

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 June 2017 at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair)
Councillors Nick Bennett, Bill Bentley, David Elkin (Vice Chair),
Carl Maynard, Rupert Simmons, Bob Standley and Sylvia Tidy

Members spoke on the items indicated

Councillor Barnes	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Charman	– item 5 (minute 3)
Councillor Davies	– item 5 (minute 3)
Councillor Godfrey Daniel	– item 5 (minute 3)
Councillor Philip Daniel	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Ensor	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Field	– items 5 and 6 (minutes 3 and 4)
Councillor Galley	– items 5 and 6 (minutes 3 and 4)
Councillor Osborne	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Stephen Shing	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Shuttleworth	– item 5 (minute 3)
Councillor Swansborough	– items 7 and 8 (minutes 5 and 6)
Councillor Taylor	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Tutt	– item 6 (minute 4)
Councillor Webb	– items 7 and 8 (minutes 5 and 6)
Councillor Whetstone	– items 5 and 6 (minutes 3 and 4)

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2017

1.1 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record

2 REPORTS

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

3 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AT KEY STAGE 4

3.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Children's Services with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report

3.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) note the report of the Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2) recommend the County Council to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee

and to agree the response of the Director of Children's Services to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report

Reason

3.3 The Scrutiny Review has provided a useful insight into the attainment at Key Stage 4 and the issues related to the retention and recruitment of teaching staff in East Sussex. The report has made six recommendations which cover the recruitment and retention of teaching

staff with a greater emphasis on retaining staff. The recommendations provide the opportunity to address leadership and teacher shortages in our schools and the department's responses are set out in the action plan. This recognises the role of the Local Authority in delivering school improvement and supports the department's Excellence for All strategy.

4 REVIEW OF SUPERFAST BROADBAND

4.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee and a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report

4.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) note and welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2) recommend the County Council to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee and to agree the response of the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report

Reason

4.3 The Scrutiny Review has provided a thorough examination of the concerns expressed by residents about the Superfast Broadband Project, and makes a number of practical recommendations to provide solutions.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/17

5.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer

5.2 It was RESOLVED to – approve the External Audit Plan for 2016/17

Reason

5.3 KPMG's overall audit approach remains similar to last year with no fundamental changes. Officers will continue to liaise with KPMG to ensure that their work is delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible and that internal and external audit plans are complementary and make best use of audit resources.

6 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY 2017/18 AND ANNUAL PLAN

6.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer

6.2 It was RESOLVED to – endorse the Council's Internal Audit Strategy 2017/18 and Annual Plan

Reason

6.3 The Council's Internal Audit Strategy 2017/18 and Annual Plan sets out how the Council will meet its statutory requirements for internal audit, as defined within the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Strategy proposes an approach based on focussing audit resources in those areas where the highest risk to the achievement of the Council's objectives lies.

7 ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

7.1 The Cabinet agreed that items 5 and 6 should be reported to the County Council.
[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute numbers 3 and 4]