

Agenda Item No: 8

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

Date of Meeting: 16 March 2009

Report Title: Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

Report By: Katrina Silverson
Scrutiny and Electoral Services 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 11 December 2008

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 1 December 2008

(1) Item: Refuse Collection & Recycling Scheme - Phase 2 Progress Report

Decision:

- (1) the progress report be noted;
- (2) the objections of the petitioners be noted; and
- (3) Helensdene Walk and Maudlin Court are considered suitable for inclusion in the twin bin scheme.

**Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director
Environmental Services**

Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker

(2) Item: The Economic Downturn And The Use Of Area Based Grants To Counter Recessionary Effects In Hastings

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet approves the special measures as proposed in this report; and
- (2) Cabinet continues to delegate responsibility for specific allocation of Area Based Grant to the Chief Executive or his nominee, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration.

**Responsible Officer: Monica Adams Acton, Head of Regeneration and
Community Services**

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(3) Item: Future Cities

Decision:

- (1) that the Chief Executive or his nominee, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Member, be authorised to accept the offer of £517,513 for a "Future Cities" project from the Interreg 4B programme on behalf of Hastings Borough Council, and enter into legal agreement to deliver the project outcomes.

Responsible Officer: Monica Adams Acton, Head of Regeneration and Community Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(4) Item: Hastings Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report

Decision:

- (1) that the Borough Council submits the Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State as required by Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and
- (2) minor amendments to the current draft of the Hastings Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2007/08 be delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee, in consultation with the appropriate Lead Member and Opposition Spokespersons.

Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Borough Planning Officer

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(5) Item: Pelham Footway Widening

Decision:

- (1) that the recommendations of the Traffic Management Committee in respect of the Traffic Orders associated with the Pelham Footway widening scheme be approved; and
- (2) the decision be treated as a matter of urgency for the purposes of call-in on the grounds that any delay is likely to seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director Environmental Services

Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker

(6) Item: Building Control Policy

Decision:

- (1) that the Building Control Policy be approved.

Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Borough Planning Officer

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

Cabinet Meeting held on 5 January 2009

(1) Item: Community Partnerships Fund

Decision:

(1) that Community Partnerships Fund of £457,240 in year 1 and £455,740 in year 2 (total over the two years of the programme: £912,980) be allocated in accordance with Appendices B and C to the report; and

(2) Small Grants (currently £10,000 over the year) and Community Transport Grant (currently £5,000 over the year) be ended.

Responsible Officer: Mary Denning, Strategic Manager Regeneration and Community Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(2) Item: Former Play Pathfinder - Update

Decision:

(1) that the Council proceed with the development of an Adventure Playground in the Ore Valley using the Play Pathfinder grant funding and to advise East Sussex County Council accordingly.

Responsible Officer: Martin Eтчells, Head of Leisure Services

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(3) Item: Rother District Council: Consultation on Strategic Directions

Decision:

(1) generally welcome the strategy direction being taken in the document;

(2) express disappointment that the co-ordinated development option for Bexhill and the Hastings fringes had been rejected, which appears to conflict with the understanding between the two authorities of the need for joint working;

(3) seek unequivocal support for the allocation of land in Rother on Battle Road to facilitate the wider Breadsell Farm development;

(4) request that a more challenging target in excess of 500 dwellings be investigated at Wilting Farm and indicate that it is not considered reasonable to make the development of 200 dwellings dependent on the new station. It is requested that the investigation be undertaken jointly by Rother District Council and Hastings Borough Council;

(5) request that the relationship between Battle and Hastings is more fully recognised; and

(6) advise Rother of the potential inconsistency with regard to the inclusion of strategic gap policies between Hastings and Bexhill and Battle and Hastings.

Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Borough Planning Officer

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

(4) Item: Review Of Dog Control Orders

Decision:

(1) that Cabinet acknowledges the effectiveness of the Dog Control Orders;

(2) Cabinet agrees that the orders will continue in their present form and that certain trouble spots will be kept under review and subjected to targeted enforcement for a further period. Changes to the orders may be considered in the future if necessary; and

(3) Cabinet finds that the Motion to Cabinet has been and will continue to be addressed by the enforcement activities of Environmental Community Officers and Rangers, as described in this report.

**Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director
Environmental Services**

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

Cabinet Meeting held on 15 January 2009

(1) Item: Draft Corporate Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12

Decision:

(1) that the first draft of the Corporate Plan which set out the proposed areas of activity and investment for 2009/10 – 2011/12 be approved for consultation.

Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(2) Item: Revenue Budgets 2008/9 (Revised) and 2009/10 plus Capital Programme 2008/9 to 2011/12

Decision:

That the following be approved for the purposes of public consultation:-

- (1) approve the Revised Revenue budget for 2008-9 (Appendix A to the report);
- (2) approve the draft 2009/10 Revenue (Appendix A to the report) and Capital budgets 2008/9 (revised) to 2011/12;
- (3) transfer from the General Reserve, £200,000 of the surplus achieved in 2007/8 to the Industrial Development Reserve (to fund legal fees associated with the Foreshore Trust) and £165,000 to the Renewal and Repairs Reserve;
- (4) agree the proposed expenditure from the Renewal and Repairs Reserve and Information Technology Reserve (Appendices J and I to the report respectively) and those items from other reserves shown in Appendix H to the report that can proceed without further reference to Cabinet;
- (5) approve the revised Land Disposal Programme. (Appendix L to the report) and agree that disposals can be brought forward if market conditions make it sensible to do so; and
- (6) agree that schemes marked with an asterisk in the Capital Programme can proceed without further reference to Cabinet or Council

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(3) Item: Council Tax Base 2009-10

Decision:

- (1) that the Council Tax base for the year 2009-10 shall be 29,117.

Responsible Officer: Peter Grace, Head of Financial Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

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	Yes

Supporting Documents

Cabinet Minutes: 1 December 2008, 5 January and 15 January 2009

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