

CABINET

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

56. 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	-	items 60 and 61
Councillor Dyason	-	item 60
Councillor Freeman	-	item 60
Councillor Gadd	-	item 60
Councillor Mrs Healy	-	item 63
Councillor Howson	-	item 63
Councillor Lacey	-	item 60
Councillor Livings	-	item 60
Councillor Martin	-	item 65
Councillor Murphy	-	item 60
Councillor Ost	-	item 60
Councillor Radford-Kirby	-	item 61
Councillor St. Pierre	-	item 64
Councillor Tutt	-	items 60, 61, 63 and 65
Councillor Webb	-	item 64
Councillor Whetstone	-	item 65

57 MINUTES

57.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2005 as a correct record.

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

58.1 Councillor Ost declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 9 as a Director of the Newhaven Community Development Agency

59. REPORTS

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

60 EAST SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON & HOVE WASTE LOCAL PLAN

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

60.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED to recommend the County Council to -

(1) agree the responses to the representations made on the Councils' Response to the June 2004 Inspector's Report and Proposed Modifications to the

Waste Local Plan (WLP) as set out in the separate 'Schedule of Proposed Councils' Responses';

(2) make no further material modifications to the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan as amended by the Schedule of Proposed Modifications agreed in December 2004 and January 2005 ('the WLP');

(3) advertise the Councils' intention formally to adopt the WLP in such a form; and if following the advertisement of the notice the WLP is not called in or no direction issued by the Secretary of State during the 28 day period, to authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to advertise a notice of adoption of the WLP;

(4) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to agree any further necessary non material changes to the WLP, prior to its final publication, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and in conjunction with Brighton & Hove City Council;

(5) agree to the revised timetable for adoption of the WLP; and

(6) note the need and commitment to commence work on the preparation of the Waste Development Framework

Reason

60.3 After consideration of objections to the Councils' response to the Inspector's report and Proposed Modifications to the Plan, it is not considered any new issues have been raised and, therefore, it is not proposed that further modifications be made to the Plan, or that a second Public Inquiry be held. The Plan will provide a robust policy framework which will aid the Council in making sound decisions on planning applications for waste management facilities. However, a Waste Development Framework will need to be prepared following adoption of the WLP, to address issues raised by the WLP Inspector and changes in national and regional policy.

61 BUDGET MONITORING 2005/06

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

61.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED - to note the report and the gradually increasing pressures and risks.

Reason

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

62 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07 TO 2010/11

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

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

(1) to approve the revised 2005/06 programme following the annual mid-term review; and

(2) note the position on the preparation of the forward capital programme.

Reason

62.3 The rephrased capital programme for 2005/06 will form the foundation for developing future programmes.

63 COUNCIL PLAN 2005/06 MONITORING – QUARTER 2

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

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

(1) to note monitoring reports for the first six months of 2005/06 and the achievements set out in paragraph 2 of the report and the performance overview 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

63.3 To monitor the County Council's performance against Council Plan targets for the first six months of 2005/06.

64 CHILDREN'S CENTRES PHASE 2

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

64.2 On the motion of Councillor Simmons (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED to –

(1) note the Department for Education and Skills targets for the roll out of Children's Centres across East Sussex;

(2) approve the addition of the capital and revenue allocation that will be made to East Sussex County Council;

(3) approve the proposed programme areas for phase 2 of Children's Centres across the county, which will improve the quality of life of approximately 18,000 children under 5 by 2008; and

(4) delegate to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness, the authority to fine tune the draft version of the Children's Centre proposal and approve the final version for submission to the Department for Education and Skills by 30 November 2005.

Reason

64.3 The Council is committed to improving the quality of life for children aged 0 – 5 across the county. The Children's Centre programme directly contributes to the priorities of tackling deprivation and inequalities and promoting lifelong learning.

65 NEXT GENERATION NETWORK

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

65.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to approve the proposal for the implementation of the Next Generation Network for the County Council (including schools) as a self financing Invest to Save Bid and make a variation to the Capital programme accordingly.

Reason

65.3 Delivering increased network bandwidth to Schools offers East Sussex the opportunity to put in place a network which not only meets the immediate requirements for Schools, but provides benefits to other areas of the business and partner organisations across the county. Replacement of the existing telephone solution would provide significant business benefits and reduce costs across the organisation. Replacement of the County Hall network would ensure business continuity and that support can continue to be provided for the network.

66 CORE BACK OFFICE SYSTEMS SOLUTION (CBOSS) UPDATE

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

66.2 On the motion of Councillor Tidy (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) to cease the schools CBOSS pilot and the development of a SAP solution for schools; and

(2) to endorse the CBOSS team continuing to work with the pilot schools to maximise the benefits in a revised solution which will be more acceptable to schools

Reason

66.3 There has been a significant amount of effort and commitment to finding a solution that would allow SAP to efficiently operate in all of the Council's schools. It is clear that further pursuing this goal would not be an effective use of council resources. Work will continue in shaping how services to schools could be improved and how the Council can maximise efficiency and communications between its central computer systems and those operated locally in schools.

67 SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES LIMITED (BRIGHTON AND HOVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (NO. 3) 2005

67.1 The Cabinet considered a joint report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Law and Performance Management.

67.2 On the motion of Councillor Jones (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to agree the draft letter of objection (attached as appendix 2 to the report) for submission to the Secretary of State by 22 November 2005, subject to amendments deemed necessary by the Director of Law and Performance Management.

Reason

67.3 The County Council's retained land would be adversely affected should compulsory acquisition proceed as proposed by Southern Water Services Limited. To protect the County Council's interest as landowner it is necessary to submit

objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order to the Secretary of State by 22 November.

68 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

68.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 5, 6, 8 and 9 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 60, 61, 63 and 64]