

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 March 2004 at 10.00 am at County Hall, Lewes.

125. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Bagshawe, Glazier, Reid, Simmons, Mrs Stroude and Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	item 135
Councillor Bridger	-	items 130 and 134
Councillor Dowling	-	item 130
Councillor Kramer	-	item 134
Councillor Lock	-	item 130
Councillor Martin	-	items 131, 134 and 140
Councillor McPherson	-	items 130, 131 and 132

126. MINUTES

126.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2004 as a correct record.

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

127.1 Councillor Glazier declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in items 16 and 20 as non-executive Director of the Bexhill and Rother Primary Care Trust.

127.2 Councillor Jones declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 11 as a Director of SEEDA and a member of the East Sussex Economic Partnership

127.3 Councillor Martin declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 6 as he was occasionally employed at Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum.

127.4 Councillor Simmons declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 11 as the Chairman of the Heathfield Revitalisation Partnership Trust

128. REPORTS

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

129. BUDGET MONITORING

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

129.2 On the motion of Councillor Bagshawe (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the report.

REASON

129.3 The position is satisfactory and, therefore, no further action was proposed to balance the budget.

130. BENTLEY WILDFOWL AND MOTOR MUSEUM

130.1 The Cabinet considered a joint report by the Director of Transport and Environment and the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources, together with an extract of the Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee's minutes of its meeting held on 2 March 2004.

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

- (1) note the minutes of Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee;
- (2) to declare Bentley surplus to the requirements of the County Council;
- (3) to agree that Bentley should open for the 2004 season (up to September) pending disposal; and
- (4) to agree to dispose of the Council's interest in Bentley, to secure the best price on sale and to authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Lead Members for Corporate Resources and Transport and Environment, to approve the final terms of the disposal.

REASON

130.3 The Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum is not a core activity of the County Council. Effort required to secure an improvement would divert energies and resources from core and statutory responsibilities and would not, therefore, be appropriate. It was therefore agreed to declare Bentley surplus to the requirements of the County Council.

131. COUNCIL PLAN 2003/04 MONITORING – QUARTER THREE

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

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

- (1) to note the monitoring reports for the first nine months of 2003/04 and the achievements set out in paragraph 3 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

131.3 To monitor the County Council's performance against the Council Plan targets for the first nine months of 2003/04.

132. COUNCIL PLAN 2004/05

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

132.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to approve the Council Plan 2004/05.

REASON

132.3 To achieve the development of a sound medium term planning strategy and the publication of the Council Plan.

133 COMPACT BETWEEN EAST SUSSEX LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

133.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Education and Libraries.

133.2 On the motion of Councillor Simmons (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to endorse the COMPACT between East Sussex Local Education Authority and the Department for Education and Skills.

REASON

133.3 To confirm the commitment of the County Council to the priorities and outcomes identified in the COMPACT.

134 CORE BACK OFFICE SYSTEMS SOLUTION

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

134.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to note the report.

REASON

134.3 To note the progress with the exit of the ITEX contract and to note the progress with the implementation of the Core Back Office Systems Solution.

135 DEVOLVED DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION IN EAST SUSSEX

135.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

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

(1) to approve the proposals for sub-regional devolved delivery management; and

(2) to approve the outline priorities for spend in 2004/05.

REASON

135.3 The devolved delivery regeneration programme will deliver a coherent programme of economic development and regeneration.

136 DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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

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

(1) to note the potential for increased costs in future years for dealing with abandoned vehicles; and

(2) to agree that the County Council, as Waste Disposal Authority, leads a partnership with the Waste Collection Authorities to secure a County-wide Abandoned Vehicle Disposal Contract.

REASON

136.3 The successful procurement of a county-wide contract will remove the need for compensation claims from the waste collection authorities and provide for greater control of future costs.

137 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE

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

137.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to adopt the Advice Note on Construction and Demolition Waste, subject to drafting changes to be agreed by the Director of Transport and Environment with Brighton & Hove City Council.

REASON

137.3 The guidance will assist developers and planners to work together to reduce the amount of construction and demolition waste produced, and maximise re-use and recycling.

138 OLDER PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL FEE RATES/FAIR PRICE FOR CARE

138.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Social Services

138.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED -

(1) to agree to the aspiration of meeting the locally negotiated fair price for care as modelled by Laing and Buisson by 2011; and

(2) to agree to all new cases being placed using the 'Australian' dependency model from April 2004.

REASON

138.3 Older people's residential fee rates is a key component of the Council's commissioning strategy for older people and will help to ensure that customers receive appropriate care in an appropriate setting.

139 PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH THE PENSION SERVICE

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

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

(1) to approve the integration of Social Services visiting officers into a joint visiting team jointly managed by the Department of Work and Pensions from 1 April 2004; and

(2) to agree to a review of the proposals in one year's time to evaluate outcomes for customers and to consider formalising arrangements.

REASON

139.3 To provide a better service for customers, improving efficiency of the unit and providing greater opportunities for benefit take up.

140 GILDA CRESCENT, POLEGATE

140.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Social Services and considered exempt information as set out in a later report on the agenda (see minute no. 143)

140.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED -

(1) to note the progress made in the discussions with Health to provide at Gilda Crescent a rehabilitative unit, with nursing input, for older people along with a county wide need for a unit to provide respite care for young, severely disabled adults;

(2) to agree to the home remaining open to operate one unit in which to care for the current long stay residents and to move towards operating two units providing the 'living at home' programme and one unit to provide respite residential care for young, severely disabled adults with the remaining unit continuing to offer respite care whilst the discussions with Health continue;

(3) to agree, should the discussions with Health be finalised satisfactorily, that the unit continuing to offer respite care should move towards becoming a rehabilitative unit, with nursing input, for older people and that the unit for respite residential care for young, severely disabled adults (as set out in 2 above) should also offer respite care with nursing for young, severely disabled adults;

(4) to agree to the phased transfer of the respite care service currently operated at Gilda Crescent to the independent sector; and

(5) to agree to continue the policy of not admitting long stay residents to Gilda Crescent and for the Lead Member for Social Services and Health to receive a further report in twelve months to consider the configuration of the home.

REASON

140.3 Gilda Crescent is ideally placed to operate specialised provision, which the independent sector is either not providing, or is providing at a higher cost than if directly provided by the Authority. As it is currently configured, with the exception of the 'living at home' programme, the home provides long stay and residential care

which could be purchased from the independent sector at a lower cost. Gilda Crescent should move towards providing cost effective specialist services with the aim of assisting severely disabled young adults and older people maintain their independence.

141. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

141.1 The Cabinet agreed that agenda items 7 and 8 be reported to the County Council.

142 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

142.1 It was RESOLVED - to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the supply of goods or services

143 GILDA CRESCENT, POLEGATE

143.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Social Services

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

REASON

143.3 To note the information supporting an earlier item on the agenda (see minute no. 140)

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 131 and 132.]