

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 March 2015 at County Hall, Lewes.

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90. PRESENT - Councillor Glazier (Chair)  
Councillors Bennett, Bentley, Dowling, Elkin, Maynard,  
Simmons and Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

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| Councillor Barnes    | - | items 5 and 8 (minutes 93 and 96)         |
| Councillor Birch     | - | items 8 and 12 (minutes 96 and 99)        |
| Councillor Blanch    | - | items 5, 8 and 12 (minutes 93, 96 and 99) |
| Councillor Carstairs | - | item 12 (minute 99)                       |
| Councillor Field     | - | item 5 (minute 93)                        |
| Councillor Hodges    | - | items 5 and 12 (minutes 93 and 99)        |
| Councillor Stogdon   | - | item 5 (minute 93)                        |

### 91. MINUTES

- 91.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

### 92. REPORTS

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

### 93. COUNCIL MONITORING - QUARTER THREE 2014/15

- 93.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

- 93.2 It was RESOLVED to note the latest monitoring position for the Council

Reason

- 93.3 The report sets out the Council's position and year end projections for the Council Plan targets, Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, Savings Plan together with risks for Quarter 3 (October – December 2014).

### 94. SOUTH EAST SEVEN PARTNERSHIP

- 94.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

- 94.2 It was RESOLVED to note the activities and progress of the South East Seven Partnership.

Reason

- 94.3 The report provides an update on progress made and the direction of travel and next steps for the Partnership.

95. SOUTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD DECISIONS ON THE SOUTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE AND DELIVERY REVIEW

95.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

95.2 It was RESOLVED to:

1) endorse the draft South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board recommendations on the South East Local Enterprise Partnership governance and delivery review and recommend these to the Board for approval; and

2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, in consultation with the Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development, to approve the South East Local Enterprise Partnership Board recommendations in the event that the final recommendations differ from the draft proposals referred to in the report.

Reason

95.3 The Review responds to the need to have a delivery and governance structure within South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) that Government sees as fit for purpose to deliver the Growth Deal. The report details the Irene Lucas recommendations and reports the SE LEP Board's positive response to these recommendations. Whilst the SELEP report containing the final recommendations has still to be issued by the secretariat it is not anticipated that there will be any significant changes. However, should they differ, Cabinet has agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport in consultation with the Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development to approve any changes.

96. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP

96.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer.

96.2 It was RESOLVED to agree:

1) to the creation of a new business services partnership arrangement with Surrey County Council with effect from 15 April 2015 and pursuant to that, arrangement to place those of its staff employed in the delivery of those functions at the disposal of Surrey County Council;

2) to the establishment of a Joint Committee as the governing model for the partnership with Surrey County Council (set out as option 2 in the Business Case appended as Annex 1) to discharge the functions of the Council which are within the remit of the services in scope with effect from 15 April 2015;

3) that the Joint Committee will comprise up to three Cabinet Members from East Sussex County Council, to be appointed by the Leader, and up to three Members from Surrey County Council;

4) that the Chief Operating Officer prepares the terms of reference and standing orders for the Joint Committee for approval by the Leader;

5) to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to take any action he considers appropriate to give effect to, or in consequence of the above recommendations, including (but not limited to) agreeing the terms of and entering into an Inter Authority Agreement with Surrey County Council; and

6) that the Assistant Chief Executive prepares amendments to the Scheme of Delegation and the Constitution to reflect the changes arising from this report and the Inter Authority Agreement, and submits the revised Scheme and Constitution for approval by the Leader.

#### Reasons

96.3 The proposed transformative public service partnership will build upon the strength of the existing arrangements, delivering resilient and affordable services to both East Sussex County Council and Surrey County Council. The partnership will deliver significant savings by taking advantage of economies of scale, streamlining processes and reducing duplication. Investment required for transformative change and continuous improvement will become a more affordable proposition than if undertaken by one council alone. In the longer term, the partnership will benefit from growth, delivering further economies of scale for the benefit of each council and their residents. The recommendations satisfy the legal requirements to enable the formation of a Joint Committee, appoint Members to it and to enable staff to be shared with Surrey County Council. Surrey County Council has agreed similar resolutions and taken together these form the foundations of the governance arrangements for the partnership.

#### 97. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

97.1 The Cabinet agreed that item 5 should be reported to the County Council.  
[Note: the item to be reported refers to minute 93]

#### 98. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

98.1 It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the remaining agenda items on the grounds that if the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### 99. WASTE OPERATIONAL SAVINGS PROGRAMME

99.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

99.2 It was RESOLVED to:

1) note the savings opportunities being progressed through the Waste Operational Savings Programme;

2) agree, subject to the entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and agreeing terms to vary the current arrangement for the allocation of Waste Infrastructure Credits, that the Council participates in the Waste Operational Savings Programme;

3) agree to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to vary the current arrangement for the allocation of Waste Infrastructure Credits; and

4) agree to delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to agree the terms of, and enter into a Waste Operational Savings Programme Memorandum of Understanding and to take any other action he considers appropriate to give effect to, or in consequence of, recommendations 2 and 3 above.

#### Reasons

99.3 There are two savings opportunities of interest that East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council do not have the expertise to progress without external support. Defra is offering this support on a 'no win, no fee' basis, but if savings are realised they will take a cut by way of reducing the Waste Infrastructure Grant. The Waste Operational Savings Programme Memorandum of Understanding and Variation Letter for the Allocation of Waste Infrastructure Credits set out the principles for working together and the projects cannot be progressed with Defra's support until they are finalised and signed.