

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 June 2005 at 10.00 am at County Hall, Lewes.

7. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Bentley, Glazier, Lock, Reid, Simmons, Mrs Stroude and B Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Daniel	-	item 10
Councillor Field	-	item 13
Councillor Gadd	-	item 13
Councillor Mrs Healy	-	items 10 and 12
Councillor Kramer	-	items 10, 12 and 13
Councillor Ost	-	item 12
Councillor Rogers	-	item 10
Councillor St Pierre	-	item 14
Councillor Webb	-	items 10 and 14
Councillor Whetstone	-	items 13 and 14

Also present – Dr S Jones (Project Manager, Shaping the Future) and Ms L Rodrigues (Chief Executive, West Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust and interim Chief Executive of the East Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust)

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

8.1 Councillor Birch declared personal non-prejudicial interests in item 4 as a non executive director of the Hastings and St Leonards Primary Care Trust and item 7 as his partner worked in a special school.

8.2 Councillor Field declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 7 as her husband was a business manager at Frewen College, Northiam, to which the Council sends some of its special educational needs agency placements.

8.3 Councillor Glazier declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in item 4 as a non executive director of the Bexhill and Rother Primary Care Trust.

8.4 Councillor Webb declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 4 as a member of the Mental Health Association in St Leonards.

9. REPORTS

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

10 SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH, LEARNING DISABILITY AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES IN EAST SUSSEX

10.1 The Cabinet considered a presentation by Dr Steven Jones, Project Director, Shaping the Future and Mrs L Rodrigues Chief Executive, West Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust and interim Chief Executive of the East Sussex County Healthcare NHS Trust and a report by the Director of Adult Social Care.

10.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED -

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the presentation; and
- (2) to agree that a formal response to the consultation be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 July.

Reason

10.3 The options being considered within the consultation have potential implications for those that use services in East Sussex, carers and the County Council in terms of performance, use of resources and governance. The Cabinet will therefore agree a full and detailed response at its meeting in July.

11 BUDGET MONITORING – INTERIM OUTTURN 2004/05

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

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

Reason

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

12 COUNCIL PLAN 2004/05 MONITORING

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

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

- (1) to note the awards and achievements during 2004/05;
- (2) to note the end of year monitoring results of both Key Service targets and Public Service Agreement targets; and
- (3) to agree to extend the deadline for seven targets (as listed in Appendix 1 of the report) for a further quarter

Reason

12.3 The monitoring reports were noted

13 REVIEW OF SPERCIAL EDUCATION NEEDS SPECIALIST PROVISION

13.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services

13.2 On the motion of Councillor Simmons it was RESOLVED –

- (1) to note the outcomes of the consultation on the on the Special Educational Needs Review and agree to distribute the report attached as Annex 2 to consultees;
- (2) to agree to issue the 'Next Steps' booklet (attached as Annex 3 to the report) as the basis for the future plans for the review;

(3) to agree that the four key priorities arising from the review (as detailed in Annex 1) should be to:

- (a) co-ordinate and publicise the significant number of initiatives and strategies for promoting good behaviour in schools, through the work of the recently established Behaviour Board, with the aim of providing comprehensive advice on resources and support, including those present in specialist special educational needs provision, for promoting good behaviour;
- (b) review the range and scope of East Sussex maintained specialist provision with the aim of increasing flexibility and reducing out of county placements. This should include consulting on the options for the changed use of St Mary's Special School, Horam and the development of plans for multi agency (including education, social care and health) co-ordinated services for children on the autistic spectrum (autistic spectrum disorder) and their families;
- (c) prepare for the pilot delegation of special educational needs funds to cover one or more local partnerships for children in 2006/07 and undertake a cost benefit analysis; and
- (d) extend out of school activities in special schools and specifically:
 - (i) produce costed options for increased overnight respite for children with autism and report back to the Cabinet for a decision by December 2005; and
 - (ii) pilot the establishment of out of school activities in the South Downs Community Special School, Eastbourne

Reason

13.3 The actions agreed are intended to address the objectives of the Special Educational Needs Review and to bring East Sussex more in line with benchmarking data from other local authorities and, in particular, neighbour authorities.

14 CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL ANNUAL REPORT

14.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Children's Services

14.2 On the motion of Councillor Mrs Stroude (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the report and the range of issues covered by the Panel in 2004/05

Reason

14.3 To help to ensure that all members are aware of their role as corporate parents and of the valuable work undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Panel.

15 TREASURY MANAGEMENT - STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

15.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to note the treasury management performance in 2004/05

Reason

15.3 To satisfy the requirement in the County Council's Financial Regulations to submit a report annually in the form prescribed in the Treasury Management Practices, including the latest borrowing and lending transactions, the economic climate and interest rate conditions prevailing in the period and the Prudential Indicators which relate to the Treasury function.

ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

16.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 4, 6, 7 and 8 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The item being reported to the County Council refers to minute numbers 10, 12, 13 and 14]