

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 July 2010 at County Hall, Lewes.

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34. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)  
Councillors Bentley, Elkin, Glazier, Lock, Maynard,  
Reid, Mrs Stroude and B. Tidy.

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	item 39
Councillor Ensor	-	item 40
Councillor Field	-	items 38 and 40
Councillor O'Keeffe	-	item 38
Councillor Scott	-	item 38
Councillor Sparks	-	item 39
Councillor St Pierre	-	items 38 and 40
Councillor Tutt	-	item 41
Councillor Webb	-	item 39
Councillor Whetstone	-	item 38

## 35 MINUTES

- 35.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2010 as a correct record.

## 36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 36.1 Councillor Glazier declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in item 5 as a non-executive Director of the Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust.

## 37 REPORTS

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

## 38 OLDER PEOPLES SERVICES AT 39 HARVARD ROAD, RINGMER

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

38.2 In accordance with Standing Orders, Ms Humphrey addressed the Cabinet on behalf of the petitioners regarding the proposed closure of 39 Harvard Road, Ringmer.

- 38.3 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) agree to the closure of 39 Harvard Road, Ringmer and that respite services are fully recommissioned from the independent sector; and

(2) agree to the reinvestment of savings into the Community Care budget.

Reason

- 38.4 Whilst it is acknowledged that there is a significant amount of local support to

retain this service in Ringmer, the fact that few local people actually use the service for their respite care, combined with the high unit cost (when compared to independent sector provision of equal quality), means that maintaining this provision is both unsustainable and unaffordable. The closure and reprovisioning in the independent sector of the 37 residential respite beds at Harvard Road will not only release a significant amount of funding to meet the increasing demands of the local population, but, in line with the Putting People First Concordat, will also offer service users greater choice and control over how and where their care needs are met.

## 39 RECONCILING POLICY AND RESOURCES – STATE OF THE COUNTY 2010

39.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

39.2 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the context for the detailed planning for 2011/12 and beyond including:

- the national policy context and current policy steers; and in particular the emerging local priorities set out in section B of Appendix 1 and the performance of each portfolio (as set out in Appendix 1)
- the outline communications and consultation plan (attached as Appendix 2)
- the national and local financial context (set out in Appendix 3)
- the identified strategic risks (set out in Appendix 4)
- the views of members at the Whole Council forum on 5 July (summary set out in Appendix 5)

(2) agree the provisional cash limit for 2011/12 (set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes) and to ask Chief Officers, in consultation with others including Scrutiny Committees to model the service impacts and savings in preparation for them to be reviewed by Cabinet as part of setting of medium term cash limits following the Comprehensive Spending Review in October;

(3) note that the provisional cash limits for 2011/12 assume a 5% cash reduction in year one for all support services across the Council;

(4) note that the use of one off or permanent council tax grant will be considered as part of the reconciling policy and resources process once more detail is available;

(5) note that in relation to specific and special grants the previously agreed planning principle applies, requiring each portfolio to 'consume its own smoke for possible reductions' but that modelling takes place on a 25% cash reduction;

(6) note that for capital planning purposes it should be assumed that normal ongoing capital programme grants will be no more than 50% of 2010/11 levels and that scheme specific funds will be subject to considerable funding risk:

(7) ask the Lead Members to review with Chief Officers the Council's promise and policy steers in the light of the changing local and national circumstances; and

(8) to note the strengthening of the reconciling policy and resources process (set out in Appendix 6)

Reason

39.3 To achieve the development of a sound medium term financial strategy.

#### 40 ATTAINMENT IN MATHEMATICS AT KEY STAGE 2

40.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Children's Services with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report

40.2 It was RESOLVED – to

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

(2) to recommend the County Council to welcome the main recommendations set out in the report and to approve the response of the Director of Children's Services to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Reason

40.3 The interim scrutiny report provides a valuable insight into improving standards in mathematics through raised expectations and increased teacher confidence. Particularly welcome is the drive to develop a more positive attitude to mathematics at school and at home. This will be a countywide drive for the academic years 2010-12. Implementation of the recommendations should result in improvements, in the attainment of children and in the profile of mathematics across East Sussex more widely.

