

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 July 2006 at County Hall, Lewes.

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

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	item 20
Councillor Daniel	-	item 23
Councillor Elkin	-	item 23
Councillor Freeman	-	item 24
Councillor Howson	-	item 24
Councillor Lacey	-	item 23
Councillor Martin	-	item 24
Councillor Ost	-	item 28
Councillor Rogers	-	item 23, 25 and 31
Councillor St Pierre	-	item 24
Councillor Taylor	-	item 24
Councillor Tutt	-	item 19 and 23
Councillor Webb	-	item 24

Also present – Mr Grahame Brown (Audit Commission) – for items 19 and 20

16 MINUTES

16.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2006 as a correct record.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

17.1 Councillor Radford-Kirby declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 9 as a parent of children attending a school within the proposed controlled parking zone.

17.2 Councillor Ost declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 11 as a Director of the Newhaven Community Development Association.

18 REPORTS

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

19 EXTERNAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2006/07

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

19.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to approve the External Audit and Inspection Plan 2006/07.

Reason

19.3 To agree the Audit and Inspection Plan for 2006/07.

20. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES: ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION

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

20.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the Annual Internal Audit Report and Opinion

Reason

20.3 To note the Internal Audit Service opinion on the adequacy of the Council's control environment as a contribution to the proper, economic, efficient and effective use of resources.

21. INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2006/07

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

21.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to endorse the Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2006/07.

Reason

21.3 To approve the Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan which sets out how the Council will meet its statutory requirements for internal audit.

22. BUDGET MONITORING 2006/07

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

22.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to

(1) endorse the new reporting frequency, format and the additional information contained in the report and to note that this approach will be further developed during the year; and

(2) note the report and the pressures and risks.

Reason

22.3 The revenue and capital outturn for 2006/07 are both expected to be within the approved budgets and no further action is required at present.

23. PARKING IN EASTBOURNE

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

23.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the results of the public consultation exercise;

(2) approve the modification of the parking proposals in accordance with the outcome of the consultation exercise and agree the recommendations set out in Appendix D of the report; and

(3) agree to the making and giving notice of the necessary experimental traffic regulation orders and to make the necessary application to introduce a modified controlled parking scheme and Civil Parking Enforcement in Eastbourne in October 2007.

Reason

23.3 The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement and the extension of on-street parking charges are vital elements of the overall transport strategy for Eastbourne.

24. ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF THE FEAR OF CRIME

24.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on the scrutiny review of actions taken to reduce the public perception of the fear of crime, and a report by the Director of Policy Management and Communications with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

24.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

(1) note and welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee; and

(2) advise the County Council that in considering the report of the Scrutiny Committee, the Council be recommended to welcome the recommendations set out in the report and to approve the response of the Director of Policy Management and Communications to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reasons

24.3 Although both the County Council and its partners have a strong commitment to providing community reassurance, the limited financial resources available through the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships are necessarily largely targeted at meeting the mandatory crime reduction targets, consequently the resources required to deliver fear of crime rely on competing for mainstream budgets of the County Council and partners. The identification of additional resources would enable some projects to be piloted and evaluated. The value to be gained from diverting resources will be considered through the Reconciling Policy and Resources process for 2007/08.

25 COUNCIL PLAN MONITORING 2005/06

25.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Law and Performance Management.

25.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED to -

(1) note the achievements and performance against the Council Plan targets;

(2) agree to extend the monitoring period to the end of quarter 1 2006/07 (30 June 2006) for ten performance measures and that two performance measures be deleted (as set out in appendix 1 of the report);

(3) note the 28 performance measures flagged as unachieved in quarter 4 (appendix 2 of the report); and

(4) note the summary of all performance measures recorded red (70) at the end of the year

Reason

25.3 The monitoring reports were noted

26 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

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

26.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to endorse the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the East Sussex Strategic Partnership.

Reason

26.3 To agree the East Sussex Strategic Partnership's Constitution and Terms of Reference.

27 AUTHORISED BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

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

27.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to agree with immediate effect to change the list of officers authorised to sign cheques on the County Council's main bank accounts as set out in the report.

Reason

27.3 To agree revisions to the list of authorised signatures.

28 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AT NORTH QUAY, NEWHAVEN

28.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment and considered exempt information as set out in a later report on the agenda (see minute no. 31)

28.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – subject to the decision on the current planning application to

(1) authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the acquisition of the land and any interests thereon as delineated on Plan 1, and more generally described in section 5 of the appendix to the report for the purpose of the construction and operation of an Energy Recovery Facility for municipal waste and ancillary facilities;

(2) authorise the Director of Law and Performance Management to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order including the publication of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry; and

(3) authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources to agree any compensation payable pursuant to the Compulsory Purchase Order

Reason

28.3 It is essential that Veolia receives all appropriate support in order to secure the site for the Energy Recovery Facility. Although a Compulsory Purchase Order would only be implemented if planning permission were obtained, it is important to respond to Veolia's request at this stage in order to make it clear that the Councils, in their roles as Waste Disposal Authorities, support Veolia in discharging its obligations pursuant to its Contract with the Councils.

29. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

29.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 5, 10 and 11 should be reported to the County Council.

30 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

30.1 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)

31 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AT NORTH QUAY, NEWHAVEN

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

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

Reason

31.3 To note the information supporting an earlier item on the agenda (see minute no. 28)

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 19, 24 and 25]