



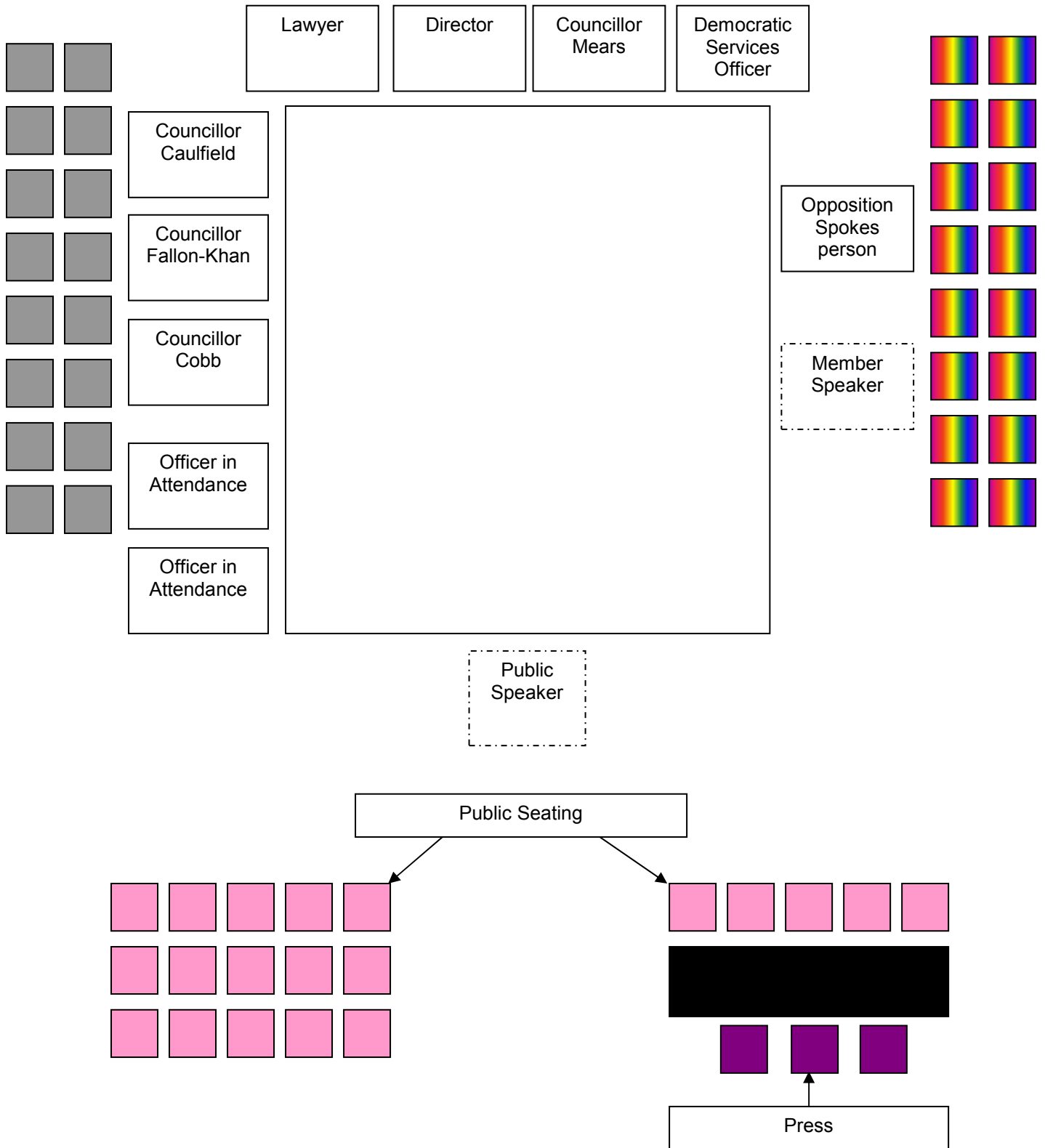
**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Cabinet Committee

Title:	Sustainability Cabinet Committee
Date:	8 October 2008
Time:	2.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	<p>Councillors: Mears (Chairman), Caulfield and Fallon-Khan</p> <p>Lead Councillor for Sustainability: Councillor Mrs Denise Cobb</p>
Contact:	<p>Tanya Massey Democratic Services Officer 01273 291227 tanya.massey@brighton-hove.gov.uk</p>

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2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Report of the Director of Strategy & Governance (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Oliver Dixon

Tel: 29-1512

Ward Affected: All Wards

3. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Items reserved by the Cabinet Member
- (b) Items reserved by the Opposition Spokesperson
- (c) Items reserved by Members, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member.

