

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 18 April 2023.

PRESENT Councillors Keith Glazier (Chair), Nick Bennett (Vice Chair), Bob Bowdler, Claire Dowling, Carl Maynard and Bob Standley

Members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Beaver – item 5 (minute 49)
Councillor Bennett - item 5, 6 (minute 49, 50)
Councillor Collier - item 5 (minute 49)
Councillor Maples - item 5, 6 (minute 49 and 50)
Councillor Tutt - item 5, 6 (minute 49 and 50)

47. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2023

47.1 The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 7 March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

48. REPORTS

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

49. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT OF SOCIAL VALUE AND BUYING LOCAL - REPORT OF THE PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

49.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive and a report by the Chief Operating Officer with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report.

49.2 It was RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note and welcome the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2) Recommend the County Council to welcome the report and to agree the response of the Chief Operating Officer to the recommendations and their implementation as set out in the action plan attached as appendix 1 to the Chief Operating Officer's report.

Reason

49.3 The Scrutiny review has been welcomed as it provided an opportunity to review the procurement of social value and buying local.

50. VALUE FOR MONEY EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

50.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer.

50.2 The Cabinet RESOLVED to note the Auditor's Annual Report on East Sussex County Council 2021/22.

Reason

50.3 The Annual (Value for Money) Report for 2021/22 has identified no significant weaknesses in the Council's Value for Money arrangements. The 5 improvement recommendations put forward are advisory and management will respond appropriately.

51. INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2023/24

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

51.2 The Cabinet RESOLVED to agree the Council's Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Audit Plan 2023/24.

Reason

51.3 The Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2023/24 sets out how the Council will meet its statutory requirements for internal audit.

52. TO AGREE WHICH ITEMS ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

52.1 It was agreed that item 5 should be reported to the County Council.
[Note: The items being reported to the County Council refer to minute number 49]