

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Resources)

Date of Meeting: 8 June 2009

Report Title: Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

Report By: Katrina Silverson
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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 10 March 2009

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 12 February 2009

(1) Item: -Draft Corporate Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12

Decision:

- (1) the content of the document attached to the report of the Chief Executive form the basis of the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12 subject to the proviso that any significant amendments made to the Council's draft Budget in agenda item 6 be reflected in the final Corporate Plan text;
- (2) the Chief Executive be given delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader of the Council and both Opposition Group Leaders, to make further revisions as is considered necessary to the Corporate Plan prior to publication to reflect decisions made on the Council's Budget, to improve the design, layout and to use non-technical, user-friendly language and to incorporate comments on the additional text circulated at the meeting;
- (3) the Plan attached to the report(subject to revisions as referred to in recommendations 1 and 2) be used in the production of a Summary to be circulated to local households together with Council Tax information by 31st March 2009;
- (4) Part III of the Corporate Plan be produced by the deadline of 30th June 2009, to include a retrospective year-end report on performance and the actual Performance Indicator information for 2008/09; that this information be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in May, prior to consideration by the Cabinet on 15th June 2009; and that the Council be asked to delegate authority to the Cabinet meeting on 15th June 2009 to agree Part III; and
- (5) all who submitted views as part of the consultation process be thanked for their contributions and that staff members involved in the consultation process be thanked for their hard work.

Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

(2) Item: Budgets and Council Tax (2009-10)

Decision:

- (1) the following, as recommended at the meeting on 15 January 2009, be approved:

i. the Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2008–2009 and the Revenue Budget for 2009–2010 (Appendix A);

ii. the Capital Programme for 2008 – 2012, subject to adjustment for additional Coast Protection and SeaChange grants to be received;

(2) it be noted that at its meeting on 15 January 2009 the Cabinet agreed the amount of 29,117 as the Council’s Council Tax base for the year 2009–10 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

(3) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009–10 in accordance with Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

- (a) £89,047,669 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Sections 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
(Gross expenditure)
- (b) £72,007,586 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
(Gross income)
- (c) £17,040,083 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
(Net expenditure)
- (d) £10,301,049 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, decreased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its General Fund to its Collection Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
(External Finance and Collection Fund surplus/deficit.)
- (e) £231.45 being the amount at (c) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at recommendation (2) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
(Hastings Borough Council share of Council Tax at Band D level)
- (f) Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
154.30	180.02	205.73	231.45	282.88	334.32	385.74	462.90

being the amount given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.
(Hastings Borough Council's share of Council Tax for each valuation band)

(4) it be noted that for the year 2009–10 East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Authority and the Sussex Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below;

	A (£)	B (£)	C (£)	D (£)	E (£)	F (£)	G (£)	H (£)
East Sussex County Council	751.66	876.94	1002.21	1127.49	1378.04	1628.60	1879.15	2254.98
East Sussex Fire and Rescue	53.39	62.28	71.18	80.08	97.88	115.67	133.47	160.16
Sussex Police	89.82	104.79	119.76	134.73	164.67	194.61	224.55	269.46

(ESCC, East Sussex Fire and Rescue and Sussex Police shares of Council Tax for each valuation band)

(5) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (f) above and recommendation 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009–10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below;

A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
1049.17	1224.03	1398.88	1573.75	1923.47	2273.20	2622.92	3147.50

- (6) a Mid Year review of the Financial position be considered by Cabinet; and
(7) All officers involved in producing the budget be thanked for their hard work.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(3) Item: -Treasury Management, Minimum Revenue Provision and Annual Investment Strategy 2009-10

Decision:

- (1) the Treasury Management, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and Annual Investment Strategy be approved.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(4) Item: -Office Accommodation

Decision:

- (1) that the actions of the Chief Executive, under the urgency provision, in negotiating a lease for additional office accommodation to meet the needs of the approved Accommodation Strategy and within the approved budget be noted.

Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environmental Services

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

Cabinet Meeting held on 2 March 2009

(1) Item: -Site Robsack A, Off Robsack Avenue

Decision:

- (1) that having carried out the necessary procedures under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and having taken account of objections received the Council proceed with disposal of the land.

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

Cabinet Meeting held on 27 April 2009

(1) Item: -Policy Review of the Climate Change Policy Action Plan - Management Response

Decision:

- (1) the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Review be acknowledged and the Review Team be thanked for their comprehensive report; and
- (2) the Management response and actions proposed be approved.

Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environmental Services

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(2) Item: -Management Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Sickness Absence Management

Decision:

- (1) the management response to the final report of the sickness absence management Overview and Scrutiny Review be approved; and
- (2) the revised action plan as set out in paragraph 12 of the management response be approved.

Responsible Officer: Richard Peters, Corporate Director Community Wellbeing

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

(3) Item: -Scrutiny Review of Joint Working and Trading our Services - Management Response

Decision:

- (1) the Scrutiny Review Team be thanked for their report; and
- (2) the Action Plan as amended in paragraph 10 of the management response be approved.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(4) Item: -Office Accommodation - Corporate Archive Facility

Decision:

- (1) the use of 85/86 Castleham Road, for a managed archive is supported with lowest capital cost and highest operational benefits;
- (2) £190k capital funding for the corporate archive be transferred from savings elsewhere in the Council's Capital Programme;
- (3) a Planning Application be submitted for change of use of 85/86 Castleham Road; and
- (4) authority to proceed with tendering, award of contract and the refurbishment of the unit be granted.

**Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director
Environmental Services.**

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

1. Background Paragraph

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

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: 12 February, 2 March, 30 March and 27 April

Officer to Contact

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