NOTE: Public Questions, Written Questions from Councillors, Petitions, Deputations, Letters from Councillors and Notices of Motion will be reserved automatically.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(The closing date for receipt of public questions is 12 noon on 1 October 2008)

No public questions received by date of publication.

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6. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

No written questions have been received.

7. DEPUTATIONS

(The closing date for receipt of deputations is 12 noon on 1 October 2008)

No deputations received by date of publication.

8. PETITIONS

No petitions received by date of publication.

9. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

No letters have been received.

10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

No Notices of Motion have been referred.

11. MATTERS REFERRED FOR RECONSIDERATION

No matters have been referred.

12. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

No reports have been received.

13. CITY SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

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Report of the Director of Strategy & Governance (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Thurstan Crockett *Tel:* 29-2503

Ward Affected: All Wards

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Report of the Director of Strategy & Governance (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Thurstan Crockett *Tel:* 29-2503

Ward Affected: All Wards

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SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 2

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Terms of Reference		
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Oliver Dixon	Tel: 29-1512
	E-mail:	oliver.dixon@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Key Decision:	No	Forward Plan No. N/A	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Sustainability Cabinet Committee (SCC) of its delegated functions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the SCC notes its Terms of Reference at Appendix 1.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The terms of reference for the SCC were first considered at the Governance Committee meeting of 1 July. Here it was resolved that the establishment of the SCC be recommended to Cabinet in accordance with the terms of reference agreed on 1 July.
- 3.2 Also at that Governance Committee meeting, members asked for clarification and further information on the role and purpose of the proposed SCC. This was provided in a supplementary report taken to Cabinet on 10 July 2008, appearing as agenda item 43A, and is reproduced below at 3.4.
- 3.3 On 10 July the Cabinet resolved to approve the establishment of a SCC in accordance with the revised terms of reference provided in the associated officer's report. The revision in question was an amendment to the role of the SCC to ensure that the Committee does not prevent urgent issues being delayed before consideration at Cabinet. That amendment is reflected in the Terms of Reference reproduced at Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Supplementary information about the SCC provided to Cabinet on 10 July 2008:
- Members of the Governance Committee asked for more information on:
- The purpose of the Committee
 - The Committee's role in relation to the Cabinet

- c) The frequency of meetings
- d) The role of the Deputy Leader with responsibility for sustainability
- e) Possible issues that the Committee might consider
- f) Whether the meetings of the Committee will be in public

More information on these issues is outlined below.

Purpose of the Committee

- 3.5 The purpose of this committee is to make decisions or recommendations to Cabinet on sustainability issues that are not the sole responsibility of other Cabinet members, eg:
 - a) environmental management within the council itself;
 - b) the council's role and response to cross-cutting issues like reducing carbon emissions, projections of a changing climate locally, improving resource efficiency, developing sustainable energy etc
- 3.6 The Committee is not intended to discuss all issues with any sustainability implications – which would be most of the Council's work – but rather those issues that cross the responsibilities of multiple cabinet members. The terms of reference are drawn widely to ensure that any issue the Committee wishes to consider is within its scope.
- 3.7 Those issues not considered by the Committee will have their sustainability implications assessed and set out, as now, in the standard report template.

The Committee's role in relation to the Cabinet

- 3.8 The existence of the Committee will not prevent major decisions on sustainability issues being considered at Cabinet. At present all key decisions are considered at Cabinet, and key sustainability decisions will be handled in the same way.
- 3.9 The Committee can consider sustainability issues on their way to Cabinet, as current Cabinet Member meetings can on issues within their remit. Some members of the Governance Committee expressed concern that the (Sustainability Cabinet) Committee might delay or prevent Cabinet discussions on important sustainability issues. For the avoidance of doubt on this issue, it is proposed to amend the terms of reference so that "any" rather than "all" sustainability issues are within the remit of the Committee. With this change, the Committee will still be able to consider any issues as it sees fit, but urgent issues can be sent directly to Cabinet without the Committee needing to consider them first.

Frequency of meetings

- 3.10 The Committee will meet in public every 8 weeks, starting in September 2008. Additional meetings may be called if the pressure of work demands. The meeting timetable will be reviewed in the light of experience along with other elements of the new constitution in November 2008 and May 2009.

