

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 May 2007 at County Hall, Lewes.

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110. 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	-	items 114, and 121
Councillor Daniel	-	item 120
Councillor Field	-	items 115 and 116
Councillor Gadd	-	item 119
Councillor Harris	-	items 120 and 122
Councillor Mrs Healy	-	item 117
Councillor Kramer	-	items 115 and 119
Councillor Lacey	-	item 116
Councillor Martin	-	item 117
Councillor Murphy	-	item 116
Councillor Ost	-	item 119
Councillor Rogers	-	items 114, 120, 122 and 126
Councillor St Pierre	-	items 116 and 120
Councillor Taylor	-	item 122
Councillor Whetstone	-	items 116, 117 and 126

Also present: Darren Wells and Grahame Brown (Audit Commission) for items 114 and 115

### 111 MINUTES

111.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2007 as a correct record.

### 112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

112.1 Councillor Glazier declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in items 8 and 9 as an interim non-executive director of the Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust.

112.2 Councillor Mrs Healy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 8 as a Trustee of Age Concern (Eastbourne)

### 113 REPORTS

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

### 114 AUDIT COMMISSION'S ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

114.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

114.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to welcome the Audit Commission's Audit and Inspection Annual Letter.

Reason

114.3 To consider the Audit Commission's Annual Letter.

115 CORPORATE ASSESSMENT AND JOINT AREA REVIEW

115.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

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

(1) agree the draft Corporate Assessment Self Assessment (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report);

(2) agree the review of the Children and Young People's Plan (Appendix 2 of the report) subject to any further comments received from the Children's Trust Executive Group; and

(3) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and appropriate Lead Members, to approve the final versions of both the Corporate Assessment Self Assessment and the Children's and Young People's Plan review

Reason

115.3 The Self Assessment and the review of the Children's and Young People's Plan are key documents for the Corporate Assessment and the Joint Area Review. Final versions of the documents will be circulated to all members.

116. REVIEW OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT – DENOMINATIONAL HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

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

116.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to agree to defer reaching a decision on whether to change the existing policy on home to school transport to denominational schools until 5 June 2007 to enable further discussions with diocesan authorities and schools in their areas.

Reason

116.3 To enable further discussions with diocesan authorities and their schools to take place consideration of a possible change to the policy has been deferred.

117. JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN EAST SUSSEX

117.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care.

117.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to agree the East Sussex Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy and to note its future development.

Reason

117.3 The Strategy provides a clear statement of commissioning intentions and a mechanism for longer term joint working and strategic planning.

118 REVIEW OF FAIRER CHARGING POLICY

118.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care.

118.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to agree the proposed changes to the Adult Social Care Department’s Fairer Charging Policy for implementation from 7 May 2007.

Reason

118.3 The changes to the policy should give greater equity and clarity to service users regarding charges.

## 119 YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

119.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee on the review of the Youth Offending Team, and a report by the Director of Children’s Services with observations on the Scrutiny Committee’s report

119.2 On the motion of Councillor Mrs Stroude (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to

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

(2) recommend the County Council to welcome the main recommendations set out in the Scrutiny Committee report and to approve the response of the Director of Children’s Services to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reason

119.3 The Scrutiny review provided a useful review of the work of the Youth Offending Team and specifically its role in youth crime prevention. Implementation of the recommendations will help to strengthen the role of that the County Council and its partners play in preventing youth crime through effective early intervention with children, young people and their families.

## 120 COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

120.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee, and a report by the Director of Transport and Environment with observations on the Scrutiny Committee’s report.

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

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

(2) note that Councillor Daniel and the Director of Transport and Environment were to meet to consider further the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee’s report and the Director’s response; and

(3) subject of the outcome of (2) above to recommend the County Council to welcome the main recommendations set out in the Scrutiny Committee report and to approve the response of the Director of Transport and Environment to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reason

120.3 Implementation of a number of the recommendations will bring a greater strategic vision and coherence to the service and improve service delivery and financial sustainability.

121 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2007 - 2010

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

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

(1) approve the Council's Procurement Strategy 2007 – 10, including the Procurement Peer Review process and the Procurement Policy; and

(2) note the progress made in delivering the targets in the 2004 -06 Corporate Procurement Strategy and the National Procurement Strategy.

Reason

121.3 The Procurement Strategy 2007-10 builds on the strong record the Council has in procurement, and addresses areas identified for further improvement.

122 NEW HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTRE

122.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Law and Personnel

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

(1) note the progress being made on the proposed new Historical Resource Centre for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove; and

(2) approve the location of the proposed Historical Resource Centre building on either of the two sites marked A and B on the plan attached to the report.

Reason

122.3 To note the progress regarding alternative arrangements for the future of the Archive Service and Modern Records Management and to note the 2 possible sites being considered for the new Historical Resource Centre.

123 WRITE OFF OF DEBTS

123.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources and considered exempt information as set out in a later report on the agenda (see minute no. 126).

123.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to authorise the writing off of debts amounting to £196,685.95 in the Council's 2006/07 accounts.

Reason

123.3 There is little prospect of recovering the outstanding debts which have therefore been written off.

124 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

125 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

125.1 It was RESOLVED - to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item 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 WRITE OFF OF DEBTS

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

126.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (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 114, 119 and 120]*