

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR SERVICES
18 NOVEMBER 2010**

Present: Councillors Bird, Cartwright (in the Chair), Dowling,
Gurney, Turner and Wilson

Lead Members in attendance: Councillors Birch, Chowney, Kramer,
Scott and Webb

Apologies were received from Councillor Stevens and Jane Hartnell.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

14. MINUTES

Councillor Kramer noted that there were two amendments to be made to the minutes. Councillor Chowney had been present at the meeting, although he was omitted from the minutes. Also at minute 10, Councillor Kramer had represented the Borough Council at the East Sussex County Council Cabinet meeting, not the County Council.

RESOLVED that following the amendments to the minutes as stated above, the minutes of the meeting on 20 September be approved as a true record

15. PROPOSALS FOR NEW PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

This item had been moved up the agenda with the agreement of the committee.

Mark Horan, Policy and Partnerships Officer, presented the report. This updated members on proposals for improving performance reporting in light of the review of Corporate Planning functions, together with discussions with Overview and Scrutiny members.

Mark Horan explained that from Quarter Three, the reports submitted would be authored by Corporate Directors and would be similar to the current format, but would not contain detailed Performance Indicator (PIs) information. This meant that the quarterly PIs would only be published electronically.

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Councillor Cartwright raised concerns that those PIs that were 'On target with risks identified' would not be included and therefore overlooked by the committee. Members agreed that they wished to see reported any PIs that held significant risks.

Members also agreed that they would like to see the same level of detail in future Directors' reports as written in the current ones.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. comments from the committee in relation to the new Performance Management Arrangements be acknowledged; and**
- 2. the report be noted.**

16. QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

This item had been moved up the agenda with the agreement of the committee.

Mark Horan, Policy and Partnerships Officer, presented the Corporate Plan Part III.

The report advised Members of the Quarter Two performance by the staff in Environmental Services, Regeneration and Planning and Community Well-being Directorates against the 2010/11 targets in Part II and Part III of the Corporate Plan, with related budget and risk issues.

Members discussed the cost-effectiveness of UK Planning website, demolition works on the Pier, the proposed new Contact Centre and the progression of works on the Stade redevelopment.

Councillor Bird made particular reference to the Area Based Grants (ABG) in respect of monitoring the beneficiary businesses. Monica Adams-Acton, Head of Regeneration and Community Services explained that the ABG was due to end in March 2011; she agreed to report back to the committee on the programme.

The committee also asked for an update with regard to the management of Parking Services in Hastings. Richard Homewood explained that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) had decided to market-test Parking Enforcement, prior to making a decision as to whether or not to bring the service back under ESCC control. The contracts for Hastings, Eastbourne and Lewes Parking Enforcement would be open to tender and Hastings

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Borough Council would have an opportunity to bid. The committee suggested that the council bid for all three contracts if possible. Members also asked that everyone involved in this be thanked for their work during a particularly difficult time.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. staff in the Regeneration Homes & Communities and Environmental Services Directorates be thanked for their hard work and achievements in this quarter; and**
- 2. the Committee be assured that action is being taken to improve any shortfalls in performance and/or to address risks highlighted.**

17. UPDATE ON SCRUTINY REVIEW OF LEISURE AND YOUTH FACILITIES

Councillor Westley gave a verbal update on the scrutiny review of Leisure and Youth Facilities, currently being undertaken.

The review team had visited several prominent local organisations in order to see first hand which organisations were providing what types of facility for young people. Members had consulted with the Youth Forum and gauged their opinions on current facilities.

Progressing through the review, members had asked for current funding streams and how the proposed cuts would impact on leisure facilities.

The committee also agreed to stay with the current four members of the review team, deciding not to fill the vacancy left by Councillor Barlow since his departure from Overview and Scrutiny to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

18. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

Katrina Silverson, Scrutiny and Electoral Services Officer, presented a report on the recent Cabinet Decisions made since the last formal meeting, highlighting areas that fell within the Committee's remit.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.26pm)

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