#### 41 RECESSION: UPDATE ON IMPACTS AND ACTION

41.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Governance and Community Services

41.2 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the latest information about the impact of the recession in East Sussex and the progress in relation to the agreed action plan (set out in Appendix 1 of the report);

(2) agree that this is the final separate recession report as the challenges facing local communities and businesses have changed and action will be reported through the reconciling policy and resources processes in future; and

(3) agree that the Recession Fund be closed with no further allocations being made and that the remaining resources be deployed at strategic economic priorities in accordance with the Council's normal resources allocation processes.

Reason

41.3 The recession, as expected, has proved to be challenging for businesses, residents and the voluntary and community sector right across the County. As the challenges change, the County Council will continue to work in partnership with key partners to ensure that the effects of the recession on the areas of focus can be mitigated and that appropriate responses are supported by a strong evidence base.

42 BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11

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

42.2 It was RESOLVED – to note the latest monitoring position on the revenue and capital budgets.

Reason

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

43 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

43.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 6 and 7 should be reported to the County Council.

*[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 39 and 40]*

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REVISED GUIDELINES	Adjusted Base	Assessed Spending Pressures		Cash (Reduction)/ Increase		Savings Required		2011/12 Budget	
		2010/11 £000		2011/12				£000	
		£000	%	£000	%	£000	%	£000	%
CEX +GC (exc Libraries)	11022	64	0.6%	-551	-5.0%	-615	-5.6%	10,471	-5.0%
Libraries	6577	93	1.4%	-263	-4.0%	-356	-5.4%	6,314	-4.0%
<b>Total CEX + GC</b>	<b>17599</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-814</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>-971</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
CRD (exc Building Maintenance)	5743	35	0.6%	-287	-5.0%	-322	-5.6%	5,456	-5.0%
Building maintenance	4979	99	2.0%	-199	-4.0%	-298	-6.0%	4,780	-4.0%
<b>Total CRD</b>	<b>10722</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-486</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>-620</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>10,236</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>
<b>Total Childrens</b>	<b>71354</b>	<b>4,459</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>-1,070</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-5,529</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>70,284</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
<b>Adult Social care</b>	<b>170354</b>	<b>7,130</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>-2,555</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-9,685</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>167,799</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
T&E - Excluding Highway Mtce	13254	1,216	9.2%	-530	-4.0%	-1,746	-13.2%	12,724	-4.0%
T&E - Highway Mtce	18965	1,068	5.6%	-474	-2.5%	-1,542	-8.1%	18,491	-2.5%
<b>T&amp;E excl Waste</b>	<b>32219</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>-1,004</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>-3,288</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>31,215</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
<b>Waste</b>	<b>27965</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-280</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>-465</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>27,685</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Service Spend Total</b>	<b>330213</b>	<b>14,349</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>-6,210</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>-20,559</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>324,003</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
Treasury Management etc	39449		0.0%		0.0%	0		39,449	0.0%
New Borrowing		1,000		1,000		0		1,000	
Redundancy Provision	500							500	
Concessionary Fares		1,000		500		-500		500	
Natioanl insurance increase		1,000				-1,000		0	
Unallocated Contingency	1000	0		-250		-250		750	
Other Levies	365	15		15		0		380	
	<b>41314</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>-1,750</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>42,579</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Less Area Based Grant</b>	<b>-33652</b>							<b>-33,652</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>337875</b>	<b>17,364</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>-4,945</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-22,309</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>	<b>332,930</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
<b>Financed from:</b>									
Formula Grant	100,118			-5,006				95,112	-5.00%
Council Tax	237,772			0				237,818	
CT surplus/ (deficit) from earlier years									
	<b>337,875</b>							<b>332,930</b>	
<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>£1,158.30</b>							<b>£1,158.52</b>	<b>£0.22</b>
increase %	2.7%							0.0%	
Estimated Tax base	205,277							205,277	0.00%