

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

Date of Meeting: 22 September 2008

Report Title: Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

Report By: **Katrina Silverson**
Scrutiny Officer

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

Recommendation(s)

1. That members note the report and consider any items that they would like to bring before the Committee

Reasons for Recommendations

To inform members of decisions taken by Cabinet since their last meeting on 28 May 2008

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 6 June 2008

(1) Item: Potential Jerwood Gallery on The Stade

Decision:

- (1) the Cabinet welcome the intention of Jerwood to invest in a Gallery in Hastings and publically commits itself to support the development of proposals based upon Option 'C' which has recently been consulted;

- (2) the Jerwood Foundation be reimbursed business rates for a future Gallery site, subject to the building remaining in use for this purpose;
- (3) the Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to spend up to £200k on the development of public elements of the scheme, funding bids and the development of full costed proposals to replace the current coach and lorry parking in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leaders of the two Opposition parties;
- (4) the Borough Solicitor to continue to work with the legal representatives of the Jerwood Foundation and Foreshore Trust to agree proposed legal vehicles which allow the granting of a lease to the Jerwood Foundation rent free to the Foundation and for the use of the remainder of the Stade site for the cultural and community purposes outlined in this report;
- (5) The Council use its best endeavours to put together with its partners a funding package that will deliver the wider regeneration discussed in this report. This will clearly be dependant upon the successful raising of external funding for this purpose;
- (6) the matter be formally reviewed by Cabinet at the point where planning permission for the Gallery is to be sought (anticipated as being December 2008) with a view to putting legal arrangements in place if a planning permission is granted, or earlier if possible; and
- (7) thanks be passed back to staff for their work so far in this project.

Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(2) Item: Area Based Grants Progress

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet note the content of the report;
- (2) Cabinet agree that £94,400 be allocated to support the continuation of the projects currently in receipt of interim funding, and such funding will cease on 30th September 2008; and
- (3) a further report identifying the initial recommendations of the Working Group be brought forward as quickly as possible, probably in July.



Responsible Officer: Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(3) Item: Pebsham Countryside Park - Development Strategy and Implementation Plan

Decision:

- (1) that Cabinet endorse the documents and supports their use as a foundation for the development of the Countryside Park.

Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Resort Services and Amenities

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(4) Item: Consultation Responses on Reviews of Sub National Economic Development and Regeneration

Decision:

- (1) the proposed response on the review of Sub National Economic Development and Regeneration be agreed; and
- (2) the response already made to the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) Select Committee about South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) action on the Coastal South East be noted.

Responsible Officer: Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(5) Item: Draft Community Cohesion Framework

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet approves the objectives set out in the draft framework and recommends it to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for adoption; and



(2) a Community Cohesion Steering Group be established, with nominations from the Local Strategic Partnership and its Theme Groups to support the development of a high level Action Plan.

Responsible Officer: Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(6) Item: East Hill Cliff Railway

Decision:

(1) that Cabinet support the proposed schedule of refurbishment works and authorise the spending of the Capital Programme budget for these works.

Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Resort Services and Amenities

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(7) Item: Coast Protection and Sea Defence Grant Update

Decision:

(1) Cabinet approves the capital spend for the proposed scheme, subject to final approval of the scheme and release of the grant from EA/DEFRA; and

(2) the potential for Capital Grant funding of future large scale schemes be explored with the EA and, in addition, small-scale funding be sought for further studies of Carlisle Parade and the Harbour Arm.

Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Resort Services and Amenities

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(8) Item: New Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

Decision:

(1) Members sign up to the draft Local Area Agreement submission as outlined in Appendix A of the report;



(2) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to resolve any outstanding issues to enable the LAA to be signed off by the end of June 2008; and

(3) Cabinet recommends to the Local Strategic Partnership that they sign up to the LAA as outlined in Appendix A, and suggests that the LSP delegate authority to the Chair to agree any outstanding issues to enable the LAA to be signed off by the end of June 2008.

Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

(9) Item: East Sussex Insulation and Renewable Energy Scheme

Decision:

(1) that approval be given to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Eastbourne Borough Council for the delivery of the East Sussex Insulation and Renewable Energy Scheme.