Membership

- 3.11 Membership is the Leader of the Council (who is the cabinet member with responsibility for sustainability); the Cabinet Member for Central Services (whose role has responsibility for both the council's property portfolio and policy development); and the Cabinet Member for Housing (because of the high priority attached to cutting carbon emissions from the city's housing stock). Other Cabinet members may be invited onto the Committee when it considers specific issues or items that relate to their portfolio.

The role of the deputy leader

- 3.12 The Deputy Leader with responsibility for Sustainability will routinely be invited to attend the committee, providing a link to the work of the Sustainability Partnership, of which it is expected she will be a member.

Possible work programme

- 3.13 Issues that might come to the Committee in the next twelve months include:
- a) The City Council's role regarding the work of the planned city Sustainability Partnership e.g. on the environmental sustainability indicators in the National Indicator Set for which the council has lead responsibility
 - b) The city's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
 - c) Implications for service planning of new projections for climate change in the South East
 - d) The One Planet Living Plan for the city, based on reducing the city's ecological footprint
 - e) Addressing the Use of Resources sustainability requirements of the council to be inspected by the Audit Commission
 - f) The city council's Carbon Management Programme review and revision
 - g) Other council environmental performance issues e.g. on recycling, water consumption etc
 - h) Sustainable business development proposals

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Terms of Reference

Sustainability Cabinet Committee – Terms of Reference

Explanatory Note

The purpose of the Sustainability Cabinet Committee is to make decisions or recommendations to Cabinet on sustainability issues that are not the sole responsibility of other Cabinet members, e.g.

- environmental management within the council itself
- the council's role in, and response to cross-cutting issues like reducing carbon emissions, projections of a changing climate locally, improving resource efficiency, developing sustainable energy etc.

Membership

The membership of the Sustainability Cabinet Committee will be as follows:-

- The Leader of the Council (Chair);
- The Cabinet Member for Central Services;
- The Cabinet Member for Housing

The Leader of the Council may co-opt other Cabinet Members on to the Cabinet Committee when issues arise and decisions need to be taken that coincide with their portfolios.

The Deputy Leader of the Council with the lead role on sustainability will routinely be invited to attend the committee, providing a link to the work of the city Sustainability Partnership.

Role

The Sustainability Cabinet Committee may receive any report relating to sustainability issues for a decision or for recommendation to Cabinet for a decision, where appropriate.

SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 13
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	City Sustainability Partnership		
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Thurstan Crockett	Tel: 29-2503
	E-mail:	thurstan.crockett@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Key Decision	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 As part of the changes around the new constitution, a new partnership, the City Sustainability Partnership, is to be set up under the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). This partnership would fulfil some of the roles undertaken by the former Sustainability Commission. This paper provides information on the new partnership and seeks support from the Cabinet Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Committee notes the results of the consultation undertaken on the new City Sustainability Partnership.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Committee supports the creation of the partnership under the LSP, and notes the associated costs.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Council's adoption of its new constitution in May highlighted the need to review the council's partnerships including the Sustainability Commission. The Commission's role was both to provide a forum for discussion between councillors (with decisions reported into Policy & Resources) and, to a limited extent, to provide opportunity for stakeholder input into discussions on sustainability issues.
- 3.2 The Commission acted in part as a partnership (through the involvement of some stakeholders) and in part as a council committee (since only councillors were allowed to vote, and councillor membership was proportional to party representation).

- 3.3 It was decided at the time of the new constitution that the Commission's hybrid way of working was no longer appropriate, and that the importance of sustainability issues would be better served by bringing discussion and involvement structures in line with other policy areas. Accordingly, when the Commission was abolished, an Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) was given responsibility for sustainability issues. The Deputy Leader, Cllr Cobb, was named as the councillor with special responsibility for sustainability, and the present Cabinet Committee was established. At the same time, discussions began with the LSP on the creation of a wider partnership on sustainability.
- 3.4 Draft Terms of Reference for this new partnership were agreed by the LSP earlier this year for consultation, which ran for three months from May 1, 2008.
- 3.5 The setting up of the new City Sustainability Partnership, with slightly revised Terms of Reference and proposed membership, was agreed by the LSP at its last meeting on September 16, 2008.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Respondents broadly welcomed the establishment of the partnership. More detail on the consultation can be found at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 Questions and issues raised included: the partnership's role in relation to transport, biodiversity, and the Sustainable Communities Act; membership and representation; the extent of the partnership's remit; agenda setting and support arrangements.
- 4.3 Views varied on whether transport should be part of the partnership's remit, or not. The LSP decided that issues around transport in relation to sustainability should be within the partnership's remit, but that wider transport issues should not be, and that this distinction would be clarified by the partnership itself.

