

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE
2.00PM 8 OCTOBER 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Mears (Chairman), Caulfield

Also in attendance: Councillors Mrs Cobb (Lead Member for Sustainability),

Other Members present: Councillors Oxley

PART ONE

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A Declarations of Interests

1a.1 There were none.

1B Exclusion of Press and Public

1b.1 In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in section 100I (1) of the said Act.

1b.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 The Cabinet Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance concerning the Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Cabinet Committee (for copy see minute book).

2.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Terms of Reference be noted.

3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Sustainability Cabinet Committee and explained that it came within the remit of the Leader of the Council because of the importance the council placed upon sustainability issues within the city.

3.2 The Chairman stated that she hoped more councillors and members of the public would take an interest in future meetings of the Cabinet Committee.

4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items be reserved for discussion.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5.1 There were none.

6. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

6.1 There were none.

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 There were none.

8. PETITIONS

8.1 There were none.

9. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.1 There were none.

10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

10.1 There were none.

11. MATTERS REFERRED FOR RECONSIDERATION

11.1 There were none.

12. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

12.1 There were none.

13. CITY SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

13.1 The Cabinet Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance concerning the creation of the new City Sustainability Partnership (CSP) under the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) (for copy see minute book).

13.2 The Lead Councillor for Sustainability explained that the LSP had already agreed to the creation of the CSP; invitations to join had gone out and the LSP was awaiting responses. She added that the council had already chosen herself, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Steedman and Councillor Elgood as its representatives and the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum had chosen Chris Todd, Jacqui Cuff and Mike Creedy.

13.3 The Head of Sustainability & Environmental Policy commented that good quality responses to the consultation had been received and the overall reaction to setting up the CSP had been positive.

13.4 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Committee accepted the following recommendations:

(1) That the results of the consultation undertaken on the new City Sustainability Partnership be noted.

(2) That the creation of the partnership under the LSP be supported, and the associated costs be noted.

14. CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME SELF-ASSESSMENT

14.1 The Cabinet Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance concerning the findings of a review of the Carbon management Programme (CMP) self-assessment (for copy see minute book).

14.2 The Lead Councillor for Sustainability explained that the Cabinet Committee were being asked to reaffirm the council's commitment to carbon management and energy efficiency savings and to instigate a review of the Carbon Management Programme Strategy and Implementation Plan.

14.3 The Cabinet Member for Housing welcomed the report and in particular its relevance to her portfolio given that one of the aims of the Local Delivery Vehicle for housing management was to reduce carbon emissions from the council's housing stock.

14.4 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Committee accepted the following recommendations:

(1) That the council's commitment to carbon management and energy efficiency savings in response to the challenges of climate change and rising energy prices be reaffirmed.

(2) That a review of the CMP Strategy & Implementation Plan, based on the self-assessment findings, be instigated.

14.5 The Chairman invited members of the public to address the meeting on any of the issues raised.

14.6 John Patmore, Environmental Consultant stated that he was concerned that more councillors and members of the public had not taken an interest in the meeting and that more publicity for future meetings of the Cabinet Committee and the CSP was necessary.

14.7 The Head of Policy explained that meetings of the LSP and CSP were publicised and that interested parties could contact the council's Sustainability Team for further information.

14.8 The Chairman reiterated the importance of the Cabinet Committee and the need for debate, and explained that all councillors were made aware of its meetings.

The meeting concluded at 2.12pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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