

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES
11 FEBRUARY 2008**

Present: Councillors Chowney, Dowling, Fawthrop, Smith, Waite,
Wilson and Webb (in the Chair)

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following councillors declared an interest in the minutes as follows:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Fawthrop & Smith	22 & 23 (in relation to Concessionary Bus Travel)	Personal - County Card Holders
Lock	22	Prejudicial - In relation to Marine Court, ESCC Lead Member
Waite, Webb & Wilson	22 & 23	Personal - Any item relating to East Sussex County Council as CC Councillors

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2007 be approved as a true record.

22. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2008/09-2010/11

Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy and Performance gave a brief introduction of the draft Corporate Plan which set out the proposed priority areas of activity and investment for 2008/09 to 2010/11. Members were invited to comment on the draft Plan and related budget proposals.

Members discussed the targets at some length. They raised concerns over the wording of some targets, as this could lead to confusion when reading. Councillor Chowney also raised concerns over many of the proposed targets' measurability and asked if these could be strengthened for the final version of the Corporate Plan.

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Other issues raised in the discussion included planning services, the proposed Stade Education Project and Street Games. Richard Peters, Corporate Director for Community Well-Being agreed to provide the committee with more information on the Street Games project.

Members also raised general comments on other areas of the draft Corporate Plan relating to their particular committee's remit.

Councillor Webb extended thanks to officers for their work on the draft Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED that the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Council's draft Corporate Plan for 2008/09 - 2010/11 be referred to Cabinet.

23. CONSULTATION ON REVENUE BUDGET 2007-08 REVISED AND 2008-09, CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-08 TO 2010-2011

Brian Haydon, Executive Manager Financial Services, gave a brief introduction on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme as part of the public consultation process. Members were invited to submit their comments on the budget proposals.

Members asked for clarification on Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) funding. Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning, confirmed that the amount of LEGI funding recently advised by Government was higher than originally indicated for the next 3 years. However, the WNF initial figures for years two and three had been withdrawn apparently due to an error within the Government Department and new figures were awaited.

Cllr Webb asked that all officers involved in preparing the budget proposals be thanked for their work, along with members for their informed comments. He also extended thanks to Brian Haydon, as this would be his last budget, due to leaving Hastings Borough Council in the near future.

RESOLVED that the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme be referred to Cabinet.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm)