

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 March 2005 at 10.00 am at County Hall, Lewes.

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

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Bagshawe	-	item 134
Councillor Bridger	-	item 128
Councillor Field	-	item 130
Councillor Kramer	-	items 127, 130 and 134
Councillor Livings	-	item 131
Councillor McPherson	-	items 128 and 134
Councillor Neighbour	-	items 131 and 134
Councillor Rogers	-	item 134
Councillor Tutt	-	item 127
Councillor Whetstone	-	items 128 and 134

123. MINUTES

123.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2005 as a correct record.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

124.1 Councillor Mrs Stroude

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

125.1 Councillor Glazier declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in item 5 as a non executive director of the Bexhill and Rother Primary Care Trust.

125.2 Councillor Rogers declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in item 11 as a member of the Partnership Board of the Newhaven and Peacehaven Sure Start Programme.

126. REPORTS

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

127. BUDGET MONITORING 2004/05

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

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

Reason

127.3 Management action is being taken to address area of concern.

128 COUNCIL PLAN 2004/05 MONITORING QUARTER THREE

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

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

(1) to note the monitoring reports for the first nine 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 targets as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reason

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

129 COUNCIL PLAN 2005/06

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

129.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to recommend the County Council to approve the Council Plan 2005/06.

Reason

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

130 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON SECTION 10 OF THE CHILDREN ACT 2004

130.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries.

130.2 On the motion of Councillor Glazier (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to approve the draft response attached as Annex A of the report as the County Council's response to the consultation on draft statutory guidance on Section 10 of the Children Act 2004.

Reason

130.3 Statutory guidance under Section 10 of the Children Act will be a significant driver for the work of the County Council as a Children's Services Authority. The approved response raises some issues which the Council believes should be considered before the guidance is finalised.

131 ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS IN 2006/07

131.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries.

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

(1) to agree the co-ordinated admissions schemes for secondary and primary schools attached as annexes 1 and 2 of the report;

(2) to agree the admission numbers outlined in annex 3 of the report;

(3) to agree that the admissions criteria for 2006/07 will remain unchanged;
and

(4) to note the comments made by schools on the proposed admission arrangements as set out in Annex 4

Reason

131.3 The admission arrangements for schools in 2006/07 need to be agreed to enable the admissions process to commence.

132 PROPOSED CHILDREN'S CENTRE AT HAILSHAM

132.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries.

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

(1) to approve East Sussex County Council entering into a lease agreement with Wealden District Council for the Hailsham East Community Centre, and to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources to approve the details of the lease;

(2) to note the Department for Education and Skills approval of the Hailsham East and the Diplocks Sure Start Children's Centre programme (a copy of the Implementation Plan is available in the Members' Room);

(3) to note the proposed transfer of management function of the programme from Hailsham Trust to East Sussex County Council from 1 April 2005; and

(4) to agree to continue to pay, for 12 months, 50% of the cost of an executive officer post to assist the Hailsham Trust during the transition and that this be funded from the £41,000 unallocated Community Centre income.

Reason

132.3 The Community Centre is the key delivery site for the Hailsham East and Diplocks Sure Start Children's Centre. The Children's Centre programme would directly contribute towards the Council's strategic priorities of tackling deprivation and promoting lifelong learning.

133 PROPOSED CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN PEACEHAVEN

133.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries

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

(1) to provisionally approve the transfer of £480,000 to Sussex Downs and Weald PCT capital programme for Peacehaven Sure Start Children's Centre, using previously approved Sure Start Local Programme capital funds;

(2) to note the proposed transfer of the Management responsibility for the Havens Sure Start programme from Sussex Downs and Weald PCT to East Sussex County Council;

(3) to approve the outline proposals for the Children's Centre attached at Appendix A of the report, subject to further feasibility work, with a final decision on the scheme to be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources; and

(4) to note the Department for Education and Skills approval of the Children's Centre Implementation Plan (a copy of which is available in the Members' Room)

Reason

133.3 The proposed Children's Centre would directly contribute towards the Council's strategic priorities of tackling deprivation and promoting lifelong learning.

134 SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2005 - 2010

134.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Acting Director of Adult Social Services

134.2 On the motion of Councillor Mrs Waite (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) approve the East Sussex Supporting People Strategy 2005 – 2010 for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister; and

(2) agree that the Strategy is reviewed at least annually by officers and any major and significant changes are reported to the Cabinet.

Reason

134.3 The Supporting People programme aims to increase opportunities and life chances for vulnerable people by offering them housing related support services that compliment existing housing, health and social care services. The Strategy sets out the future direction of the programme in East Sussex and aims to serve as a vehicle to demonstrate to central government the need for further resources in East Sussex.

135 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

135.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 6, 7 and 12 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 128, 129 and 134]