

**Agenda Item No:**

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

**Date of Meeting:** 22 February 2011

**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

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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 November 2010.

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## Background

### Cabinet Meeting held on 8 November 2010

#### 50. MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF FACTORY UNITS

##### Decision:

- (1) the Scrutiny Review Team be thanked for an excellent report; and
- (2) the responses to the action plan shown in paragraphs 4 to 9 of the report be agreed subject to further consideration of the proposal for regular inspections of factory units so that a way forward be found within existing resources.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

The recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Team were agreed.

#### 51. PROGRESS REVIEW OF CORPORATE PLAN AND PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR

##### Decision:

- (1) the changes to the current Corporate Plan targets arising from changes in Government policy be noted:
- (2) the integration of the Programme for the Year targets into a revised Corporate Plan Part II be approved as set out in appendix A; and
- (3) half year performance progress is noted.

**Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer**

The reason for this decision was:

To reflect the changes in national policy, and enable effective reporting on the Council's performance against commitments made in the Corporate Plan and Programme for the year.

## **52. FINANCIAL MID-YEAR REVIEW 2010/11 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

### **Decision:**

- (1) the pressures impacting on the current year's financial position be noted;
- (2) the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved; and
- (3) the Medium Term Financial Strategy be updated as part of the 2011/12 budget process, once availability of funding is clearer.

**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. Given the large degree of uncertainty on future funding it was agreed to update the Medium Term Financial Strategy once the available funding situation became clearer;

The recession had impacted heavily on the Council's income streams, investment returns and asset disposal programme and at the same time it had experienced a significant increase in the demand on its Benefits service in particular; and

The opportunity had been taken to review the Council's resources to assist the review of corporate priorities given the economic slowdown and the need to continually ensure limited resources were properly aligned to targets.

## **Cabinet Meeting held on 6 December 2010**

## **63. BIG CONVERSATION REPORT**

### **Decision:**

- (1) all the survey respondents be thanked for their comments;
- (2) the full detailed results of the Big Conversation survey be published once the coding and analysis of ideas and comments has been completed; and
- (3) the initial analysis from the Big Conversation Survey and its role in informing the development of the Council's draft Budget and Corporate Plan for 2011/12 onwards be noted.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer**

The reason for this decision was:

To support the Council's commitment to involving the public in decisions that affected the town.

## **65. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2011-12**

### **Decision:**

That the Council Tax base for the year 2011-12 shall be 29,461.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

The Council was required to inform East Sussex County Council, the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Authority and the Sussex Police Authority by 31 January 2011 of its tax base for the purpose of setting the Council Tax.

## **66. UPDATE ON THE FORESHORE TRUST**

### **Decision:**

- (1) progress with the Charity Commission Scheme returning the trusteeship to the Council be noted and welcomed;
- (2) Councillor Paul Barlow as Chair and Councillors Jay Kramer and Robert Cooke be appointed to the membership of the Charity Committee;
- (3) the Chief Executive and his nominees be authorised to continue with the day to day management and operation of the Foreshore Trust and further that interim authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of Charity Committee and the Protector, to make any necessary decisions on behalf of the Council as charity trustee between the date of the making of the Scheme and the first meeting of the Charity Committee; and
- (4) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to sign the indemnities set out in appendix A to the report.

**Responsible Officer: Jayne Butters, Borough Solicitor**

**Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer**

The reasons for this decision were:

The Council had agreed certain governance arrangements in preparation for the making of the Charity Commission Scheme which would make the Council trustee of the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust (the Foreshore Trust) for all purposes. The recommendations were steps necessary to implement the new governance arrangements once the Scheme was made.

## **69(E). PRIORY STREET CAR PARK – ALLOCATION OF SPACES**

### **Decision:**

That the report be noted.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Jeremy Birch**

The reason for this decision was:

To acknowledge the action taken to contribute to the economic regeneration of Hastings by assisting with the creation of new jobs in Hastings.

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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: 8 November and 6 December 2010. Minutes from the Cabinet meeting on 10 January 2011 are not applicable to this Committee.

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