

## CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 September 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

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

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Barnes	-	item 8 (minute 42)
Councillor Birch	-	item 8 (minute 42)
Councillor Ensor	-	item 8 (minute 42)
Councillor Field	-	item 8 (minute 42)
Councillor Forward	-	items 5, 7 and 8 (minutes 39, 41 and 42)
Councillor Hodges	-	items 6 and 8 (minutes 40 and 42)
Councillor St Pierre	-	item 5 (minute 39)
Councillor S Shing	-	items 6 and 8 (minutes 40 and 42)
Councillor Shuttleworth	-	items 7 and 8 (minutes 41 and 42)
Councillor Stogdon	-	items 5 and 8 (minutes 39 and 42)
Councillor Tutt	-	items 5 and 8 (minutes 39 and 42)
Councillor Ungar	-	item 6 (minute 40)
Councillor Webb	-	items 7 and 8 (minute 41 and 42)
Councillor Whetstone	-	item 8 (minute 42)

## 36. MINUTES

- 36.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

## 37. INTERESTS

37.1 Councillor Field declared a prejudicial interest in item 7, in that a family member is the business manager at a school for children with SEN which accepts placements from the County Council.

37.2 Councillor Tutt declared a personal interest in item 8 as the parent of a child at an East Sussex school, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

## 38. REPORTS

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

## 39. COUNCIL MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 1 2014/15

39.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Executive.

39.2 It was RESOLVED to (1) note the latest monitoring position for the Council;  
(2) agree the proposed target amendment to set more challenging targets as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report; and

(3) agree the adjustment to the base budget in relation to the treatment of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as set in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

Reason

39.3 The report sets out the Council's position and year end projections for Council Plan targets, Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Savings Plan, together with risks for Quarter 1 2014/15.

39.4 The three amended targets are all more challenging, with an increase in the number of on-line learning courses delivered in libraries, increased inward investment and tourism, and reduction in the percentage of unclassified roads requiring maintenance.

39.5 Included in the forecast overspend is a sum of £1.2m relating to an issue that has been identified in relation to treatment of DSG which resulted in a pressure in Children's Services. Use of flexibilities in corporate budgets this financial year will resolve this, and an adjustment to the base budget will be incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Plan.

#### 40. EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FOR MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES

40.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport. The Director highlighted that it was proposed to retain the stops at Cripps Corner and Dumbrells Court in Ditchling, in addition to the 88 sites originally proposed for retention.

40.2 It was RESOLVED to (1) note the results of the Mobile Library Service consultation which has been undertaken from 1 May 2014 to 31 July 2014;

(2) agree the following proposed changes to Mobile Library Services to be implemented on 5 January 2015:

- To continue to visit 90 of the current 127 stops
- To combine stops in 16 communities along the mobile library route, where there are two stops a mile or less apart in the same community
- To offer alternative provision to 21 care home / sheltered housing settings via the Care Centre Service or the Home Library Service
- To offer a three weekly service in place of the current fortnightly schedule; and

(3) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to determine the location of stops in the 6 communities set out in Appendix 2b.

Reason

40.3 The Library Service have carried out a detailed communications plan to ensure that high quality information about proposals to change mobile library services has been received by users, their relatives, and key stakeholders. The consultation process has provided very useful feedback and comments about the proposals from residents, care homes and parish councils which will help the County Council to find solutions for each individual affected as well as providing alternative suggested locations for mobile stops which will be investigated and implemented wherever possible.

#### 41. REPORT ON THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THRIVE PROGRAMME

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

41.2 It was RESOLVED to note the report and the progress made to date.

Reason

41.3 The THRIVE programme was established against a background of escalating demand and costs for Children's Social Care. An external expert led an interim evaluation and the results are very positive. The external opinion is that the programme is on track and delivering results in line with the programme change logic.

42. OFSTED INSPECTION OF EAST SUSSEX ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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

42.2 It was RESOLVED to (1) note the report on the outcomes of the inspection as detailed in Appendix 1;

(2) note the proposals to address the findings of the inspection; and

(3) agree to release £370,000 from the Corporate Transformation

Fund to be targeted on the areas outlined in Appendix 2.

Reason

42.3 The Council is committed to improving educational outcomes for all children and young people in the county as part of one of its key priority outcomes, driving economic growth. We are confident that we have the right strategy in place to ensure that children and young people make the appropriate levels of progress.

43. ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

43.1 The Cabinet agreed that item 5 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: the item to be reported refers to minute 39]