

**Agenda Item:**

**Report to:** Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Resources

**Date:** 12 December 2007

**Report from:** Katrina Strong, Scrutiny Officer

**Title of report:** **MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS**

**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

**Recommendations:** That members note the report and consider any items that they would like to bring before the Committee

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## Cabinet Decisions – 10 September to 5 November 2007

### Items relating to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Resources

Cabinet meeting held on 10 September 2007:

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Non Domestic Rate Relief</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 20% discretionary relief be granted, in addition to the 80% mandatory relief, for charities for the three years to 31 March 2010 for cases 1 to 119 listed in Appendix A to the report;</li><li>(2) 20% discretionary rate relief be granted, in addition to the 80% mandatory relief, for CASCs as set out in Appendix B for the year to 31 March 2008;</li><li>(3) 100% relief be granted to the other organisations for the year to 31 March 2008 as set out at Appendix C in accordance with the recommendations set out in Appendix E;</li><li>(4) sums be remitted under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1988 in respect of those cases asterisked in Appendix A &amp; C; and</li><li>(5) future decisions be delegated to the Chief Executive (or nominee) in consultation with the relevant lead member and in accordance with the guidance set out in the report.</li></ol>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jean Saxby Revenue Services Mmanager
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Insurance Renewal</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the procurement process be agreed for the renewal of the Council's insurance in collaboration with Arun District Council and Crawley Borough Council; and</li><li>(2) the Chief Executive or nominee be authorised to award a contract to the supplier that offers the most economically advantageous tender for the Council.</li></ol>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Brian Haydon Executive Manager Financial Services
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Corporate Plan and Budget Development 2008/09 and Beyond</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	That the issues impacting on the Council's strategic and financial planning processes for 2008/09 and beyond be noted and the high-level priorities and consultation framework for developing the draft Corporate Plan Update and 2008/09 Budget be approved.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Roy Mawford Chief Executive
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Peter Pragnell

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Cabinet Appointment to Youth Forum</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	That Councillor Cooke be appointed to the Youth Forum in place of Councillor Springthorpe.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Elaine Wood Acting Scrutiny and Democratic Services Manager
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Office Accommodation</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	(1) Cabinet agree financial terms and authorise the Chief Executive, or his nominee, to agree leasehold tenancy arrangements for the Fourth Floor of Aquila House;  (2) Cabinet agree the proposed wider actions to progress our Office Accommodation Strategy as set out in the report.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Adrain Rogerson Head of Projects
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

#### **Cabinet meeting held on 8 October 2007:**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Foreshore Trust</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	(a) the proposal be used as a basis for discussion with the Foreshore Trustees and the Charity Commission; and  (b) the Chief Executive be authorised to approve a final submission to the Charity Commission in consultation with the Leader and Opposition Group Leaders.
<b>Responsible</b>	Jayne Butters

<b>Officer:</b>	Borough Solicitor
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Disposal of Former Broomgrove Power Station Site to Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Limited (Seaspace)</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	(1) the Council proceed with the sale to Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Limited (SeaSpace) in accordance with the terms now reported by the Estates Manager; and  (2) the Capital Receipt obtained by the Council be invested in the Millennium Communities scheme.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jim Beveridge Estates Manager
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

**Cabinet meeting held on 5 November 2007:**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Cost of Concessionary Bus Travel 2007-08</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	(1) a supplementary estimate of £206,000 be approved to cover the forecast additional costs in 2007-08; and  (2) the wider financial pressures for this and future years be noted.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Brian Haydon Executive Manager Financial Services
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Motion to Council: Webcasting Public Meetings</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	(1) webcasting public meetings be not proceeded with on the basis that it does not represent value for money within the current financial climate; and  (2) In order to facilitate larger meetings within the Town Hall, officers are requested to investigate the provision of improved communication links from the Council Chamber to an accessible room within the Town Hall.
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Mark Bourne Head of information Technology
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Marina Pavilion</b>
<b>Decision taken:</b>	That the existing Lease terms be revised to a 70 year Lease term to Hastings & Bexhill Renaissance Limited (SeaSpace).
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Jim Beveridge Estates Manager
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Matthew Beaver