15.EX.37	A15/010	12	
<b>SPEAKER</b>		Cllr Mick Scrimshaw	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		<p>that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Members noted the consultation on the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Area, as shown in Appendix 1, and designated the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Area in order that a Neighbourhood Plan may progress, and the prospective Forum had a defined area it must represent.</li> <li>ii) Members noted the consultation on the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Forum, and designated the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Forum in order that they might be recognised as a “qualifying body”, able to progress work on a Neighbourhood Plan for the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Area</li> </ul>	
<b>REASONS</b>		Once adopted, the South West Kettering (Headlands Community) Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan. It will need to be in conformity with strategic policies in the local development plan and have regard to the national Planning Policy Framework. It will also need to be compatible with relevant EU and human rights obligations.	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		Not to designate the forum	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE – APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>
15.EX.38	A15/018	13	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		That the revised Terms of Reference for the North Northamptonshire Joint Delivery Committee be approved	
<b>REASONS</b>		The designation of the area under the garden communities' banner increases the ability of the planning authorities and their partners to secure the right quality of, and infrastructure for, development and managed its positive place in the wider community. It does not change that nature of growth or the direction of travel.	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		None	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>PROTOCOL FOR THE USE OF HAND HELD ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA BY MEMBERS</b>
15.EX.39	A15/021	14	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		That the draft protocol be referred to Full Council for debate.	
<b>REASONS</b>		Adoption of the draft Protocol recognises the growing use of social media by councillors as an effective method to engage with their constituents and support local democracy. The Protocol will comply with the Council's duty under the Constitution to ensure that its decisions are open and accountable to local people.	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		Whether the draft protocol should be adopted or amended.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972</b>
15.EX.40	-	-	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that it involved items of business which included the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraphs 1-7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<b>INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY – INFORMATION UPDATE</b>  <i>This item was accepted by the Chair as urgent business as consideration of the report would help facilitate the start of negotiations with potential private sector partners, prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive.</i>
15.EX.41	-	4	
<b>RESOLVED</b>		that the Executive Committee:- i) Recognised the work done to date; ii) Noted the importance and endorsed the procurement of additional external specialist advice; iii) Noted the fact that should said advice result in a decision not to invest, expenditure to date would be unrecoverable and would be typical of such situations; and iv) Agreed to the proposed decision making process, including a Special Meeting of the Executive to consider the investment opportunity.	
<b>REASONS</b>		Members have made their priorities for infrastructure and jobs-led growth clear – these are the pre-requisites of growth. Members have indicated they wish to use the growth agenda to leverage three key and inter-related ambitions for the borough; namely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A better offer for our town centres</li> <li>• A better education offer</li> <li>• A better employment offer – high grade, higher density jobs</li> </ul>	
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>		Non-endorsement of the procurement of additional external specialist advice.	



Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	<p><b>ASSET MANAGEMENT – TOWN CENTRE RETAIL OPPORTUNITY</b></p> <p><i>This item was accepted by the Chair as urgent business as a decision was required to take advantage of a commercial opportunity which had arisen to purchase a freehold title of a property in Kettering Town Centre. This would provide the Council with a revenue income stream.</i></p>
15.EX.42	-	4	
<b>RESOLVED</b>			<p>that the Executive Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Grant delegated authority to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services to bid up to the value provided by the Council's independent valuer for the property concerned; and</li> <li>ii) That the Executive in accordance with the Council's financial regulations and, subject to the Council acquiring the property via public auction approve the virements outlined in the officer report.</li> </ul>
<b>REASONS</b>			The Council's headline objectives of better town centres, better jobs and better educational offer could all be served if the
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) whether to bid on the property concerned</li> <li>ii) what level the maximum bid value should be set at</li> </ul>