

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 March 2009 at County Hall, Lewes.

100. 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	-	item 102
Councillor Daniel	-	item 106
Councillor Ensor	-	item 106
Councillor Field	-	items 102 and 103
Councillor Mrs Healy	-	items 104 and 106
Councillor Ost	-	item 106
Councillor Webb	-	item 104

Also Present: Sandra Prail (Audit Commission) for item 103 and James Davies and Lauren Sharpe (Members of the Youth Cabinet) for item 104

100 MINUTES

100.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2009 as a correct record.

101 REPORTS

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

102 ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

102.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive. It was noted that the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter had been embargoed until 5 March and had not been circulated until that date.

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

Reason

102.3 To consider the Audit Commission's Annual Letter.

103 EAST SUSSEX YOUTH CABINET

103.1 The Cabinet received a presentation from members of the East Sussex Youth Cabinet on its work and role.

103.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the presentation by the Youth Cabinet; and

(2) welcome the participation and involvement of the Youth Cabinet in the review of passenger transport in East Sussex

Reason

103.3 To receive the presentation by the Youth Cabinet

104 COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2009/10

104.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive

104.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to approve the draft Council Business Plan for 2009/10 and to authorise the Chief Executive to make final changes pre and post publication.

Reason

104.3 To achieve the development of a sound medium term financial strategy and publication of the Council Plan.

105 COUNCIL PLAN 2008/09 MONITORING QUARTER THREE

105.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Policy and Communications.

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

(1) note the exception report (Appendix 1 of the report) and the achievements and successes set out in paragraph 3 of the report;

(2) recommend the County Council to approve the recommendation made regarding a target as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and

(3) note the Local Area Agreement reward target report (for those targets where the County Council is the lead organisation)

Reason

105.3 To monitor the County Council's performance against the Council Plan targets for the first nine months of 2008/09.

106 STRATEGIC RISK MONITORING

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

106.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the current strategic risks, the update on their status and the mitigating actions being proposed and implemented by Chief Officers.

Reason

106.3 To provide Cabinet with a continuing insight into the Council's strategic risk profile.

107 BUDGET MONITORING 2008/09

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

107.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the latest monitoring position on the revenue and capital budgets.

Reason

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

108 COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

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

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

(1) adopt the High Weald Management Plan review 2009;

(2) endorse the South Downs Management Plan 2008;

(3) agree the framework set out in Appendix 2 of the report which outlines the County Council's duties to have regard to the conservation and enhancement of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in exercising or performing any functions;

(4) agree to monitor and publish achievement against this framework, seeking the views of the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee, the South Downs Joint Committee and Natural England on how the Council might improve; and

(5) agree that an update be provided on an annual basis on the actions to achieve the conservation of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Reason

108.3 The implementation of the recommendations will result in service improvements.

109 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 102, 103 and 105]