

Agenda Item:

Report to: Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Date: 19 March 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

Cabinet Decisions – 4 December 2006 to 5 March 2007

Items relating to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Cabinet meeting held on 4 December 2006:

Item:	Petitions – Potential casino in Hastings
Decision taken:	That the petitions should not be supported for the reasons outlined in Section 2 of the report.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Petition – Graveyard Priory Road
Decision taken:	That the report and actions taken by a range of agencies be noted.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Petition – Manor Road anti social behaviour
Decision taken:	That the report and actions taken by a range of agencies be noted.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Review of Hastings Borough Council draft Gambling Statement of Principles
Decision taken:	That the proposed amendments to the draft Gambling Statement of Principles following public consultation be noted.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Community Partnership Funding for 2007 - 2008
Decision taken:	(1) The 2007/2008 Community Partnership Funding budget be agreed at £582,440; and (2) The budget be allocated as set out in Appendix A to the report, subject to the recommended conditions in Appendix B.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Peters Executive Director Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	Choice Based Lettings Scheme
Decision taken:	(1) the implementation of the proposed Choice Based Lettings (CBL) scheme be supported; and (2) Hastings Borough Council provide up to £20,000 annually towards the combined costs of membership and advertising fees for the scheme.
Responsible Officer:	Andrew Palmer Housing Services Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	Corporate Plan and budget consultation
Decision taken:	That the principles that will underpin development of the Council's Corporate Plan 2007/2010 and 2007/08 Budget, and the timetable for development of both documents be approved.
Responsible Officer:	Roy Mawford Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Pragnell

Item:	Parks and Open Spaces Strategy
Decision taken:	(1) the core strategy be approved; and (2) the members of the Steering Group, stakeholders and community representatives be thanked for their hard work and valuable contributions.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development

Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird
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Item:	Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report
Decision taken:	That the Borough Council submits the Annual Monitoring Report and Saved Policies (Appendix 1 to the report) to the Secretary of State as required by Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Passport to Leisure Scheme - Cessation
Decision taken:	That the decision to cease the Passport to Leisure Scheme in the interests of the effective management of the Council's resources be endorsed.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Cabinet meeting held on 8 January 2007

Item:	Petition for provision of youth facilities
Decision taken:	That the petition be noted and (1) the Council's in principle support for the concept of a town centre 'Youth Hub' (Super Youth Club) be re-confirmed; and (2) the petitioner be advised that East Sussex County Council is the responsible authority for Children and Young People's Services to which the matter of a Youth Club should be referred.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Seafront Strategy
Decision taken:	That: - (1) £250,000 in the capital programme project RP04 be released for the restoration of Pelham Crescent; (2) subject to the receipt of satisfactory tenders work proceeds on the improvement to Pelham Crescent and Arcade on the basis outlined in Section 4.0. of the report; and (3) decisions relating to final form of improvement to the frontage of the Pelham buildings are delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration & Planning.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	St Mary-in-the-Castle
Decision taken:	That: - (1) the Christian Outreach Centre (Sonrise Church) is granted a lease of five years commencing on the 1st April 2007, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the terms set out in the Part II report subject to obtaining the approval of the Church Commissioners as to variation of the existing use; (2) the Chief Executive, or his nominee, is authorised to complete a Lease; and (3) assistance is provided to South Coast Artists (SOCO) to facilitate the relocation of the current Gallery.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Motion – Control of dogs – Alexandra Park
Decision taken:	That a full report be submitted to Cabinet on designating dog control areas as part of a wider response to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

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Item:	Travellers and gypsies – site provision
Decision taken:	That: - (1) a consultation be undertaken on three sites (land adjacent to Summerfields Leisure Centre Car Park, land at Sandrock, The Ridge and land adjacent to West Pavilion Car Park, Bexhill Road Recreation Ground) for consideration as a potential Travellers and Gypsies Transit Site; (2) a cross-party Members working group be formed to make a recommendation on a preferred site to Cabinet (5th March 2007) based on evaluation of each site and the consultation responses. The preferred site will be the subject of a planning application and form part of a site development bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) as a Transit Site; and (3) details are progressed with the County Travellers and Gypsies Co-ordinating Group to agree countywide joint management protocols and funding arrangements for Traveller and Gypsy sites.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Destination Management Strategy
Decision taken:	That: - (1) the Destination Management Strategy for Hastings & 1066 Country is adopted; and (2) the commissioning of a further piece of work, 'Destination Management Strategy Plus' be endorsed which addresses the position of the Hastings & Bexhill Primary Urban Area as a desirable destination for residential, learning, and business investment, to be funded from the Area Investment Framework budget.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Marine Court Conservation Management Plan 2006 - 2011
Decision taken:	That the Marine Court Conservation Management Plan be adopted as an informal basis for Borough Council decision making and conservation advice for the period up to 2011
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Leisure Centre – Consultancy / Site considerations
Decision taken:	That: - (1) the proposed feasibility study be agreed, with funding from the current Capital Programme (CL24); (2) officers be authorised to prepare a full brief for the feasibility and master-plan, and proceed to appoint suitable consultants; and (3) the results of the feasibility element of the study (Phase 1) be reported to Cabinet as soon as possible, when a decision can be taken on continuing to the Phase 2 master-plan element of the study.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Building control policy
Decision taken:	That the Building Control Policy be approved.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	St Mary-in-the-Castle – Heads of Terms
Decision taken:	That the report be noted.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Cabinet meeting held on 22 January 2007