Responsible Officer: Andrew Palmer, Head of Housing Services

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(10) Item: Corporate Plan 2008/09 - 2010/11 Part III

Decision:

(1) the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be welcomed and included in the final draft;

(2) the additional Part II targets for Regeneration and Community Services be agreed;

(3) the Corporate Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11 Part III be approved for publication. (At 20th February Council, delegated authority was given to the Cabinet to approve the retrospective Part III); and

(4) the Chief Executive or his nominee be delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further amendments as necessary to Part III, prior to publication to improve the design, layout and to use non-technical, user-friendly language.



Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell

(11) Item: Community Assets Fund - Jackson Hall

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet note the actions of the Chief Executive under urgency powers in accepting the grant and conditions of grant offered by the Government's Community Asset programme; and
- (2) the Council commission professional advisors to draw up a costed capital delivery plan for the refurbishment of Jackson Hall, as the first part of design and contract-management for the refurbishment project.

Responsible Officer: Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(12) Item: Complaint Policy

Decision:

- (1) that Cabinet adopt the Policy.

Responsible Officer: Kevin Boorman, Head of Destination Management and Marketing

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(13) Item: Arboricultural Contracts

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet approves the award of the Arboricultural Contract to tender 4; and
- (2) Cabinet approves the award of the Young Tree Maintenance and Woodland Contract to tender 1.



Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Resort Services and Amenities

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(14) Item: Tressell Training

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet endorses the approach contained within the report which will bring Tressell staffing structures in line with future funding streams and contractual requirements;
- (2) a supplementary estimate of up to £68,000 be approved to fund the costs of necessary redundancies and restructuring;
- (3) the Deputy Chief Executive or his nominee make the necessary future decision to finalise staffing structures at Tressell in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration in line with the processes described in this report; and
- (4) Cabinet agrees that the decision is urgent and not subject to call-in for the purposes of Rule 29.15.h of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

Cabinet Meeting held on 7 July 2008

(1) Item: Management Response to the Scrutiny Review of Public Contact Arrangements; and a Petition on the Council's use of 0845 Numbers

Decision:

- (1) the management response to the final report of the public contact arrangements Scrutiny Review be agreed;
- (2) the Council continues to use 0845 numbers for the remainder of this financial year, but then moves to phasing them out and publishing geographic numbers from early 2009; and
- (3) those involved in the Scrutiny Review be thanked for their hard work.



Responsible Officer: Kevin Boorman, Head of Destination Management and Marketing

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(2) Item: Hastings and St Leonards Homelessness Strategy 2008-13

Decision:

- (1) the final strategy be approved by the Cabinet and adopted by the Council; and
- (2) the Council's Chief Executive or nominee, in consultation with the Lead Member, be given delegated authority to make any further necessary revisions to the document in advance of its publication before 31 July 2008

Responsible Officer: Andrew Palmer, Head of Housing Services

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(3) Item: Community Partnerships Fund Commissioning Process

Decision:

- (1) the outline commissions be approved; and
- (2) a report be submitted to the December 2008 Cabinet meeting recommending the allocation of Community Partnerships Funding.

Responsible Officer: Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(4) Item: Response to the East Sussex County Council Consultation on Future Strategy and Priorities of The Youth Development Service

Decision:

- (1) that the response contained in Appendix A to the report of the Head of Regeneration be agreed and submitted to the East Sussex County Council.



Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(5) Item: Area Based Grants

Decision:

- (1) a commissioning approach be adopted to deliver funds using Area Based Grants;
- (2) the following areas are agreed for the development of commissions with quantified targets relating to the outcomes that are sought: -
The provision of 18-25 year olds with vocational/employment skills and employment;
The provision of skills training and support into employment for Incapacity Benefit claimants not engaged through Job Centre Plus programmes;
Stimulating small employer productivity and business profitability and expansion to deliver increased employment opportunities;
The provision of supported work placements;
The provision of a job brokering service;
Additional support to pre-school leavers at risk of having 'No Education, Employment or Training' (NEETs) destination when leaving school;
Supporting employees and employers in helping people stay in employment rather than claiming Incapacity Benefit;
- (3) further discussions take place in order to identify the potential for using Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) to support further community involvement in the delivery of services and of the relationship between housing and worklessness; and
- (4) a further report detailing actual commissions proposed and further work to be developed is brought to Cabinet in September.

Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

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



Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	Yes
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	Yes
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No

Supporting Documents

Cabinet Minutes: 15 May, 9 June and 7 July 2008

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