Next Steps

- 4.4 The establishment of the partnership is the responsibility of the LSP, although the support of the City Council is important.
- 4.5 Council officers are discussing external funding for partnership support with various external stakeholders.
- 4.6 Now establishing the new partnership has been approved by the LSP, the first meeting of the partnership should be in November.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 To administer the new City Sustainability Partnership will require extra resources which have not been identified at present, despite ongoing attempts to secure external funding. Indications are that resources required would be one-third of a full time post at grade M11, equivalent to approximately £12k per annum. If this funding remains unaddressed, work within the Policy Unit will need to be reprioritised.

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis Date: 28/08/08

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Currently there are no funds available within Legal and Democratic Services to support meetings of the proposed City Sustainability Partnership. However, the funds to provide such support may be available from external stakeholders, as indicated in paragraph 4.6 above.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon Date: 10/09/08

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Minor. Fuel poverty is an environmental indicator in the Local Area Agreement. The establishment of the partnership will support attainment of targets on this indicator.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Major. The setting up of the City Sustainability Partnership is a positive development for city sustainability, and supports targeted work with key partners on the Local Area Agreement targets around sustainability.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are no significant financial or political risks associated with the establishment of this partnership.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The Partnership will benefit the city by providing a broad new city partnership with a focus on environmental sustainability, in the city family of partnerships.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 Not applicable.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Revised Terms of Reference.
2. Summary of consultation responses.

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None.

Background Documents

1. Original proposed Terms of reference.
2. LSP Paper on City Sustainability Partnership

Appendix 1

Terms of reference for City Sustainability Partnership

The Partnership will be an independent, cross sector, strategic partnership, feeding into the family of partnerships on the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) which in Brighton & Hove is called The 2020 Community Partnership www.2020community.org/index.cfm?request=c1165454

The purpose of the City Sustainability Partnership is to provide the city and its key stakeholders with strategic leadership on the sustainable development of Brighton & Hove.

Objectives:

1	To lead on the revision and implementation, monitoring and review of a One Planet Living Plan and a Climate Change Strategy www.2020community.org/index.cfm?request=c1178774 for the City through the LSP.
2	To direct the performance of key city stakeholders against the environmental sustainability indicators in the new National Indicator Set. www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localgovindicators/indicators.htm
3	To direct work on the Environmental Sustainability indicators in the Local Area Agreement, e.g. the proposed indicator for reducing CO2 emissions in the local authority area. www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localgovindicators/ni186.htm
4	To monitor the sustainability performance of the Sustainable Community Strategy www.2020community.org/index.cfm?request=a702 and direct changes in policies and practices of key stakeholders to improve this.
5	To champion the priorities locally of the national Sustainable Development Strategy: Securing the Future, www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/publications/uk-strategy/index.htm namely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sustainable Consumption and Production (achieving more

	<p>with less, considering the impact of products and materials across a whole life cycle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Climate Change and Energy (the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change) * Natural Resource Protection and Environmental Enhancement * Sustainable Communities (using engagement and partnership to reduce poverty and environmental degradation). <p>"We want to achieve our goals of living within environmental limits and a just society, and we will do it by means of a sustainable economy, good governance, and sound science." <i>Securing the Future</i></p>
6	To develop good and innovative practice sharing and joint work in these areas across the community and voluntary, business and public service sectors in the city.
Proposed membership of the partnership	
This will be representative and drawn from across sectors, with statutory agency support, initially as follows:	
Public services	4 City Councilors (1 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Green, 1 Lib Dem), NHS Trust or Primary Care Trust, Universities of Sussex and Brighton, Eco-schools.
Business	Business Community Partnership, Economic Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Sussex Enterprise
Community and voluntary sector	Community & Voluntary Sector Forum – Environment Network (3 places), Food Partnership, Wildlife Advisory Group, Environmental Protection UK
Agencies	Environment Agency, National Park Authority eventually (South Downs Joint Committee in the interim), English Heritage

The partnership will meet up to 8 times per year. Decisions should be reached by consensus or by one member, one vote if necessary. Sub-groups can be set up and people co-opted onto these at the agreement of the membership. These Terms of Reference, including membership, can be amended with the approval of 15 members.