Item:	Draft Corporate Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10
Decision taken:	That the first draft of the Corporate Plan 2007/08 - 2009/10 be approved for consultation.
Responsible Officer:	Roy Mawford Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Pragnell

Item:	Revenue Budget 2006 - 07 revised and 2007- 08 Capital Programme 2006 - 07 to 2009 - 10
Decision taken:	<p>That the following be approved for the purposes of public consultation:-</p> <p><u>Capital Programme</u></p> <p>(1) approve the capital programme for the period to 31 March 2010, together with assumed slippage in the programme of £1,000,000;</p> <p>(2) agree that schemes marked with an asterisk can proceed without further reference to Cabinet or Council;</p> <p>(3) approve the Land Disposal Programme;</p> <p><u>2006-07 Revised Budget</u></p> <p>(4) approve the revised revenue budget for 2006-07, including the transfer from the General Reserve;</p> <p><u>Reserves</u></p> <p>(5) agree the proposed expenditure from the Renewal and Repairs Reserve and Information Technology Reserve (Appendices J and I respectively) and those items from other reserves shown in Appendix H that can proceed without further reference to Cabinet;</p> <p><u>2007-08 Budget</u></p> <p>(6) assume an allowance for staff turnover of £125,000;</p> <p>(7) agree to a contingency of £275,000 (£175,000 general expenditure and £100,000 Renewal & Repairs Reserve) being included within the budget;</p> <p>(8) approve the 2007-08 revenue budget at a figure of £16,461,820;</p> <p>(9) use £264,020 from the General Reserve during 2007-08 to support all expenditure over £16,197,800; and</p> <p><u>2008-09 and Beyond</u></p> <p>(10) agree that a continuing focus be given to the Priorities Income and Expenditure Reviews (PIER) process to balance the future budget position. This to be an early corporate priority and include a reassessment of corporate and service</p>

	priorities.
Responsible Officer:	Neil Dart Deputy Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Beaver

Cabinet meeting held on 5 February 2007

Item:	Petition requesting access for people with disabilities to fish at Buckshole Reservoir
Decision taken:	That: - (1) modest reasonable adjustments be made in providing less restrictive access to Buckshole Reservoir with a view to adding improvements as funding allows; and (2) subject to further consultation with anglers with mobility disabilities, the existing facilities at Harmer's Reservoir be enhanced and it be promoted as the primary site for use by anglers with mobility disabilities.
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Central St Leonards townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) Phase 2
Decision taken:	That approval be given for expenditure on Capital Programme item PL01 for approved purposes.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Revised Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (LNRS)
Decision taken:	That: - (1) the report be noted; and (2) the revised Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (LNRS) be endorsed prior to adoption by the LSP.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Peters Executive Director Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council's Construction and Demolition Waste Supplementary Planning Document
Decision taken:	That the Supplementary Planning Document for development control purposes be adopted.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Local Development Framework: Revised draft supplementary planning document – householder development: sustainable design
Decision taken:	That the Supplementary Planning Document – Householder Development: Sustainable Design be adopted..
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Cabinet meeting held on 21 February 2007

Item:	Corporate Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10
Decision taken:	That: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the content of the document attached to the Chief Executive's report, as amended, form the basis of the Council's Corporate Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10 and be used in the production of a Summary to be circulated to local households together with Council Tax information by 31 March 2007; (2) Part III of the Corporate Plan will be produced by the deadline of 30 June 2007, to include: a retrospective year-end report on performance and the actual Performance Indicator information for 2006/07. That this information be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in May, prior to consideration by the Cabinet on 11 June 2007 and that the Council be asked to delegate authority to the Cabinet meeting on 11 June 2007 to agree Part III of the Corporate Plan; (3) the Chief Executive be delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further amendments as is considered necessary to the attached plan prior to publication to improve the design, layout and to use non-technical, user-friendly language; and

	(4) all who submitted views as part of the consultation process be thanked for their contributions.
Responsible Officer:	Roy Mawford Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Pragnell

Item:	2007-08 Budget and Council Tax
Decision taken:	<p>That: -</p> <p>(1) the following, as agreed at your meeting on 22 January 2007, adjusted by an increase in the capital allocation to £733,000 for disabled facilities grants and a reduction in the Housing capital allocations funded by capital grant from the Regional Housing Board to reflect the provisional allocation of £1,338,000, be approved;</p> <p>(a) the Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2006–2007 and the Revenue Budget for 2007–2008 and</p> <p>(b) the Capital Programme for 2006 – 2010;</p> <p>(2) it be noted that at its meeting on 8 January 2007 the Cabinet calculated the amount of 29,107 as the Council’s council tax base for the year 2007–2008 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;</p> <p>(3) the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007–2008 in accordance with Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;</p> <p>(a) £82,772,800 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 <i>(Gross expenditure)</i></p> <p>(b) £66,619,980 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 <i>(Gross income)</i></p> <p>(c) £16,152,820 being the amount by which the aggregate at (3)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (3)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. <i>(Net expenditure)</i></p>

(d) £9,864,030 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 deficit.)

