

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

**Date of Meeting:** 10 June 2009

**Report Title:** Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

**Report By:** Katrina Silverson  
Scrutiny and Electoral Services Officer

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### **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

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### **Recommendation(s)**

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

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

To inform members of decisions taken by Cabinet since their last meeting on 16 March 2009

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## Background

### Cabinet Meeting held on 12 February 2009

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

**Decision:**

- (1) the content of the document attached to the report of the Chief Executive form the basis of the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12 subject to the proviso that any significant amendments made to the Council's draft Budget in agenda item 6 be reflected in the final Corporate Plan text;
- (2) the Chief Executive be given delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader of the Council and both Opposition Group Leaders, to make further revisions as is considered necessary to the Corporate Plan prior to publication to reflect decisions made on the Council's Budget, to improve the design, layout and to use non-technical, user-friendly language and to incorporate comments on the additional text circulated at the meeting;
- (3) the Plan attached to the report(subject to revisions as referred to in recommendations 1 and 2) be used in the production of a Summary to be circulated to local households together with Council Tax information by 31st March 2009;
- (4) Part III of the Corporate Plan be produced by the deadline of 30th June 2009, to include a retrospective year-end report on performance and the actual Performance Indicator information for 2008/09; that this information be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in May, prior to consideration by the Cabinet on 15th June 2009; and that the Council be asked to delegate authority to the Cabinet meeting on 15th June 2009 to agree Part III; and
- (5) all who submitted views as part of the consultation process be thanked for their contributions and that staff members involved in the consultation process be thanked for their hard work.

**Responsible Officer: Roy Mawford, Chief Executive**

**Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell**

### Cabinet Meeting held on 2 March 2009

**(1) Item: Motion to Cabinet - Joining the Commonwealth Local Government Forum**

**Decision:**

- (1) that Hastings Borough Council joins the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch**

**(2) Item: Review of Policy Developments Around Worklessness, Economic Development and Inclusion and the Implementation of the Sustainable Communities Act 2007**

**Decision:**

- (1) the contents of the report be noted;
- (2) the Council continue to press for economic development and inclusion structures and funding to be focused at the most local appropriate level;
- (3) Hastings Council affirms its belief that it is an appropriate local authority through which national and regional initiatives around worklessness together with economic and social inclusion should be delivered, set in a wider regional and local strategic framework;
- (4) the Council write to all District and Borough Councils raising the need to continue to call for economic duties to be shared by first and second tier local Councils in Shire Counties as argued by the Local Government Association. These views to be communicated to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government;
- (5) a members briefing is arranged when details of proposed regional structures in the South East are clearer;
- (6) the Council “opt in” to the operation of the Sustainable Communities Act;
- (7) arrangements for setting up of a Representative panel of local persons to consider potential proposals are delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Leader of the Council or his nominee, and the Leaders of the opposition parties or their nominees; and
- (8) a detailed response to the Government's consultation on the production of public spending reports to be produced under the Sustainable Communities Act is delegated to Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Leader of the Council or his nominee, and the Leaders of the opposition parties or their nominees.

**Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning**

**Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock**

### **(3) Item: Area Based Grant Proposals and Recommendations**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) the interventions already supported by Area Based Grant be noted;
- (2) the key factors affecting the use of Area Based Grant, the outcome of the assessment process and the comments of the Hastings and Bexhill Economic Alliance Executive Group in relation to new proposals for Area Based Grant investment be noted;
- (3) the implementation of the interventions and the allocation of Area Based Grant budgets be approved as set out in Appendices C and F to the report of the Head of Regeneration and Community Services; and
- (4) Hastings Area Based Grant Advisory Group be thanked for their advice and work.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock**

### **(4) Item: Transfer of Tressell Training to Sussex Coast College Hastings**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) the transfer of Tressell Training to the College and the associated expenditure be approved as set out in the report;
- (2) in view of the Chief Executive's position as a member of the College corporation, the Deputy Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to conclude the legal agreements necessary to effect the acquisition of Tressell Training, its employees, existing funding contracts and other assets by the College on 1st April 2009 or as soon thereafter as the legal agreements can be completed;
- (3) the drawing up and agreement of a lease to the College in relation to Jackson Hall be approved; and
- (4) staff involved with the negotiation of the transfer of Tressell Training to the college be thanked for their work in reaching this satisfactory position and the Tressell Training staff and students be thanked for the success of the project.

**Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning**

**Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock**

## **Cabinet Meeting held on 30 March 2009**

### **(1) Item: Stade Improvements**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) authority is granted to the Chief Executive or his nominee to seek tenders and approve a successful contractor, in consultation with the Council Leader and Leaders of the Opposition Groups or their nominees, within a total scheme cost of £4.7m;
- (2) a programme of cultural development and engagement is begun to ensure community and artist involvement in the future programme on the Stade and elsewhere on the seafront;
- (3) subject to planning permission and satisfactory tenders the scheme is taken forward to completion; and
- (4) normal tendering requirements are waived in respect of project management and Sea Space be engaged to manage the delivery of the scheme, subject to satisfactory negotiations being completed. [Note: normal procedures to be followed for the construction projects].

**Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration and Planning**

**Lead Member: Councillor Peter Pragnell**

### **(2) Item: Community Asset Transfer - Jackson Hall**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) spending of £713,194 on refurbishment of Jackson Hall be authorised, to be fully funded by Community Assets Programme capital grant;
- (2) up to £70,000 of this total to be spent in the 2009-10 financial year, and the balance in 2010-11;
- (3) architects be commissioned to take forward detailed design, tender and construction process for this work; and
- (4) a lease agreement in line with Cabinet decision (8th Sept 2008) be completed.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke**

### **(3) Item: Community Cohesion Framework and Action Plan**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) Cabinet approve the Community Cohesion Framework and Action plan 2009/11, with its focus on the role and activities of the Council in leading the agenda for Hastings and St Leonards;
- (2) the Local Strategic Partnership is asked to re-nominate the Community Cohesion Steering Group to monitor progress of the Action plan and to ensure integration with other aspects of Cohesion delivery responsibilities; and
- (3) the Chief Executive, or his nominee, is authorised to make minor amendments or corrections to the framework and action plan in consultation with the Lead Member and the appropriate Shadow Lead Members from the opposition parties.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke**

### **(4) Item: -Hastings Local Development Framework - Revision of the Local Development Scheme**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) Cabinet approves the revised Local Development Scheme;
- (2) authority is delegated to the Corporate Director of Regeneration & Planning to agree any minor amendments to the Local Development Scheme in consultation with the Lead Member; and
- (3) the revised Local Development Scheme shall have effect from the 27 April 2009, provided that no direction or notice is received from the Government Office for the South East on behalf of the Secretary of State.

**Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Borough Planning Officer**

**Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock**

### **(5) Item: Building and Public Convenience Cleaning Contract**

#### **Decision:**

- (1) Cabinet supports the proposed joint procurement approach and that an in-house bid is not appropriate in this case;
- (2) the proposed joint procurement timetable be approved as a matter of urgency;

- (3) the period of the contract should be 5 (five) years or 7 (Seven) years with no provision for an extension;
- (4) the Chief Executive and/or his nominee be authorised to invite tenders for the procurement of services associated with the cleaning of Buildings and Public Conveniences within the Borough of Hastings; and
- (5) the Chief Executive and/or his nominee be authorised to approve the successful tender in consultation with Lead member and lead opposition spokes persons.

**Responsible Officer: Colin Mee, Head of Waste and Recycling**

**Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker**

### **Cabinet Meeting held on 27 April 2009**

#### **(1) Item: Communal Bin Consultation Results**

##### **Decision:**

- (1) the implementation of a communal bin scheme over the whole of the consultation area is not progressed;
- (2) officers be requested to carry out further negotiations with the contractor to test the financial viability of a partial communal bin scheme in central areas of Hastings and central areas of St Leonards including the seafront where there is stronger support for the scheme;
- (3) if the financial viability of this smaller scheme can be demonstrated and if agreement to do so can be reached with our contractor, a communal bin small scale trial be conducted and evaluated in consultation with the residents involved;
- (4) a further report be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting setting out the results of the trial, an assessment of the financial viability of a partial scheme and the recommended course of action;
- (5) officers be requested to investigate alternative arrangements for the remaining weekly collection areas, particularly the Old Town; and
- (6) The officers who had undertaken and reported on the consultation exercise be thanked.

**Responsible Officer: Colin Mee, Head of Waste and Recycling**

**Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker**

**(2) Item: Scrutiny Review of the Effectiveness of CCTV as a Crime Deterrent - Management Response**

**Decision:**

- (1) the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Review be acknowledged and the review team be thanked for their comprehensive report;
- (2) the management response and actions proposed be approved; and
- (3) the amended Action Plan be approved as set out in Appendix A to the management response.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker**

**(3) Item: Area Based Structures**

**Decision:**

- (1) Cabinet reaffirms its support for the principle of continued area based structures as agreed in the Council's Corporate Plan and budget.;
- (2) Council officers continue to work with elected Members, the community and partner organisations to improve the effectiveness of area structures supported by the Council and those of partner organisations;
- (3) a cross party Working Group of elected Members consider specific proposals for the future shape of area based structures and effective community engagement in the context of the Council's inclusion and cohesion priorities and commitment to partnership with the community. The Working Party to be chaired by the Lead Member together with the nominee of each of the 3 group leaders on the Council;
- (4) Cabinet directs Council officers to work with the existing Neighbourhood Forums and the successor structure to the Greater Hollington Partnership (GHP) Board to ensure that the Council's priorities and objectives in regard to cohesion and worklessness are supported through these structures; and
- (5) the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is consulted before any final consideration by Cabinet of revised structures.

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

**Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke**



## 1. Background Paragraph

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### **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

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### **Area(s) Affected**

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

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### **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	Yes
Environmental Issues	Yes
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	Yes
Organisational Consequences	Yes

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### **Supporting Documents**

Cabinet Minutes: 2 March, 30 March and 27 April 2009

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