**Brighton & Hove City Council
Sustainability Team**

City Sustainability Partnership

Summary of responses to a public consultation

August 2008

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1 Introduction

This report provides a summary and analysis of responses received in relation to the public consultation on the terms of reference and proposed membership for the City Sustainability Partnership (CSP). The document was out for consultation between May 1 and 31 July 2008.

The analysis is based on responses registered in terms of their support or objection to the 7 objectives of the proposed Terms of Reference and the proposed membership, concerns raised and suggestions made regarding any particular theme. It also looks at themes raised. A list of respondents is provided at the end of the document.

The document sets out the views of the respondents, not the views of the Local Authority itself.

In summary, there was broad support for the establishment of the CSP, but there was concern about the power of the proposed body to influence policy and effectively champion the sustainable development of the city.

This paper will accompany a report to the Sustainability Cabinet Committee on 8 October 2008.

2 Relationship to other decision-making & scrutiny functions

Recommendations were made that the relationship between council Leader, Sustainability Cabinet Committee and Sustainability Champion be strengthened. It would be preferable to see executive power vested in the CSP; it should at least be able to make recommendations to other bodies as necessary. Councillors on the new Partnership Board would need to be of sufficient stature to ensure that B&HCC executive and scrutiny bodies are encouraged to seek out the expertise of the CSP membership in developing policy.

It was felt that CSP must have a key role in ensuring that the local priorities identified in the Sustainability Community Strategy are fully recognised by the Council, other members of the LSP and the wider community, and are championed to ensure that they are carried forward into the emerging Local Development Framework.

3 Working Arrangements

Two of the respondents – one group and one individual – had views on the working arrangements for the CSP. It was felt that it should meet in public, with a public questions mechanism in place. This should happen 7-8 times a year or have smaller working groups meeting regularly and reporting to full CSP meetings. All non-councillor members of the CSP should be eligible to take the chair, with all members eligible to vote annually to select the chair.

Administrative support for CSP should be located by the LSP.

An alternative vision of the structure of CSP was as an independent legal entity with its own staff, funded by the statutory partners, with the option to seek further funding elsewhere if necessary.

4 The Objectives

There was broad support for the objectives balanced with several concerns and many suggestions.

Objective 1:

To lead on the revision and implementation, monitoring and review of both a Sustainability Strategy and a Climate Change Strategy for the City through the LSP.

The new Climate Change Strategy

www.2020community.org/index.cfm?request=c1178774

will sit under the revised Sustainability Strategy and is a reflection of the top priority this issue now has.

Support

Two of the respondents welcomed the revision of the Sustainability Strategy, and looked forward to local priorities from the National Sustainable Development Strategy being identified and progressed in respect of biodiversity, to the benefit of the City's environment, wildlife and residents.

Concern

One respondent felt that the CSP would not have a strong or decisive enough leadership to ensure that its recommendations become policy.

Another group felt that it would not be realistic to work on the Sustainability Strategy and Climate Change Strategy without at least considering the impact of transport on these areas.

Objecting

One group of respondents believe that this objective will need amending to reflect the latest thinking following recent developments with the Climate Change Strategy (CCS) and the new One Planet Living (OPL) plan. Clarity is required as to the role of the existing LSP climate change subgroup currently overseeing the CCS and OPL plan work, relative to the CSP.

Suggestions

One respondent believes that the new City Sustainability Partnership could play a critically important role in progressing the natural environment strand of sustainable development. They would like to see the publication of a local biodiversity action timetable, relating to actions that arose out of the original Sustainability Strategy.

Objective 2:

To direct the performance of key city stakeholders against the environmental sustainability indicators in the new National Indicator set.

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localgovindicators/indicators.htm

Concern

Two of the respondents expressed hope that the CSP will identify and develop integrated solutions to environmental issues facing the city

One of the respondents raised a concern that one National Indicator regarding the checking the health of nature reserves is not sufficient to achieve sustainable development and thus the aspirations of the new partnership.

Suggestions

One respondent would like to see transport and accessibility indicators such as NI175 included.

Objective 3:

To direct work on the Environmental Sustainability indicators in the Local Area Agreement, e.g. the proposed indicator for reducing CO2 emissions in the local authority area.