(e) £216.06 being the amount at (3)(c) above less the amount at (3)(d) above, all divided by the amount at (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 £
144.04	168.05	192.05	216.06	264.07	312.09	360.10	432.12

being the amount given by multiplying the amount at (3)(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 2007–2008 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	698.46	814.87	931.28	1,047.69	1,280.51	1,513.33	1,746.15	2,095.38
East Sussex Fire and Rescue	49.13	57.32	65.51	73.70	90.08	106.46	122.83	147.40
Sussex Police	81.78	95.41	109.04	122.67	149.93	177.19	204.45	245.34

	<p><i>(ESCC, East Sussex Fire and Rescue and Sussex Police shares of Council Tax for each valuation band)</i></p> <p>(5) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3)(f) and (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 2007–2008 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="608 456 1538 595"> <thead> <tr> <th>A £</th> <th>B £</th> <th>C £</th> <th>D £</th> <th>E £</th> <th>F £</th> <th>G £</th> <th>H £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>973.41</td> <td>1,135.65</td> <td>1,297.88</td> <td>1,460.12</td> <td>1,784.59</td> <td>2,109.07</td> <td>2,433.53</td> <td>2,920.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(Total Council Tax for each valuation band)</p>	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	973.41	1,135.65	1,297.88	1,460.12	1,784.59	2,109.07	2,433.53	2,920.24
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Responsible Officer:	Neil Dart Deputy Chief Executive																
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Beaver																

Cabinet meeting held on 5 March 2007

Item:	Best Value Review of the Feasibility of a single joint waste organisation / partnership
Decision taken:	That Members support the recommendations of the report and that officers progress these through an enhanced Waste Forum Steering Group (which includes representation from Brighton & Hove City Council in addition to East Sussex County Council and the Waste Collection Authorities in East Sussex) and through the East Sussex Local Government Association Waste Coordinating Group
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Site selection – travellers and gypsies transit site
Decision taken:	That: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Members' Working Group recommendation relating to the Sandrock site is accepted namely that the site is not considered suitable for development as a Gypsy and Travellers site; (2) the Members' Working Group recommendation relating to the Summerfields site is accepted namely that the site is not considered suitable for development as a Gypsy and

	<p>Travellers site;</p> <p>(3) the Members' Working Group majority decision relating to the Bexhill Road Recreation Ground site is accepted namely that the site is not considered suitable for development as a Gypsy and Travellers site;</p> <p>(4) The proposal contained in recommendation 4 to the report namely that sites previously rejected are re-examined is not accepted;</p> <p>(5) Officers be instructed to work with Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council to identify sites for Gypsies and Travellers for the East of the County concentrating on areas not previously identified; and</p> <p>(6) The Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye be requested to seek to urge the Government to extend funding beyond 2007.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Hastings Pier
Decision taken:	<p>That: -</p> <p>(1) Members note the current position in relation to the Pier;</p> <p>(2) subject to future developments and legal advice it is agreed in principle to fund a survey of the Pier; and</p> <p>(3) That tenders are invited for this work and any decision on acceptance is delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Council Leader and Lead Member for Regeneration & Planning.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Big Lottery Fund – Childrens Play Initiative
Decision taken:	<p>That: -</p> <p>(1) the Play Strategy be adopted; and</p> <p>(2) the portfolio of projects be approved and that a bid for funding be submitted to the Big Lottery Fund Play Initiative.</p>

Responsible Officer:	Mike Marsh Executive Director Leisure and Cultural Development
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Implementation of smokefree legislation in Hastings
Decision taken:	that the use of the Department of Health grant, referred to in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be approved for the promotion and enforcement of the new Smokefree legislation.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Hastings – Bexhill NCN2 Coastal Cycle Route
Decision taken:	That the submission of a bid by Sustrans for funding from the Connect 2 Lottery Fund be supported in principle.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Tressell Training
Decision taken:	That the principle of the proposals in the report be endorsed and that: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) in view of the Chief Executive's position as a member of the College's corporation and a potential conflict of interest, the authority to enter into formal negotiations on a merger of Tressell operations with the College be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive or his nominee; (2) approval is given to work in partnership with the College to establish a new build facility for Tressell within the College's Ore Valley campus; (3) approval is given to support the College in a bid for Learning Skills Council capital funds to support the establishment of new facilities for Tressell services; and (4) approval is given to undertake the necessary work to relocate Tressell's town centre functions to alternative short term premises.
Responsible	Simon Hubbard

Officer:	Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	SHS Building Cleaning Contract
Decision taken:	That the Building Cleaning and Public Conveniences Contract be extended for 2 Years and a one off payment of £7,960 be made to the contractor.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson