

**Agenda Item No:** 6

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

**Date of Meeting:** 29 May 2012

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

**Report By:** Mark Horan  
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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 16th February 2012

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## Cabinet meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### 100. HASTINGS LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED SUBMISSION PLANNING STRATEGY

#### Decisions:

- (1) the Submission Draft of the Hastings Planning Strategy as appended to the report of the Borough Planning Officer be approved subject to the following: - The Director of Regeneration, Homes and Communities or his nominee, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, be delegated authority to make final alterations to the Submission Draft;
- (2) the Sustainability Appraisal be accepted as appended to the report and the recommended actions in response to its recommendations be agreed as set out in Appendix C to the report; and
- (3) the Submission Draft of the Planning Strategy, together with supporting background documents including the Sustainability Assessment, be published in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations, for a period of 12 weeks, to allow individuals to make representations on its content.

**Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Strategic Planning Manager**

**Lead Member: Councillor Peter Chowney**

The reason for these decisions was:

To proceed with the formal preparation process of the Planning Strategy in accordance with agreed timescales.

### 106. ORE VALLEY URBAN DESIGN CODES

#### Decisions:

- (1) the Ore Valley Hastings Millennium Community Urban Design Codes be rescinded and the document no longer be used for development control purposes and as a basis for consideration of planning applications;
- (2) the green space within the Ore Valley Urban Design Codes area will continue to be protected by planning policies contained in the existing Local Plan and similar policies in the emerging Local Plan; and
- (3) a review of the policies contained in the Ore Valley Urban Design Codes will be undertaken to determine the extent to which they should be incorporated in the policies of the new Development Management Plan.

**Responsible Officer: Tim Cookson, Strategic Planning Manager**

**Lead Member: Councillor Peter Chowney**

The reason for these decisions was:

It was considered that there was a strong case for withdrawing the Ore Valley Urban Design Codes for the reasons set out in the report.

## **107. ADOPTION OF NEW ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT AND RULES**

### **Decisions:**

- (1) Cabinet adopt the new Tenancy Agreement and Rules to come into effect for existing tenants on 1st April 2013 and for new tenants immediately;
- (2) Officers undertake an allotment rent review in consultation with Site Secretaries and tenants during 2012;
- (3) Officers consider options for future management of allotments during 2012;
- (4) Cabinet thank the Site Secretaries of the Allotments for their positive contribution to developing the new Agreement and Rules and recognise the many positive contributions received from allotment holders.

**Responsible Officer: Virginia Gilbert, Head of Amenities, Resorts and Leisure**

**Lead Member: Councillor Emily Westley**

### The reason for these decisions was:

The Council's Corporate Plan for 2011/12 included a commitment to review allotment arrangements in the Borough;

Our current Tenancy Agreement was poorly worded and did not adequately clarify our expectations on levels of cultivation, provide sufficient clarity over enforcement or allow us to review rents above inflation; and

The current tenancy agreement required 12 months' notice for changes to take effect therefore requiring Cabinet to adopt the new Tenancy Agreement in March 2012 in time to send to every tenant on or before the 6th April 2012 to become effective in April 2013.

## **108. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Management Committee held on 15 February 2012 were submitted.

Decision:

- (2) that the recommendations contained in minutes nos. 8 and 9 be approved.

These recommendations can be viewed via the following link:

[http://www.hastings.gov.uk/static/meetings\\_docs/120215~trafficman\\_c~minutes~Traffic\\_Management\\_Committee\\_\(15-02-12\) - Minutes.htm](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/static/meetings_docs/120215~trafficman_c~minutes~Traffic_Management_Committee_(15-02-12) - Minutes.htm)

**Responsible Officer: Mike Hepworth, Head of Environmental Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Philip Scott**

### The reason for this decision was:

To improve traffic flow and safety of motorists and pedestrians within the Borough

**Cabinet meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012**

## **112. MOTION TO CABINET ABOUT IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP ISSUES**

### **Decisions:**

- (1) it is recognised that there are continuing problems caused by irresponsible dog ownership in Hastings as in most urban areas of the country;
- (2) the range of proactive interventions for dealing with the results of irresponsible dog ownership currently made by the Council's generic Warden Service and the range of new initiatives included in the Corporate Plan for 2012 / 2013 be acknowledged; and
- (3) those interventions and new initiatives for dealing with dogs off leads and irresponsible dog ownership issues are appropriate and proportionate, and that the reinstatement of a stand alone dog warden service would not offer any additional benefits and is neither desirable nor sustainable in the current economic climate.

**Responsible Officer: Mike Hepworth, Head of Environmental Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Philip Scott**

### The reason for these decisions was:

The Council had developed a range of interventions and initiatives to address issues arising from irresponsible dog ownership and that the dog control interventions and initiatives integrated into the generic Warden Service provided a better, more wide ranging and cost effective service than was previously provided using a small stand alone dog warden service.

## **113. JOINT WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Decisions:**

- 1) Hastings Borough Council reaffirms its commitment to continue with the principle of charging for green waste collections;
- (2) an initial Expression of Interest is submitted to the Supporting Weekly Collections fund in respect of food waste only; and the matter of food waste be explored further during the next stage of procurement so that a further report can be made in May, subject to costs of this service not adversely affecting the overall cost of contract;
- (3) across the Partnership area kerbside-sorting, contract-wide co-mingled, and contract-wide two-stream are the only recycling collection schemes for which detailed pricing is sought at Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ISDS) stage and that the final choice of dry recycling system shall be the most economically advantageous option offered by the Contractor that is awarded the contract following Final Tenders;
- (4) the proposed interim arrangements for the collection of recyclates from bring sites be approved, subject to amended agreements with current suppliers for the period leading up to the start date of the new Joint Waste Collection Contract (3rd. July 2013) or such other agreed later operational start date for this service; and
- (5) A 7 day working week be supported in principle but that start and finish times on Sundays are restricted.

**Responsible Officer: Mike Hepworth, Head of Environmental Services**

**Lead Member: Councillor Philip Scott**

The reason for these decisions was:

To confirm various principles to be incorporated into the specification for the Joint Waste Contract and to enable the current arrangements for the collection of recyclate (glass, plastics and cans) from bring sites to continue until the commencement of the new Joint Waste contract on 3 July 2013.

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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
Local People's Views	Yes

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**Background Information**

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