

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

Date of Meeting: 21 September 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 21 September 2009

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 2 November 2009

(1) Item: Sustainable Community Strategy – key targets refresh update

Decision:

- (1) the Community Strategy Steering Group, Thematic Partnerships and Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) be thanked for their contributions to the refresh process;
- (2) the proposed Sustainable Community Strategy targets for 2010/11 and 2012/13 be agreed as set out in appendix A under authority delegated by the Council on 29th July 2009; and
- (3) the outstanding targets be brought to the next meeting of the LSP and Cabinet for consideration and approval.

Responsible Officer: Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy and Performance

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(2) Item: Stade Improvements – impact on coach and car parking

Decision:

- (1) Cabinet acknowledges that, properly managed, the impact of the proposed changes on the town's coach business would be minimal; and
- (2) Cabinet notes that the Stade improvements were expected to generate 112 net new jobs, and some additional £9.5m spend per annum for the local economy. It believes that the scheme will bring significant economic benefits to Hastings and the sub-region, especially, but not confined to, the Old Town.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

(3) Item: Response of Hastings Borough Council to East Sussex County Council's proposal for two new academies in Hastings

Decision:

(1) Cabinet considers that the regeneration of Hastings will be impaired if the performance of all its schools does not continue to improve. It therefore awaits with interest the results of the formal consultations on the closure of the three secondary schools and their replacement by two academies. Educational attainment is seen by Hastings Borough Council as key to the continuing regeneration and prosperity of the town. The continued support for the remaining two state secondary schools in the area must be enhanced to provide genuine choice to parents and students in the town and to contribute to the regeneration of the town;

(2) should the Academy proposals be taken forward the Academy sponsors are asked to ensure that the Borough Council and other stakeholders are positively engaged in the process of developing the educational and pastoral offer which will underpin the new Academies and in regularly monitoring their progress; and

(3) similarly Cabinet urges the sponsors to ensure the widest involvement of parents, students, the community and partners in the governance of the Academies.

Responsible Officer: Mary Denning, Regeneration & Community Services

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Lock

**(4) Item: Management Response To The Overview And Scrutiny
Review Of Webcasting**

Decision:

- (1) the Review team be thanked for their comprehensive report;
- (2) the provision of an accessible Committee Room and its associated audio-visual links from the council chamber should be noted and welcomed;
- (3) a DVD recorder should be introduced into the link to Committee Room 3 and meetings recorded to provide a historical archive;
- (4) all meetings of Full Council, Cabinet and Planning Committee will be recorded in full on DVD;
- (5) meeting DVDs will be available for purchase by members of the public;
- (6) an archive of DVDs will be maintained by the Scrutiny and Democratic Services team;
- (7) an archive of two months' meetings will be made available on the Council's website for all Cabinet agenda items and Planning Committee items attracting petition;
- (8) the new facility will be well publicised; and
- (9) the system should be trialled for six months, with a review after the 2010 Borough elections.

Responsible Officer: Neil Dart, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(5) Item: Regulation 7 Direction – Estate Agents’ Boards

Decision:

that the making of the Direction be welcomed and a policy of not granting consent to any applications for estate agents boards made under the Town and Country Planning (Advertisement Regulations) 2007 be adopted within the area of the Direction, except in the most exceptional circumstances.

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(6) Item: WASTE RECYCLING COST SHARING AGREEMENT

Decision:

(1) the Chief Executive or his nominee be authorised to enter into a new multilateral agreement with East Sussex County Council and the Borough and District Councils of East Sussex for the payment of recycling credits and additional performance related financial reimbursement; and

(2) the continuing development of partnership working be supported as summarised at Appendix B to the report.

Responsible Officer: Richard Homewood, Corporate Director, Environment and Leisure Services.

Lead Member: Councillor Roy Tucker

Cabinet Meeting held on 13 July 2009

(1) Item: Sustainable Communities Act Proposals

Decision:

(1) proposers, organisations and Panel members be thanked for their contributions;

(2) submission of Proposal No. 3 to request the Government to enact legislation to enable the transfer of Highway Authority powers to District Councils in respect of on street parking as set out in paragraph 22 of the report be approved and that the other proposals be further discussed over the next 12 months; and

(3) the Chief Executive be delegated authority to submit the proposal to the Local Government Association, under the Sustainable Communities Act by the deadline of 31st July 2009.

Responsible Officer: Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy and Performance

Lead Member: Councillor Matthew Beaver

(2) Item: Hastings and Bexhill Economic Development And Inclusion Strategy

Decision:

- (1) the strategy be adopted as appended to the report;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee to make any further minor amendments to the Strategy; and
- (3) an implementation plan be brought forward to a future Cabinet meeting following consideration by the Hastings and Bexhill Economic Alliance.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Cooke

(3) Item: Kent Route Utilisation Strategy Draft for Consultation

Decision:

- (1) Hastings Borough Council formally responds to Network Rail's Kent Route Utilisation Strategy Draft for Consultation objecting in the strongest possible terms to the proposed withdrawal of all direct trains between Hastings and Cannon Street from 2015, and to the suggestion that peak trains between Hastings and Charing Cross be reduced from twelve coaches to eight from that date;
- (2) Hastings Borough Council works with other local authorities, MPs and opinion-formers, including the Task Force and the A21 Reference Group, representing those stations on the Hastings line (Frant and south thereof) likely to be affected, to galvanise opposition to the proposed train cuts; and
- (3) Hastings Borough Council seeks an urgent meeting with Lord Adonis, Secretary of State for Transport, to emphasise the importance of the area's peak service to/from London, and the effect on the local economy if this service is worsened. This is in the context of the better train service being offered from elsewhere in the south-east, especially the high-speed domestic services scheduled to operate between St Pancras

International and Kent from December 2009. Other interested partners from East Sussex (e.g. as identified in Resolution 2) be invited to join the meeting.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

Cabinet Meeting held on 10 August 2009

(1) Item: Ore Valley – Adventure Playground

Decision:

(1) funding of up to the amount set out in the report be approved to support the acquisition of land in the Ore Valley by Sea Space, on the basis that it will be reimbursed from Millennium Community programme funds, in order to enable delivery of the adventure playground by the end of 2009/10; and

(2) this decision is considered urgent for the purposes of call-in under Rule 29.15.h Rules of Procedure.

Responsible Officer: Richard Peters, Corporate Director Community Well-Being

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Finch

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	Yes
Environmental Issues	Yes

Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	Yes
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Supporting Documents

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

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