

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 28 April 2009 at County Hall, Lewes.

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110. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)  
Councillors Bentley, Elkin, Glazier, Kirby, Lock, Reid,  
Mrs Stroude and Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	items 113 and 117
Councillor Ensor	-	item 114
Councillor Forster	-	item 115
Councillor Howson	-	items 116 and 117
Councillor Rogers	-	item 113
Councillor Taylor	-	item 116
Councillor Tunwell	-	item 115
Councillor Tutt	-	items 114 and 117
Councillor Webb	-	item 115
Councillor Whetstone	-	items 114 and 116

### 111 MINUTES

111.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2009 as a correct record.

### 112 REPORTS

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

### 113 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

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

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

(1) note the work of the Climate Change Strategy Project Board; and

(2) approve the Climate Change Strategy for East Sussex.

Reason

113.3 The adoption of the Strategy will help the County Council to provide leadership and a framework for actions across the county on climate change as well as provide direction for its own action.

### 114 COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROCUREMENT WITH LOCAL SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES

114.1 The Cabinet considered an interim report by the Audit and Best Value Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

114.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) 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 Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reason

114.3 The implementation of the recommendations will assist the Council in developing the Council's record in relation to procurement and to achieving excellent procurement in the local economy.

#### 115 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

115.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Adult Social Care with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

115.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) 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 Adult Social Care to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reason

115.3 Implementation of the action plan will provide an opportunity to build upon and expand existing arrangements to further improve adult social care services in East Sussex and in particular the employment opportunities for adults with a learning disability.

#### 116 RECORDS MANAGEMENT

116.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Law and Personnel with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

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

(1) note and welcome the report of the scrutiny committee; and

(2) to recommend the County Council to welcome the main recommendations set out in the report and to approve the response of the Director of Law and Personnel to the recommendations and their implementation.

Reason

116.3 Effective records management is crucial to the effectiveness of the County Council's work and its ability to meet legal requirements. Records and the information

they contain are an important asset and should be managed with the same care as the County Council's other resources. The Scrutiny Review has provided a welcome opportunity to take stock of the Council's systems and to draw together the forthcoming challenges and opportunities which need to be addressed.

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

117.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

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

(1) note the latest information about the impact of the recession in East Sussex and the progress on the agreed action plan; and

(2) agree the proposed criteria for use of the one off recession fund.

Reason

117.3 To provide an update on the agreed action plan to mitigate the impact of the recession in East Sussex on businesses, individuals and communities. The criteria for the allocation of the recession fund are broad enough to allow flexibility as the economic climate and its impact locally changes over future months. The agreed approach will ensure decision making is rapid and aligned with the Council's priorities and local evidence.

#### 118 TREASURY MANAGEMENT

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

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

(1) note the treasury management performance in 2008/09; and

(2) recommend the County Council to approve the amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10 as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

Reason

118.3 Exposure to future risk continues to be minimised through proactive and constant review of the treasury management policy.

#### 119 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

119.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 should be reported to the County Council.

*[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 113, 114, 115, 116 and 118]*