

Agenda Item:

Report to: Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Date: 30 May 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 – 2 April to 30 April 2007

Items relating to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Cabinet meeting held on 2 April 2007:

Item:	Petition with Regard to Community Concerns over the Future of Ore Valley and fears of Serious Over-development
Decision taken:	That the Petitioners be advised that the Council cannot accede to their request to call a stop to any further development in the Ore Valley for the reasons set out in this report but it is open to them to make representations on individual planning applications as and when they come forward.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Consultation on Proposed Parking Management Scheme for St Leonards – Consideration of Objections
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) approval be given for the implementation of certain no waiting at any time restrictions, disabled parking bays and loading bays as detailed within the report to Traffic Management Committee;(2) the remaining proposed restrictions not be implemented at this time pending a detailed Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out to highlight salient factors in the overall regeneration of the area; and(3) subject to the agreement of the County Council, the costs of carrying out the EIA be met from the existing surplus from the parking scheme in Hastings.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Twin Bin Project – Progress and Procurement
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the progress of the Twin Bin scheme be noted;(2) the refuse collection day changes which will take place mid June – early July be noted;(3) the new collection arrangements that will be phased in from September to November 2007 be noted;(4) the policies for inclusion of properties in the Twin Bin

	<p>scheme; bin collection points; and assisted collection be approved;</p> <p>(5) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive or nominee, in consultation with the Lead Member and the opposition spokespersons for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">procurement of wheeled bins from Contractor A; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">spending up to the remainder of the Capital budget on schemes to improve waste & recycling collection; and</p> <p>(6) that the bins be chipped and 'read' at each collection for identification purposes only.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy
Decision taken:	That the Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy be adopted.
Responsible Officer:	Mark Preston Housing Renewal Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	Central St Leonards Town Centre Design Manual
Decision taken:	That the Design Manual be adopted as guidance towards public realm improvement works in the Central St Leonards area.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Peters Executive Director Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	Proposals for a Local Environmental Quality Improvement Strategy and an update on the Use of Dog Control Orders
Decision taken:	<p>(1) the Council draft a Local Environmental Quality Improvement Strategy, carry out a public consultation, refine and then adopt the strategy;</p> <p>(2) the Leisure and Cultural Development Directorate in conjunction with Environmental Health, give further</p>

	<p>detailed consideration to the need to introduce new dog controls throughout the borough, and that proposals be drafted and reported to Cabinet in autumn 2007;</p> <p>(3) the Leisure and Cultural Development Directorate give further detailed consideration to the need to introduce formal dog control restrictions specifically for the lower part of Alexandra Park, by carrying out a campaign to reinforce the "Room For All" scheme and canvassing Alexandra Park users views over the summer. The results of this work should then be incorporated into the wider study and proposals; and</p> <p>(4) Officers be requested to investigate the possibility of bringing forward as a matter of urgency measures to make dog control compulsory in the lower part of Alexandra Park.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Local Development Framework – Revision of Hastings Local Development Scheme
Decision taken:	That the revision of the Local Development Scheme be approved and the Scheme be submitted to the Secretary of State.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Concessionary Bus Fare Scheme
Decision taken:	<p>(1) the 'Sussex Countywide Scheme Definition' and the 'Interim Arrangements for Re-imbusement' for the year commencing 1 April 2007 be approved; and.</p> <p>(2) the Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to agree future changes to the scheme and arrangements for re-imbusement.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Brian Haydon Executive Manager Financial Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Beaver

Item:	Service Review of Highway Management Agreements (Eastbourne and Hastings) in East Sussex
Decision taken:	(1) Members note the recommendations of the report and approve the Action Plan; and (2) a further report on the outcome of the Action Plan and the proposed revisions to the Agreement and Code of Practice be submitted to a future meeting.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Twin Bin Procurement Analysis
Decision taken:	(1) wheeled bins supply and distribution is procured through Contractor A; and (2) that Contractor D be discounted due to raised lid-opening handles on the bin.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Executive Director Environment and Safety
Lead Member:	Councillor John Wilson

Item:	Option Appraisal of the Provision of a Suitable Home for a Hastings Family
Decision taken:	That authorisation is given for the allocation of £60,000 from the housing renewal budget to assist with the purchase of a suitable property for the family named in the report.
Responsible Officer:	Mark Preston Housing Renewal Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Cabinet meeting held on 30 April 2007

Item:	Seaside Road and Former Primary School Site, West Marina Masterplan
Decision taken:	(1) Cabinet endorses the range of uses and the general level of development proposed in Tibbalds' preferred option for the West Marina part of the site, as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report;

	<p>(2) further work is undertaken in respect of the issues identified in paragraph 3.6 and 3.7 of the report;</p> <p>(3) the scheme does not include a slipway;</p> <p>(4) the petition proposing a lido on the old bathing pool site at West Marina be not accepted on viability and environmental impact grounds;</p> <p>(5) copies of the petition, letters and questionnaire responses relating to the former Primary School site be passed to the County Council with a request that they have regard to the issues raised in preparing their planning application for the site; and</p> <p>(6) Tibbalds be retained to advise the Council and any expenditure be funded from the capital budget for the Seafront Strategy up to a maximum of £10000.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Executive Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Scrutiny Review of Voluntary Sector Accommodation
Decision taken:	That the management response to the final report of the voluntary sector accommodation Scrutiny Review be agreed.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Peters Executive Director Housing Communities and Neighbourhoods
Lead Member:	Councillor Anne Bird

Item:	Hastings Pier
Decision taken:	<p>(1) Cabinet agree in principle to consider the expenditure of up to £50k for the repair of bracing and/or other structural works in or around the central section of Hastings Pier subject to the conditions set out;</p> <p>(2) any decision is subject to the conditions set out in 5.3. of the report and is delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Council Leader and Lead Member for Regeneration and Planning; and</p> <p>(3) the decision is urgent and the call-in process should not apply, since any delay likely to be caused by call-in would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest.</p>

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