

Agenda Item:

Report to: Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Date: 13 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

Cabinet Decisions – 10 September to 5 November 2007

Items relating to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Services

Cabinet meeting held on 10 September 2007:

Item:	Petition: Relocation of Hastings United Football Club
Decision taken:	That Cabinet express their interest in the proposal and invite Hastings United Football Club to develop their ideas into an outline business plan for further discussion.
Responsible Officer:	Virginia Gilbert Head of Resorts and Amenities
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Petition about Dog Fouling, Street Cleansing and Street Lighting in the Vicinity of Cromer Walk
Decision taken:	That the report be noted and the proposed actions by the Council to address the issues as outlined in section 5 of the report.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Choice Based Lettings
Decision taken:	(1) Cabinet note progress towards implementation of the scheme; and (2) the new Choice Based Lettings allocations policy be adopted.
Responsible Officer:	Andrew Palmer Head of Housing
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Investment in Affordable Housing – Chapel Park Road
Decision taken:	That a contribution of £200,000 towards the provision of affordable housing by Orbit Housing Association be approved from the Council's 07/08 Investment In Affordable Housing capital programme.
Responsible Officer:	Andrew Palmer Head of Housing

Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch
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Item:	Proposal to jointly procure a new Contract with Rother District Council to Provide Stray Dog Services for both Councils
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the principle of jointly procuring stray dog control services with Rother District Council and the draft specification for the technical aspects of the service attached at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed; and 2. the Corporate Director of Environmental Services be authorised to proceed with a project to jointly procure a new contract with Rother District Council to provide both Councils with stray dog services.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Stirling Road Business Incubator Units
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agreement be given in principle to the development of units as outlined in the report; 2. the allocation of up to £500,000 from the capital budget for the development of small business incubator units at Stirling Road be approved; 3. the release of the Council's land for this purpose be agreed; and 4. the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the lead member for Regeneration and Planning to agree the final form of the scheme in the light of the final level of external funding available and tendered costs.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Community Partnership Funding Review
Decision taken:	That the proposed model of funding for voluntary and community organisations for 2008/2009 and beyond be agreed.
Responsible Officer:	Sandra Garner Community Partnerships Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	West Marina Masterplan
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. resolutions (1), (2), (4) and (6) of the Cabinet meeting of 30 April be confirmed; 2. the Council should seek to improve and build upon the earlier work by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • asking Tibbalds to re-examine and strengthen facilities aimed at attracting visitors and the leisure use of the area; • engaging seafront users and potential users in identifying the best potential ways of increasing the use of the sea for leisure purposes; and • ensuring the status of the area as an attraction for leisure use by local people and visitors as well as future residents of any development; 3. it is noted that this scheme is in the very early stages of development and that the final form of the scheme will be heavily influenced by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the state of the local housing market; • the creation of a high quality environment that will command higher sales values; • the size of the site that can finally be assembled; and • the nature of the partnership or arrangement set up; and 4. a further report is brought forward once the issues of land ownership and the involvement of English Partnerships has been resolved. This report will include the advice of English Partnerships on the appropriate way to develop the site.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Item:	Corporate Plan and Budget Development 2008/09 and Beyond
Decision taken:	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.
Responsible Officer:	Roy Mawford Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Beaver

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Item:	Quality Bus Partnership – Action Plan 2007 - 2010
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the revised Quality Bus Partnership Action Plan for 2007-2010 be endorsed; and 2. the retention of a voluntary Quality Bus Partnership be supported.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Progress of Area Co-Ordination
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the progress made with Area Co-ordination to date, the reviews underway and the key drivers moving forward be noted; 2. the way forward set out in section 4 of the report be agreed; and 3. the proposed protocol for addressing issues of concern raised at Area Management Boards be endorsed as set out at Appendix C of the report.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Peters Corporate Director Community Well-Being
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Motion to Cabinet – Environmental Implications in Reports
Decision taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the current arrangements where environmental implications are included within the policy implications section of Cabinet reports be continued; and 2. report authors be reminded of the need to comment fully on the environmental implications where appropriate in the policy implications section of reports.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Pebsham Countryside Park: Consideration of Development Plan and Business Plan
Decision taken:	(1) Cabinet reaffirms our commitment to the development of the Countryside Park, subject to the availability of funding:

	<p>(2) the Council seek to maximise the environmental and economic regeneration potential of the Countryside Park and that the Steering Group be asked to consider funding further work on the potential for tourism economic growth and employment arising from the Park;</p> <p>(3) further consideration be given to the potential of Upper Wilting to provide future growth for employment, housing or a transport interchange within the Local Development Framework process, in consultation with Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council, and that the Development Plan be revised to reflect the potential for development there;</p> <p>(4) the Business Plan be reviewed, with our partners, to create a more realistic picture of future costs and sources of funding;</p> <p>(5) the management of the project be reviewed, with our partners, to ensure effective executive joint management and to make the most efficient use of existing officer structures for operational management; and</p> <p>(6) revised plans be submitted to Cabinet for their approval in due course.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Virginia Gilbert Head of Resorts and Amenities
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Finch

Item:	Hastings Local Development Framework – Supplementary Planning Document
Decision taken:	That the Supplementary Planning Document and its accompanying Sustainability Appraisal Report be adopted.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Cabinet meeting held on 8 October 2007

Item:	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
Decision taken:	<p>That the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy be adopted subject to the amendments set out in Appendix C and the following conditions: -</p> <p>(1) that there is an urgent review of the strategy to take into account the National Waste Strategy 2007 for England and with a view to working toward more effectively integrated recycling policies and practices across East</p>

	Sussex; and (2) that there is a commitment to increased flexibility to expand the range of recycled materials and collection methods that can be accepted through the County Council's waste disposal contractor
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Hastings and Bexhill Destination Management Strategy (DMS) Plus
Decision taken:	That the Destination Management Plus Action Plan appended to the report be endorsed.
Responsible Officer:	Simon Hubbard Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning
Lead Member:	Councillor Peter Pragnell

Item:	Motion to Council regarding the Council's Carbon Footprint and the use of Alternative Fuelled Vehicles
Decision taken:	(1) the Cabinet recognises the need to address Hastings Borough Council's Carbon Footprint and the effect that human activity has on it; (2) the Cabinet notes the issues outlined in the report, including the national drivers, and awaits the views of the Scrutiny Review of Climate Change Policy and the Hastings Borough Council Carbon Footprint; and (3) the Cabinet resolves to investigate alternative forms of fuel when replacing its current fleet of vehicles.
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker

Item:	Motion on Planning Enforcement Team
Decision taken:	(1) the correct place for any consideration of the budget for the Planning Enforcement Team should be as part of the Council's budget making process for 2008/09; and (2) any decision relating to this expenditure should be taken in the context of the available funding of the work of the overall Planning Service.

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

Item:	Advice to South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) Gypsy Site Provision
Decision taken:	That the final advice to South East England Regional Assembly on the gypsy site provision in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove prepared jointly by Borough and District Councils in East Sussex, the County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council be endorsed.
Responsible Officer:	Tim Cookson Borough Planning Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Matthew Lock

Cabinet meeting held on 5 November 2007:

Item:	Petitions – Twin Bin Scheme
Decision taken:	<p>(1) the report and the action taken by officers in response to the objections raised be noted;</p> <p>(2) officers to have regular meetings with the petitioners' representatives to discuss progress on the issues raised; and</p> <p>(3) an update report be submitted to Cabinet in two months time.</p>
Responsible Officer:	Richard Homewood Corporate Director Environmental Services
Lead Member:	Councillor Roy Tucker