

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 November 2004 at 10.00 am at County Hall, Lewes.

68. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Glazier, Lock, Reid, Mrs Stroude, Tidy and Mrs Waite

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Daniel	-	items 75, 76 and 77
Councillor Dyason	-	item 72
Councillor Field	-	item 74
Councillor Freeman	-	item 72, 75, 76 and 77
Councillor Kramer	-	items 71 and 72
Councillor Neighbour	-	items 71, 74 and 75
Councillor Rogers	-	item 73
Councillor Webb	-	item 71 and 72

69. MINUTES

69.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2004 as a correct record.

70. REPORTS

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

71 BUDGET MONITORING 2004/05

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

71.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the report

Reason

71.3 Management action is being taken to address any areas of concern to ensure that budgets are balanced.

72. CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY

72.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Social Services.

72.2 In accordance with Standing Orders, Mrs Govier addressed the Cabinet on behalf of the petitioners regarding the future use of 7 Terminus Avenue, Bexhill.

72.3 On the motion of Councillor Mrs Stroude (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) to approve the next steps to modernise the children's residential service in line with the strategy approved by the Cabinet in April 2004;

(2) to approve the reconfiguration of staffing arrangements in line with the discussions with trade unions over the past five months; and

(3) to approve the restructure of the current children's residential placements from the Lansdowne Children's Centre to two 4/5 bed domestic style homes.

Reason

72.4 To support the objective of providing children's residential care in smaller domestic style units.

73. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 to 2008/09

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

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

(1) to note the position on the preparation of the 2005/06 capital programme; and

(2) to approve the revised 2004/05 capital programme following the annual mid-term review.

Reason

73.3 The rephrased capital programme for 2004/05 will form the foundation for developing future programmes.

74. COUNCIL PLAN 2004/05 QUARTER TWO MONITORING

74.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Law and Performance Management.

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

(1) to note the monitoring reports for the first six months of 2004/05 and the achievements set out in paragraph 2 of the report; and

(2) to recommend the County Council to approve the recommendations made regarding the targets as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reason

74.3 To monitor the County Council's performance against Council Plan targets for the first six months of 2004/05.

75 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE: A NEW APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

(1) to approve the draft protocol as the template for implementation of the adopted interim Supplementary Planning Guidance;

(2) to authorise the agreement of detailed arrangements with the district and borough councils on the basis of the template;

(3) to support partnership working with the district and borough councils to develop a model form for legal agreements securing development contributions; and

(4) to support regular reviews of the arrangements and the model form of agreement.

Reason

75.3 Detailed protocols with provision for regular reviews are required to promote implementation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance by dovetailing the arrangements into the district and borough councils' development control process.

76 SUSSEX COAST SUB REGIONAL STRATEGY

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

76.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to endorse the strategic planning advice recently presented to the South East England Regional Authority on a sub-regional strategy for the Sussex Coast.

Reason

76.3 The South East Plan must include strategic policies to regenerate the Sussex coastal towns that reflect its demographic and environmental characteristics and the limitations of the area's existing transport network and services.

77 GATWICK SUB-REGIONAL STRATEGY

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

77.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to endorse the submitted Strategy for the Gatwick Sub-Region as appropriate advice to the South East England Regional Assembly for the purposes of the South East Plan, subject to SEERA being informed of the importance of maintaining a direct rail link between Hastings and Gatwick/London.

Reason

77.3 To endorse the advice submitted to the South East England Regional Authority on the sub-regional strategy for the Gatwick area.

78. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

78.1 The Cabinet agreed that agenda items 8, 10 and 11 be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 74, 76 and 77.]