

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 March 2008 at County Hall, Lewes.

112. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Bentley, Glazier, Kirby, Lock, Reid,
Simmons, Mrs Stroude and B Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	item 117
Councillor Daniel	-	item 118 and 122
Councillor Field	-	item 123
Councillor Kramer	-	item 123
Councillor Ost	-	item 120
Councillor Rogers	-	items 117 and 118
Councillor Mrs Tidy	-	item 122
Councillor Tutt	-	item 122
Councillor Mrs Waite	-	item 123
Councillor Webb	-	item 120

113 MINUTES

113.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2008 as a correct record.

114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

114.1 Councillor Birch declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 9 as a non executive director of the Hastings and Rother primary Care Trust

114.2 Councillor Glazier declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 9 as a non-executive director of the Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust

115 REPORTS

115.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

116 BUDGET MONITORING 2007-08

116.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

116.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the latest monitoring position on the revenue and capital budgets and the increase in revenue projected underspend.

Reason

116.3 Management action is being taken to address areas of concern.

117 EAST SUSSEX INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

117.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Policy and Communications.

117.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to approve the draft East Sussex Integrated Sustainable Community Strategy and to agree to delegate authority to the Director of Policy and Communications to agree any subsequent changes needed to the final wording of the draft as a result of consideration by other organisations and partnerships.

Reason

117.3 To approve the Strategy for publication, subject to any amendments agreed by the Director of Policy and Communications following consideration of the draft Strategy by other organisations and partnerships.

118 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

118.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment

118.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

(1) approve the approach outlined in the report to developing a Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Plan for the County Council, subject to a representative from the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups sitting on the Project Board;

(2) agree to the setting up of an early seminar for Members and staff to contribute to the development of the Strategy, and to engagement with Members and stakeholders, including young people, the Youth Cabinet and older people's groups; and

(3) agree that the Council should become a formal signatory to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and join the South East Climate Change Partnership.

Reason

118.3 The development of a comprehensive Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Plan will enable the Council to clearly define its objectives, priorities and targets in relation to climate change and to identify appropriate actions for its services. By developing a coherent approach to mitigation and adaptation, the Council may benefit in terms of energy and money and improving overall environmental performance.

119 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

119.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources.

119.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) to approve the Sustainable Procurement Policy based on the South East Centre of Excellence template;

(2) to support the package of sustainable procurement measures set out in the report;

(3) to note that a further report will set out the details of quick wins that can be achieved from the third stage of the South East Centre of Excellence project; and

(4) to agree that the Procurement Steering Group should work to identify longer term priorities for sustainable procurement focussing on the areas set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

Reason

119.3 The sustainable procurement policy and measures will assist in determining how sustainability considerations can be included in procurement exercises, particularly the extent to which they can influence the evaluation of tenders.

120 ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONING STRATEGIES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG MISUSE

120.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Policy and Communications.

120.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to approve the Adult Health and Social Care Commissioning Strategies for Alcohol and Drug Misuse 2008-2011

Reason

120.3 The strategies will be instrumental in improving treatment services across East Sussex which will in turn improve both the health and safety of local residents.

121 COUNCIL PLAN 2008-09

121.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Policy and Communications

121.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to approve the draft Council Plan 2008/09, and to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Lead Members, to continue to refine targets as outturn information becomes available.

Reason

121.3 To achieve the development of a sound medium term financial strategy and publication of the Council Plan.

122 COUNCIL PLAN 2007/08 MONITORING – QUARTER THREE

122.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Policy and Communications.

122.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) to note the monitoring reports for the first nine months of 2007/08 and the achievements and successes set out in paragraph 3 of the report; and

(2) to recommend the County Council to approve the recommendations made regarding targets as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reason

122.3 To monitor the County Council's performance against the Council Plan targets for the first nine months of 2007/08.

123 RAISING ATTAINMENT IN THE HASTINGS SCHOOLS COLLABORATION CONTRACT

123.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services together with exempt information as set out in a later report on the agenda (see minute no. 126)

123.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to approve the award of the Raising Attainment in the Hastings Schools Collaboration contract to Ninestiles Plus, subject to the finalisation of contract terms to the satisfaction of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Law and Personnel.

Reason

123.3 To approve the award of the raising attainment in Hastings Schools collaboration contract.

124 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

124.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 6, 7, 10 and 11 should be reported to the County Council.

125 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

125.1 It was RESOLVED - to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

126 RAISING ATTAINMENT IN THE HASTINGS SCHOOLS COLLABORATION CONTRACT

126.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services.

126.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the report.

Reason

126.3 To note the information supporting an earlier item on the agenda (see minute no. 123)

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 117, 118, 121 and 122]