

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny (Resources)

**Date of Meeting:** 6 June 2011

**Report Title:** Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

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### **Purpose of Report**

To provide members with detailed information on Cabinet decisions taken since the last O&S meeting that fall within the remit of this Committee

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. That members note the report and consider any items that they would like to bring before the Committee**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

To inform members of decisions taken by Cabinet since their last meeting on 22 February 2011.

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## Background

### Cabinet Meeting held on 7 February 2011

#### 78. RENAISSANCE HOUSE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER FOR ADVICE SERVICES CO-LOCATION PROJECT

**Decision:**

- (1) the transfer of Renaissance House to the Hastings Independent Legal Advice Services Partnership be approved; and
- (2) the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be delegated authority in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree Heads of Terms for the transfer.

**Responsible Officer: Neil Dart, Deputy Chief Executive and Director Corporate Resources**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

This represented a significant opportunity to enhance the provision of advice services in the Town. The proposal also achieved significant revenue savings for the Council.

### Cabinet Meeting held on 7 March 2011

#### 98. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Decision:**

- (1) the Asset Management Plan 2011/12 to 2014/15 be formally adopted; and
- (2) the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be delegated authority in consultation with the Leader to make minor amendments to the Asset Management Plan.

**Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

The Council needed to demonstrate, for the purpose of public accountability, that it was managing public assets efficiently and effectively.

## **99. AQUILA HOUSE**

### **Decision:**

- (1) a new lease be taken of Aquila House; and
- (2) the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be delegated authority in consultation with the Leader to agree Heads of Terms for the lease on the best terms achievable

**Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

To secure the continued occupation of Aquila House

## **100(E). AQUILA HOUSE**

### **Decision:**

That the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be delegated authority in consultation with the Leader to agree Heads of Terms for the lease on the best terms achievable.

**Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

To secure the continued occupation of Aquila House

## **Cabinet Meeting held on 4 April 2011**

## **106 EQUALITIES CHARTER**

### **Decision:**

That Hastings Borough Council, as a partner on the Local Strategic Partnership, supports the adoption of the Equality and Human Rights Charter for Hastings and that the words, "and St Leonards", be added to "Hastings" on every occasion that it appears in the Charter.

**Responsible Officer: Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy, Performance and Sustainability**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer**

The reason for this decision was:

On 19th July 2010, the Local Strategic Partnership agreed that the charter adopted by Brighton and Hove was a model of good practice and agreed to take steps to develop an Equality Charter for Hastings which best fitted the needs of our town.

### **Cabinet Meeting held on 9 May 2011**

#### **113 DRAFT PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**

**Decision:**

- (1) the Participation and Communication Strategy and Action Plan be adopted; and
- (2) the Chief Executive (or his nominee) be delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further revisions as is considered necessary in response to consultation results.

**Responsible Officer: Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy, Performance and Sustainability**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer**

The reason for this decision was:

To enable the strategy and action plan to be adopted and implemented to progress commitments outlined in the Council's 2011/12 Corporate Plan.

#### **118 H B C's INSURANCE RENEWAL OPTIONS**

**Decision:**

- (1) the Council seek to join the insurance framework agreement sponsored by Horsham District Council for the period 1.2.12 until 31.3.14; and
- (2) the Chief Executive or his nominee be delegated authority, in consultation with the Lead Member, to award a contract to the supplier that offers the most economically advantageous terms for the Council.

**Responsible Officer: Neil Dart, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reasons for this decision were:

The recommended route was seen as being the most cost effective way forward in the interests of the Council. This would save procurement time as the Council would not need to carry out all of the detailed preliminary checks associated with EU procurement rules because this would have been carried out by Horsham District Council.

Also, the authorities that were part of the existing framework alongside HBC i.e. Arun District Council and Crawley Borough Council had also arranged to join the Horsham framework. With so many Councils joining the Horsham framework, it would allow scope for the development of a new insurance framework to take effect from 1.4.2014 utilising the consolidated purchasing power of a number of authorities in order to obtain improved premiums for the future on a collaborative basis.

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### **Wards Affected**

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

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### **Area(s) Affected**

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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### **Policy Implications**

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

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### **Supporting Documents**

Cabinet Minutes: 7 February, 7 March, 4 April and 9 May 2011. Minutes from the Cabinet meeting on 16 February 2011 are not applicable to this Committee.

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### **Officer to Contact**

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