

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Resources)

Date of Meeting: 21 February 2012

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

Recommendation(s)

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

Reasons for Recommendations

To inform members of decisions taken by Cabinet since their last meeting on 21 November 2011.

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 28 November 2011

73. HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Decision:

that progress made in delivering against the 2011/12 commitments and targets, and the actions taken to address potential shortfalls be welcomed.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch

The reason for this decision was:

The Corporate Plan and Programme for the Year set out the key commitments made by the Council for the year 2011/12. By reporting to Cabinet and being transparent about progress, local people were able to hold the Council to account.

75. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND 2011/12 MID YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW

Decision:

- (1) the pressures impacting on the current year's financial position be noted; and
- (2) the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch

The reasons for this decision were:

The Council matched its available resources to its priorities across the medium term. The report provided the opportunity to assess the Council's resources to assist the review of corporate priorities given the economic environment and the need to continually ensure that limited resources were properly aligned to targets.

76. BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Decision:

- (1) the Council join the new Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation's (ESPO) framework agreement for banking services after 1.4.12 and responsibility be delegated to the Head of Financial Services (under Financial Regulations and Financial Operating Procedures) to finalise the arrangements following mini-competition in accordance with the terms and conditions of the framework agreement; and
- (2) the existing agreement with the Co-operative Bank be extended by 12 months after 1.4.12 to allow sufficient time to carry out a mini-competition exercise in order to comply with resolution (1) above.

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch

The reason for this decision was:

The new ESPO framework was expected to offer the most effective way of securing value for money in banking services over the medium term.

Cabinet Meeting held on 9 January 2012

84. FORESHORE TRUST BOUNDARY

Decision:

- (1) the proposed boundary and subsequent registration of that boundary at the Land Registry be agreed; and
- (2) the Deputy Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to agree final details of the boundary.

Responsible Officer: Jayne Butters, Borough Solicitor

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

The reason for this decision was:

That the proposed agreed boundary was satisfactory from the Council's point of view.

85. WEST MARINA AREA

Decision:

- (1) a lease of land at the West Marina area be granted; and

(2) the Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council be delegated authority to agree Heads of Terms for the lease on the best terms achievable and subject to appropriate planning permissions being obtained.

Responsible Officer: Neil Dart, Director of Corporate Resources

Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch

The reasons for this decision were:

In order for a venue, using converted shipping containers, which would be a year-round destination for the local community and visitors to be developed at West Marina.

86. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2012-13

Decision:

that the Council Tax base for the year 2012-13 shall be 29,614

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch

The reasons for this decision were:

Setting the Council Tax base was the first step in determining the Council Tax for 2012-13. The tax base had to be determined by 31 January of each year.

87. MUSEUMS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Decision:

(1) Councillor Forward be appointed to the Museums Committee for the remainder of this municipal year in place of Councillor Cartwright; and

(2) Councillor Forward be appointed Vice-Chair of the Museums Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

Responsible Officer: Jayne Butters, Borough Solicitor

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

The reasons for this decision were:

To retain a suitable number of Councillors serving on the Museums Committee to ensure that decisions could be made. Also to ensure that there was a Vice-Chair to undertake the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair was unavailable.

Cabinet Meeting held on 6 February 2012

94. NOMINATION FOR SHADOW POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Decision:

that Councillor Kramer be nominated to the Shadow Police and Crime Panel for the remainder of the Municipal year.

Responsible Officer: Neil Dart, Director of Corporate Resources

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

The reason for this decision was:

The report was urgent as the letter requesting a nomination was received after despatch of the Cabinet agenda and a nomination was required before the date of the next Cabinet.

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

Area(s) Affected

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

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

Supporting Documents

Cabinet Minutes: 28 November 2011, 9 January and 6 February 2012.

Officer to Contact

