

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

Date of Meeting: 18 November 2010

Report Title: Monitoring the Implementation of Cabinet Decisions

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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

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 20 September 2010.

Background

Cabinet Meeting held on 13 September 2010

28. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SEWERAGE CAPACITY - MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Decision:

- (1) the Scrutiny Review Team be thanked for their report; and
- (2) the Action Plan be approved.

Responsible Officer: Simon Hubbard, Corporate Director Regeneration, Homes and Communities

Lead Member: Councillor Phil Scott

29. HASTINGS YOUTH COUNCIL AND SENIORS' FORUM

Decision:

- (1) the Youth and Senior Participation Officer post be continued, with funding, for the next 3 years (with effect from April 2011) using the allocated VAT receipts set aside for the support of young and older people;
- (2) £25,000 of the monies set aside for young people is to be used for enhancement of the skate park at White Rock Gardens; and
- (3) the balance of the funding to be the subject of further consultation with young and older people to cost and further develop other priorities they had identified.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

30. JERWOOD GALLERY – CHARGING FOR ADMISSION

Decision:

- (1) it be noted that the lease for the Stade land had been agreed with the Jerwood Foundation, and that the gallery will charge 'affordable' admission fees to members of the public (£5, subject to HM Revenue & Customs approval) and offer concessions; and

(2) the fact that the Jerwood Gallery will in addition offer a special reduced price for Hastings residents (£2, subject to HM Revenue & Customs approval) be welcomed.

Responsible Officer: Kevin Boorman, Head of Communications and Marketing

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Chowney

31. COMMUNITY SAFETY REVIEW

Decision:

(1) the proposals for changes to the community safety partnership structures and the supporting functions as set out in the body of the report and its appendices be supported, subject to:

- a) the implementation of new structures being put back from January 2011 to April 1st 2011;
- b) the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership [ESSCP] re-examining and reassuring itself that the time allocated for staff support for Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership [CDRP] support is adequate;
- c) there being provision for a County Council elected member to sit on the District/Borough level CDRP;
- d) proposing to the ESSCP that the 2 new Community Safety Support Officers be given geographical responsibility on an East/West basis for the support of CDRPs in the county, and that Hastings & Rother is an appropriate basis for the East area. That consideration be given to locating the East area post within Hastings;
- e) clearly stating the Council's expectations that future allocation of resources by the Partnership should reflect the continued requirement to respond to the impact of high crime levels on Hastings residents and the town's regeneration programme;

(2) the Council will contribute £8,000 towards the cost of providing staffing support for district partnership structures in 2011-12 subject to the budget making process;

(3) a decision on any request for a contribution towards the cost of administering thematic and central functions required to sustain community partnership working be delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee in consultation with the Lead Member for Communities; and

(4) subsequent annual contributions from this Council to support joint partnership working be subject to satisfactory administration and overall performance of the new structures and the Council's own annual budget decisions.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Phil Scott

32. DOG CONTROL ORDERS – ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROTHER DISTRICT

Decision:

that arrangements be entered into with Rother District Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. Any person duly authorised by Hastings Borough Council is thereby also authorised by Rother District Council to take any steps necessary for, or incidental to, the discharge of the enforcement function in relation to any Dog Control Order in force on any land occupied by Hastings Borough Council and located within Rother District. Such arrangements will include indemnification by Hastings Borough Council in respect of any claim or costs thereby arising. Hastings Borough Council will retain any fixed penalty or other income arising out of the exercise of these powers.

Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Amenities, Waste and Leisure

Lead Member: Councillor Phil Scott

33. BUILDING CONTROL POLICY REVIEW AND CHARGES UPDATE

Decision:

- (1) the Building Control policy be approved;
- (2) the scheme of charges be adopted except for the actual charges; and
- (3) determination of appropriate charges for the scheme of charges be delegated to the Chief Executive or his nominee acting in consultation with the Lead Member.

Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Borough Planning Officer

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Chowney

Cabinet Meeting held on 11 October 2010

40. CULTURAL REGENERATION STRATEGY

Decision:

- (1) the responses be endorsed and the strategy be adopted subject to amendments which had been informed by the consultation;
- (2) the Chief Executive (or nominee) be authorised to finalise the strategy in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration and Planning; and

(3) the development of an Implementation Plan and its presentation to a future Cabinet meeting for approval be noted.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Peter Chowney

The reason for this decision was:

The Cultural Regeneration Strategy was a priority for the Council. The development of an implementation plan would follow on from the adoption of the strategy and would be informed by the consultation.

41. AREA MANAGEMENT BOARDS CHAIRS / CHAMPIONS REPORT

Decision:

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the report be also considered by the Local Strategic Partnership; and
- (3) the concerns of residents be noted and continue to be addressed.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

The reason for this decision was:

Cabinet agreed in November 2009 to consider regular reports from the Area Management Boards.

42. MUSEUMS SERVICE FORWARD PLAN

Decision:

that the draft Museums forward plan be adopted.

Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Amenities, Waste and Leisure

Lead Member: Councillor Trevor Webb

The reason for this decision was:

This Forward Plan, which built upon the earlier 2006-2009 Plan, reflected upon the achievements of those years and set out aspirations for the next Plan period. The document was a requirement of the Museums Accreditation Scheme in order to maintain our accredited status. As an accredited Museums service, we were able to obtain loans of artefacts and collections from other museums and were eligible for various grant programmes which were only open to accredited institutions. The draft Forward Plan was developed in consultation with the Museums Committee and was fully supported by them.

43. COMMUNITY COHESION FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN

Decision:

- (1) the good progress made in delivering the Community Cohesion Action Plan 2010/11 be noted; and
- (2) the suggested changes to the plan be approved and the greater involvement of partners in the delivery of the plan for 2011/12 be noted.

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

Lead Member: Councillor Jay Kramer

The reason for this decision was:

To further the Local Strategic Partnership's and the Council's Community Cohesion objectives and to ensure a wide level of community and partner engagement in the delivery process.

45. COMMISSIONING OF NEW ADAPTATIONS SERVICES

Decision:

- (1) the Council seeks to establish a Housing Solutions Service within East Sussex;
- (2) the Council jointly procures a new adaptations services contract that will run for a period of 2 years, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years, together with the other participating district and borough councils and the County Council;

(3) the Chief Executive or his nominee is delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council or his nominee, to award the contract to the most economically advantageous tender; and

(4) any decision made in regards to these recommendations are considered as urgent for the purposes of the Council's rules on Call-In.

Responsible Officer: Andrew Palmer, Head of Housing Services

Lead Member: Councillor Trevor Webb

The reason for this decision was:

The current Home Improvement contract covering Hastings and Rother Council areas terminated at the end of March 2011. A similar contract between Wealden and Lewes District Councils and Anchor Housing Association would also end at the end of the current financial year.

Partners had taken the opportunity to review service provision across the county and had drawn up proposals for alternative services aimed at improving value for money. In order that continuity of service provision was achieved it was necessary that new arrangements were in place by the 1st April 2011.

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: 13 September and 11 October 2010

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