

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DECISIONS

Date/Time of Meeting	In attendance	Also in attendance	Apologies	Declarations of Interest		
				Executive	Other	Officers
9 th December 2015 From 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm	Councillor Russell Roberts (Leader of the Council) 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 Linda Adams Councillor Mark Rowley Councillor Mick Scrimshaw Councillor Mike Tebbutt Councillor Keli Watts		Councillor James Burton – personal interest in Item 10 as a town centre trader	None	None

IMPORTANT NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: Decisions will become effective after 5.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd December 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 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.53	-	3	
RESOLVED			that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 th November 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	WORK PROGRAMME
15.EX.54	-	9	
			The Council's Work Programme to be published on 14 th December 2015, was noted, having been emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER
15.EX.55	A15/006	14	
SPEAKERS			Councillor Mick Scrimshaw, Councillor Linda Adams, Spencer Eames, Mark Healey, Matt Clarke and Harry
RESOLVED			<p>That the Executive :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) confirmed the area of the PSPO as set out in the plan; (b) confirmed that the scope of the PSPO should include all the activities set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report except for item V; (c) confirmed that in respect of begging, the PSPO be drafted so as to prohibit all forms of aggressive begging and to permit the police to prevent establishment of a “pitch” in the area, but in such a way as to offer maximum support to vulnerable people as set out in paragraphs 3.8-3.10 in the report); (d) included in the PSPO, measures which allow action to be taken in respect of the use of foul and abusive language; (e) delegated to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services the drafting and implementation of the PSPO in line with statutory requirements, including the commencement date of the Order; (f) extended the hours that the Ise Skate Park is open to accommodate evening use of skateboarding, providing necessary measures are implemented to avoid nuisance to neighbouring residential areas; (g) included in the PSPO the prohibition of skateboarding, bicycles and scootering excluding Sheep Street but including the steps of the Library, in the Market Place, within the area of the Traffic Regulation Order and within the area of Morrison’s car park only; and (h) agreed to review the PSPO after 12 months, including regular updates to members and to consider the option of extending the PSPO to other areas
REASONS			<p>To tackle anti-social behaviour and crime.</p> <p>To contribute to a safer town centre for all residents and ensure that it is a space in which everyone feels safe and comfortable.</p> <p>To maintain the Purple Flag accreditation for the night time economy.</p> <p>To maintain the Market Place as an area of the town for safe public use</p>
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED			<p>To prohibit skateboarding, scootering and bicycles at all times within the zone.</p> <p>To not include any prohibition on skateboarding, scootering and bicycles in the PSPO.</p>

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	DELIVERING OUR TOWN CENTRES
15.EX.56	A15/029	10	
SPEAKER		Councillor Michael Tebbutt	
RESOLVED		<p>That the Executive :-</p> <p>(a) take note of the planned junction improvements in Kettering town centre; and</p> <p>(b) congratulate all those involved in delivering this year's Christmas celebrations</p>	
REASONS		<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"> • A better offer for our town centres • A better education offer • A better employment offer – high grade, higher density jobs 	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	MAINTAINING A DURABLE BUDGET
15.EX.57	A15/030	11	
SPEAKER		Councillor Mick Scrimshaw	
RESOLVED		<p>That the Executive note the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the additional local investment, resulting from the Council's Community Fund; (b) the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated guiding principles; and (c) the key updates made in the Autumn Statement and the Spending Review and the uncertainty this brings to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy – especially in relation to potential changes to the local government grant system and New Homes Bonus 	
REASONS		<p>To receive an illustration of the latest budget model, the delivery of efficiency savings for 2015/16 and the estimated level of budget savings that may be required over the next few years.</p> <p>To receive an update following the Governments Autumn Statement and Spending Review Announcements</p>	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		None.	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION
15.EX.58	A15/031	12	
SPEAKER		Councillor Scrimshaw	
RESOLVED		<p>that:-</p> <p>(a) the Executive note the comments that were submitted as part of the formal consultation process;</p> <p>(b) the Executive recommends to Council that with effect from 1st April 2016, the following changes are made to ensure that the scheme remains current and where appropriate in line with the Housing Benefits Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove family premium • Reduce backdate from 6 months to 4 weeks • Ensure rules around earnings mirror the Housing Benefits scheme • Amend Universal Credit deductions <p>(c) having considered the responses from the public consultation and the information contained within the report, Option 3b (a 45% taper) is the preferred option. This option adheres to the Council's budget guiding principles whilst providing some flexibility to deal with potential case load increases and vulnerability assistance</p>	
REASONS		<p>To consider the findings of the public consultation</p> <p>To make a recommendation to Council in relation to the changes in the Council Tax Support Scheme</p>	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		<p>Taper based on the 'annual cost' of the Council Tax Scheme</p> <p>Taper based on the 'cumulative cost' over the funding envelope of the Council Tax Support Scheme</p>	

Minute No.	Forward Plan Ref No. <i>(if applicable)</i>	Agenda Item	WOMENS TOUR 2016
15.EX.59	A15/032	13	
Speaker		Councillor Keli Watts	
RESOLVED		<p>That the Executive: -</p> <p>(a) noted the contents of the report and the request received from Northamptonshire County Council; and</p> <p>(b) decided in principal to host the finish of the Women's Tour 2016, subject to a satisfactory financial settlement that provides sufficient head room to accommodate the costs of hosting the race</p>	
REASONS		The Women's Tour helps attract more visitors and shoppers to the Borough and helps to raise the profile of Kettering, however, it must be considered in the light of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and the forthcoming budget cycle,, to ensure affordability	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED		<p>Take a decision now to host the finish of the race</p> <p>Defer a decision until the impact of the financial settlement on the Council's medium term financial strategy is better understood.</p> <p>Decline the offer to host the Women's Tour 2016 on the basis of the challenging and uncertain financial circumstances.</p>	