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localgovindicators/ni186.htm

Support

One respondent hopes that the Partnership will have a key role to play in preparing and implementing National Indicator 186, establishment of a Climate Change Sub Group and the preparation of a Climate Change Strategy.

Concern

One respondent raised that reducing carbon dioxide emissions to hit the targets needed will require firm direction, so the Partnership must have some "clout" to force the pace and push the Council and others to deliver the required results.

Suggestions

One respondent emphasised that is vital that the CSP's work on climate change includes adaptation as well as mitigation.

One respondent would like to see the Sustainability Partnership directing work on the transport and accessibility indicators in the Local Area Agreement. They also want the Partnership to consider the legacy targets and indicators set out in the City Council's 2006-2011 Local Transport Plan as they believe there is no other arena in which these are addressed.

Objective 4

To monitor the sustainability performance of the Sustainable Community Strategy www.2020community.org/index.cfm?request=a702 and direct changes in policies and practices of key stakeholders to improve this.

Concern

One respondent believes that the Community Strategy's vision of the protection and improvement of the city's greenspace environment has not been happening and that the Partnership will need to have a firm link with the Council to ensure that the latter will act accordingly.

Suggestions

In Objectives 2, 3 and 4, one group felt it would be helpful if the relevant indicators and targets were spelt out in full with explicit reference to indicators on ecological footprint (linked to the OPL plan) as they believe that those referred to in Objectives 2 and 3 are relatively limited in scope.

Objective 5

To champion the priorities locally of the national Sustainable Development Strategy: Securing the Future,

www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/publications/uk-strategy/index.htm namely

- * *Sustainable Consumption and Production (achieving more with less, considering the impact of products and materials across a whole life cycle)*
- * *Climate Change and Energy (the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change)*
- * *Natural Resource Protection and Environmental Enhancement*
- * *Sustainable Communities (using engagement and partnership to reduce poverty and environmental degradation).*

One group of respondents said they found this objective acceptable. Another group believes that the Partnership should indeed champion the local priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Council must act on the goals. They believe 'natural resource protection and environmental enhancement' needs stretching targets and high priorities for action.

One group suggested that sustainable transport, and cycling in particular, can make a major contribution to all the priorities set out in Objective 5.

No concerns or objections were registered.

Objective 6

To develop good and innovative practice sharing and joint work in these areas across the community and voluntary, business and public service sectors in the city.

Support

One group of respondents found this objective 'acceptable'. Another saw this objective as a 'laudable aim'.

Concern

Resourcing was seen as an issue here. It was pointed out by two of the groups who responded that the success of this aim will be a mark of the influence of the Partnership. Hence, setting it up with the necessary resources and respect will be vital.

Objective 7

To fulfil the role of the panel of representatives of local people as set out in the Sustainable Communities Act 2007

www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2007/ukpga_20070023_en_1

i.e. the body with which the city council consults and seeks agreement on proposals to government to improve the sustainability of local communities.

Concern

One group of respondents was concerned that a panel of representatives of local people would not have sufficient authority to influence policy makers. The CSP will thus become a "talking shop",

which may lead to some difficult decisions, especially on transport issues.

Objecting

One group stated its belief that the CSP is not the correct body to fulfil the role of citizens' panel envisaged by the Sustainable Communities Act (SCA). It proposed that the objective be amended so that the CSP suggests and recommends proposals to BHCC and to the citizens' panel(s) to consider putting forward to the 'Selector' and ultimately the Government.

One group of respondents felt this objective sounded weak. It believes this needs to be a 'true' partnership, not a body to be consulted on, which can often be cynically perceived as being told what is going on, rather than authentic engagement and influence in the decision-making process.

5 Areas felt to have been missed out of the Terms of Reference

Several respondents expressed concern that transport will not focus significantly in the work of the Sustainability Partnership, resulting in a significant gap in the ability to meet a range of relevant targets set out in the Local Area Agreement: climate change, healthy living, air quality, obesity, access to work and services, sustainable tourism and social exclusion.

The alternative proposals were:

- a separate Transport Partnership be set up, bringing together the relevant stakeholders;
- the 2020 Partnership's Transport sub-group be developed further, which would allow a broader discussion of the Cycle Town programme;
- the Community & Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF) should lobby for another body to focus on transport issues and to find a way to feed its views into the City Council and other bodies.

One group of respondents felt it would be helpful to clarify the extent to which waste, transport and biodiversity form part of the remit of the CSP, to avoid overlap with similar bodies, and to ensure focused, prioritised work.

