

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 July 2010 at County Hall, Lewes.

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

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Barnes	-	item 24
Councillor Birch	-	item 24
Councillor Daniel	-	item 24
Councillor Fawthrop	-	item 27
Councillor Rodohan	-	item 26
Councillor Sparks	-	items 25 and 31
Councillor St Pierre	-	item 24
Councillor Tutt	-	item 24
Councillor Webb	-	item 25
Councillor Whetstone	-	item 24

## 20 MINUTES

20.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010 as a correct record.

## 21 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

21.1 Councillor Glazier

## 22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22.1 Councillor Belsey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7 as a member of Eastbourne Borough Council. Councillor Belsey left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.2 Councillor Bennett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13 as a member of the South Downs National Park.

22.3 Councillor Birch declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Birch left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.4 Councillor Daniel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Daniel left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.5 Councillor Elkin declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7 as a member of Eastbourne Borough Council. Councillor Elkin left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.6 Councillor Lock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Lock left the meeting room

while this item was considered. Councillor Lock also declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in item 12 as Vice Chairman of the South Downs Joint Committee.

22.7 Councillor Maynard declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in item 9 as Leader of Rother District Council

22.8 Councillor Pragnell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Pragnell left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.9 Councillor Scott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Scott left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.10 Councillor Taylor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7 as a member of Eastbourne Borough Council. Councillor Taylor left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.11 Councillor Tutt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7 as a member of Eastbourne Borough Council. Councillor Tutt left the meeting room while this item was considered. Councillor Tutt also declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in item 9 as Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council.

22.12 Councillor Waite declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Waite left the meeting room while this item was considered.

22.13 Councillor Webb declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 8 as a member of Hastings Borough Council. Councillor Webb left the meeting room while this item was considered.

## 23 REPORTS

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

## 24 RECONCILING POLICY AND RESOURCES – IN YEAR GRANT REDUCTION

24.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

24.2 It was RESOLVED – to agree the proposed specific actions (set out in Appendix 2 of the report) and to note that all portfolios will take any further action required to ensure spend is kept within approved net budget in the usual way.

Reason

24.3 To approve action to deliver the required in year savings.

## 25 COUNCIL PLAN 2009/10 MONITORING

25.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

25.2 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the summary of performance for all Council Plan indicators (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report);

(2) note the unachieved performance measures scored red at the end of 2009/10 (as set out in Appendix 2) and agree to extend the monitoring period to the end of quarter one 2010/11 for the performance measures set out in Appendix 3: and

(3) note the selection of successes and achievements made during 2009/10 as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.

Reason

25.3 To note the performance in 2009/10.

## 26 HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

26.1 Councillors Belsey, Birch, Daniel, Elkin, Lock, Pragnell, Scott, Taylor, Tutt, Waite and Webb left the meeting room prior to the consideration of this item in view of their personal and prejudicial interests

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

26.3 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) agree to negotiate with Eastbourne Borough Council to return all highways functions to the County Council;

(2) agree to negotiate with Hastings Borough Council to return all highways functions to the County Council with the exception of traffic and development control; and

(3) delegate to the Director of Transport and Environment the authority to rescind the Highways Management Agreements and agree the notice period.

Reason

26.4 There is sound financial basis for terminating/amending the Highway Management Agreements with the Borough Councils. There are significant benefits to be gained from a consistent approach to Highways maintenance across the County based on a modern asset management approach leading to greater longer term efficiencies.

## 27 PARKING AGENCY AGREEMENT, HASTINGS

27.1 Councillors Birch, Daniel, Lock, Pragnell, Scott, Waite and Webb left the meeting room prior to the consideration of this item in view of their personal and prejudicial interests

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

27.3 With the agreement of the Cabinet, Councillor Kramer (Deputy Leader of Hastings Borough Council) addressed the Cabinet on behalf of the Borough Council

27.4 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the potential efficiency savings generated by terminating the Parking Management Agreement with Hastings Borough Council; and

(2) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to complete the detailed business case, including the possible impact on Hastings residents, and to negotiate with Hastings Borough Council regarding the possible termination of the Parking Management Agreement and submit a further report back to the Cabinet.

Reason

27.5 There is a clear financial case for terminating the Parking Management Agreement with Hastings Borough Council. There are benefits to be gained by including the Borough of Hastings in county-wide civil parking enforcement, enabling a single contractor to enforce parking restrictions across the County; and securing a consistent approach to notice processing, debt recovery and customer service through a single parking office. Agreed that a detailed business case would be prepared for submission to Cabinet.

## 28 EAST SUSSEX LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR HOUSING

28.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

28.2 It was RESOLVED – to

(1) approve the key elements of the East Sussex Local Investment Plan for Housing and the proposed process and timescale for its completion; and

(2) delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree the final content of the Local Investment Plan prior to the proposed sign off with the Homes and Community Agency.

Reason

28.3 Structuring the plan in the way outlined in the report will provide not only an opportunity to consider longer-term investment needs from a position of far greater financial and strategic clarity but will also offer an opportunity to review progress against the 3-year development programme and to add or adjust, in terms of any policy changes, priorities and development proposals as these progress.

## 29 EXTERNAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION FEE LETTERS 2010/11

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

29.2 It was RESOLVED – to approve the External Audit and Inspection fee Letters for 2010/11

Reason

29.3 To approve the external audit and inspection fees letters for 2010/11.

30 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2009/10

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

30.2 It was RESOLVED – to note the internal audit service's opinion on the Council's control environment in 2009/10.

Reason

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

31 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

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

31.2 It was RESOLVED – to endorse the Council's Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan for 2010/11.

Reason

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

32 SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK – ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

32.2 It was RESOLVED – to agree that the County Council continues to engage with the South Downs National Park Authority to progress a scheme of delegation without signing a binding agreement and to recommend this course of action to the County Council.

Reason

32.3 Whilst delegation is welcome further financial clarity is required prior to supporting this approach.

33 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

33.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 5, 6 and 13 should be reported to the County Council.

*[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 24, 25 and 32]*