

Report for Resolution

Report to Executive
28 May 2008
Report of Head of Finance
Subject CNC Building Control Partnership

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Purpose

To consider the granting of a loan of £50,000 to the Trading Company established by the CNC Building Control Partnership.

Recommendations

1. To approve in principle the granting of a loan to the Trading Company created by the CNC Building Control Partnership.
2. To delegate to the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Sustainable Development to undertake agreeing the loan agreement and making the loan

Financial Consequences

Any loss in investment income by the Council will be offset by interest earned on the loan.

Strategic Objective/Service Priorities

The report helps to achieve the corporate objective to protect and enhance the special qualities of the built and natural environment.

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Background Documents

None

Proposal and Reason

1. The proposal to establish a Trading Company was agreed by the Executive on 12 December 2007. The making of this loan, together with similar loans from Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils is the next stage in progressing the proposal (the loan agreement would be a joint arrangement between Norwich City Council, Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils and CNC Consultancy Services).

Risks

2. Such a loan will be subject to normal commercial risks any small new-start business has. The consequence of a total failure would be a loss of £50,000 to the council's general fund.

Statutory Provision

3. The Council has powers in law to make such a loan.