6 Membership

This should therefore be representative and drawn from across sectors, with statutory agency support, for example:	
Public services	City Councillors (2 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Green), NHS Trust, Universities of Sussex and Brighton, Eco-schools.
Business	Business Community Partnership, Economic Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Ecosys
Community and voluntary sector	CVSF (3 places), Food Partnership, Wildlife Advisory Group
Agencies	Environment Agency, Natural England, National Park Authority eventually (South Downs Joint Committee in the interim)

Support

There was broad support for this membership, which was seen as representative and drawn from across sectors, with one exception. A brief statement of the rationale for the make-up would help to clarify some of the choices to the respondents.

Concern

Three of the respondents expressed concerns:

- One group of respondents would prefer to see a number of members allocated to each area with a process defined for how the members are selected.
- Another group felt that meaningful representation from all sectors depended on adequate funding to enable each of them to participate on an equal basis, and an application for funding was received.
- Two of the respondents wanted to see the link between the Council's in-house Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG) and the Partnership maintained.

Objecting

Two groups of respondents asked why Ecosys is the only business specifically named.

The rationale for separating out membership for the Food Partnership amongst CVSF members was questioned and one individual respondent held that the CVSF should not represent community groups and that the membership should be made up of community representatives, with no management committee.

One group of respondents suggested that either Natural England or National Park Authority / South Downs Joint Committee should be members (not both). (Natural England has responded that it wishes to defer its membership of the partnership.)

Suggestions

Three of the respondents proposed that either the Cycle Forum be represented on the CSP, or a separate Transport Partnership be set up.

The following suggestions for membership came from different respondents:

- a young people representative from eco-schools,;
- a representative for schools in general as well as the eco-schools to ensure that engagement is encouraged across all schools;
- the PCT instead of the BSUH NHS Trust;
- the police, so all public sector areas are covered;
- other businesses besides Ecosys;
- Environmental Protection UK;
- English Heritage;
- Housing Associations and/or private sector housing bodies.

7 List of Respondents

- Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
- Brighton & Hove City Council's Chief Executive's Policy Unit
- Brighton & Hove City Cycle Forum
- Brighton Urban Wildlife Group

- Community & Voluntary Sector Forum, in consultation with the CVSF Environment Network & Local Strategic Partnership
- CTC local Right to Ride, Brighton & Hove
- Eco-Logically
- Environment Agency
- Environmental Protection UK
- Green Party group of Councillors for Brighton & Hove
- Natural England
- Scott, Richard

SUSTAINABILITY CABINET COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 14
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Carbon Management Programme Self-Assessment		
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report summaries the findings of a review of the Carbon Management Programme (CMP) self assessment. It recommends a renewed commitment to carbon management across the council at all levels.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Committee re-affirms the council's commitment to carbon management and energy efficiency savings in response to the challenges of climate change and rising energy prices.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Committee instigates a review of the CMP Strategy & Implementation Plan, based on the self-assessment findings.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Brighton & Hove City Council completed the first phase of Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme in May 2007, when it produced a comprehensive and systematic plan for reducing carbon emissions by 20% over 5 years.
- 3.2 It achieved an on target 4% reduction in emissions in the first year, as reported to Policy & Resources Committee in an annual review report on April 3, 2008. The 4% annual target has since been confirmed as a local target in the city's Local Area Agreement (LAA), matching the city-wide LAA target.
- 3.3 In addition to CO2 savings, the annual financial savings projected from projects awarded funding from the first two tranches of the council's Carbon Management loan fund amount to nearly £48,000 - made up of the following:

<i>tranche</i>	<i>project name</i>	<i>technology type</i>	<i>£ saving pa</i>
1	lanes car park	lighting upgrade	11127.13
1	power perfectors barts	voltage reduction	2631.02
1	power perfectors priory	voltage reduction	4830.98
1	server virtualisation	server virtualisation	2705.38
2	hove town hall lighting upgrade	lighting upgrade	1330.50
2	hove town hall new ahu controls	boilers	2699.97
2	hove town hall new boiler panel controls	boilers	18000.00
2	hove town hall variable speed drives	boilers	1133.02
2	kings house lighting upgrade	discrete tamperproof lighting controls	3485.00
Total annual savings			47943.00

- 3.4 A self-assessment exercise on the whole programme was carried out in May 2008 by a cross-departmental CMP officer team and facilitated by an independent consultant (at no cost to the authority) showing that good initial progress has been made; the council is achieving good practice, especially regarding transport; that its problems with older buildings regarding boilers, insulation and heating are widely shared by local authorities; and that it faces challenges and opportunities ahead.

