

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 July 2018 at County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT Councillor 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 Bennett	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Godfrey Daniel	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Philip Daniel	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Ensor	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Maynard	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Stephen Shing	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Shuttleworth	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Standley	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Stogdon	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Tutt	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Ungar	- item 5 (minute 23)
Councillor Webb	- item 5 (minute 23)

21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2018

21.1 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 26 June 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

22 REPORTS

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

23 RECONCILING POLICY, PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES - STATE OF THE COUNTY

23.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive

23.2 It was RESOLVED to –

- i) note the evidence base on demographics (Appendix 1) and the National and Local Policy and resources outlook (Appendix 2);
- ii) review the priority outcomes which form the basis of the Council's business and financial planning set out in paragraph 2;
- iii) agree the revised Medium Term Financial Plan and scenarios as the basis for financial planning (Appendix 3);
- iv) agree to the development of the Core Offer set out in paragraph 5;
- v) agree to the development of a three year business and financial plan based on the priority outcomes, financial scenarios and the draft Core Offer;

- vi) agree to continue to develop activity and financial plans to deliver the cuts needed in each of the next three years to operate within the resources available in each of the three financial scenarios;
- vii) continue the work on the communications and lobbying plan based on the Core Offer and the need for sustainable funding for the county;
- viii) agree to receive reports on more detailed plans for the next three years in October 2018; and
- ix) agree the updated Capital Programme set out in Appendix 4

Reason

22.3 The report begins the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process for 2019/20 and beyond. The Core Offer will be developed and costed over the summer. It will form the basis of the Council's future lobbying work and discussions with residents, businesses and partners about what we can realistically provide and how we can help to create resilience in places where the Council can no longer step in. More detailed plans will be considered by Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees throughout the autumn in the lead up to our budget setting meeting in February 2019.

24 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2017/18

24.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer

24.2 It was RESOLVED – to note the internal audit service's opinion on the Council's control environment.

Reason

24.3 The report gives an opinion on the adequacy of East Sussex County Council's control environment as a contribution to the proper, economic, efficient and effective use of resources. Reasonable assurance can be provided that East Sussex County Council has in place an adequate and effective framework of governance, risk management and internal control for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

25 ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

25.1 The Cabinet agree that item 5 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The item being reported to the County Council refers to minute number 23]