

CABINET

2 MARCH 2015

Present: Councillors Birch (Chair), Chowney (Vice-Chair), Cartwright, Forward, Hodges, Poole, Atkins and Pragnell

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest in the minutes:

Councillor	Minute Number	Interest
Pragnell	72 – Hastings and St Leonards Play Space Strategy Refresh	Personal – he is a member of the board of the Combe Valley Countryside Park Community Interest Company

70. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2015 AND THE BUDGET CABINET MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 and the Budget Cabinet meeting held on 16 February 2015 be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record

RESOLVED that chair called over the items on the agenda, under rule 13.3 the recommendations set out in minute number 72 were agreed without being called for discussion

MATTERS FOR CABINET DECISION

71. HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS PLAY SPACE STRATEGY REFRESH

The Leisure Development Manager presented a report on the refreshed Hastings and St Leonards Play Space Strategy, including proposed actions, for Cabinet to consider.

The council had a longstanding commitment to enabling children and young people to enjoy their right to play. The Hastings and St Leonards Play Space Strategy, which was produced in partnership with AmicusHorizons Ltd and Orbit Housing Association, had last been updated in 2011.

A comprehensive audit of the town's play facilities had been undertaken. Since 2011, the number of households in the borough within 600 metres of a good rated playground had increased by 18%.

The refreshed strategy outlined key actions to be undertaken between 2015 and 2017, in partnership with local housing associations, to maximise the number of households with access to a good quality play space. The refreshed strategy also highlighted the need to provide access to informal play space around the town.

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Councillor Poole moved approval of the recommendations to the report, which was seconded by Councillor Cartwright.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

- 1. The contents of the revised Play Space Strategy be agreed, and;**
- 2. The proposed actions be agreed**

The reason for this decision was:

The council and its partners committed to the implementation of the Hastings and St Leonards Play Space Strategy (2011). The refreshed version continues to embrace the agreed framework and proposed new actions. The strategy will ensure that a maximum number of children and young people from across the Borough have access to quality play spaces, which can be sustained within allocated budgets.

72. CABINET APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE, WORKING GROUPS AND PARTNERSHIPS ETC

The Chief Legal Officer submitted a report which sought agreement for the appointment of a new member of the Member Training and Development Group.

A request had been received from the Labour group for Councillor Roberts to sit on the Member Training and Development Group in place of Councillor Batsford, Cabinet was required to authorise this request.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roberts be appointed to the Member Training and Development Group in place of Councillor Batsford

The reason for this decision was:

Members are required to serve on the committees, working groups, partnerships and representative bodies to which Cabinet appoints.

(The chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.20 pm)