Detailed Findings

3.5 Successes

- Excellent Strategy and Implementation Plan at start
- Achieved maximum funds from Salix and cross-party consensus
- Behaviour change and communication to staff good
- Unusual inclusion of transport in detail: business travel, commuting & fleet
- Transport Opportunities Fund mainstreamed
- Staff travel initiatives well ahead of other authorities
- Good initial progress: on target with reduction of 4% in year one, 2006/7
- Implementation going well – quick wins identified, fund management good

3.6 Challenges

- Policy alignment across the whole authority – being addressed through Corporate Plan and business planning
- Rising costs for schools – being addressed through appointment of new Schools Carbon Management Officer to advise on energy audits, efficiency, renewables and grants
- Reputational risks arising from the introduction of new display energy certificates on most buildings, showing their energy performance and potential performance. As many buildings are old, the initial rating will reflect this – a certification contract has been let, work is underway and council communications will explain ratings; the energy team is being expanded; worst performing buildings will be prioritised and work is already underway on some (e.g. Hove Town Hall)

- Boilers, insulation and lighting – much work to be done still (like most authorities) – Carbon Management Programme is investing in fastest payback schemes first
- Housing – relatively good energy efficiency in the stock but room for further improvement. Investment in energy will be looked at in the context of wider stock investment requirements linked to the Decent Homes Standard.

3.7 Future challenges anticipated

- Pushing carbon management up the supply chain – need for clear advice from government and support for contractors
- The “Carbon Reduction Commitment” requires the council’s participation in carbon trading from 2013 with an option to join from 2010. The authority is participating in a dummy carbon trading scheme called “Carbon Trading Councils” to learn about trading with 30 other authorities.

3.8 Benchmarking Brighton & Hove City Council’s CMP

- Our self assessment rating is similar to many other councils that have been through the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme
- We have done well in terms of embedding behaviour change and communications with staff generally
- Our technical deficiencies (boilers, insulation, lighting etc.) are shared by many other councils
- We are doing well on transport – many more initiatives than most other councils and higher emissions reduction in first year

4. **CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Officers across finance & property, sustainable transport, housing management, ICT, performance, and sustainability were consulted as part of the self-assessment exercise.
- 4.2 External partners and agencies on the 2020 Community Partnership have been consulted during the development of the 4% annual CO2 reduction local target for council operations, during the development of the LAA.

5. **FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 A Carbon Management Fund has been established by the council with a £200,000 contribution from the Carbon Trust and £200,000 match funding from the council. This fund finances energy efficient projects with repayments from savings paid back into the fund effectively making it self financing and able to support numerous projects.

- 5.2 There are no direct revenue implications regarding the undertaking of the CMP self assessment.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen

Date: 10/09/08

Legal Implications:

- 5.3 The report does not contain any adverse legal implications. The public sector is expected to lead the way in energy efficiency. The Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act contains specific provisions for local authorities to have regard to information on energy measures in exercising functions.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 10/09/08

Equalities Implications:

- 5.4 Tackling Fuel Poverty in the Housing Stock has a direct impact on improving health/income inequalities.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.5 The programme is having a positive impact through carbon reduction measures to reduce the council's climate change impact.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.6 None.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.7 A risk and opportunity identification exercise was carried out by officers as part of the assessment and this will be incorporated into the review with a matrix to identify key issues

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 The CMP is an important example of the city council leading by example in reducing CO2 emissions, as part of the wider city target work.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. None

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. April 3 P&R Report on Carbon Management Programme annual review:
[http://peace.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Intranet/CommitteeMgt.NSF/0/B2CB1B0C0F5352DD80257418005CA4FA/\\$File/Item+195.+CMP+P&R+report+draft+4+17.03.08.doc](http://peace.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Intranet/CommitteeMgt.NSF/0/B2CB1B0C0F5352DD80257418005CA4FA/$File/Item+195.+CMP+P&R+report+draft+4+17.03.08.doc)
2. Carbon Management Programme – Strategy & Implementation Plan:
[http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/downloads/bhcc/BHCC_SIP_final_29-4-07\[1\].pdf](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/downloads/bhcc/BHCC_SIP_final_29-4-07[1].pdf)

