

Decision No: CAB155 – 14/01/10

Forward Plan No: CAB12572

This record relates to Agenda Item 152 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** FINANCE & RESOURCES

**SUBJECT:** COUNCIL TAX BASE 2010/11

**AUTHOR:** MARK IRELAND

### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves this report for the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2010/11.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees that the Collection Rate remains at 98.1%.
- (3) That Cabinet notes that the proposed tax base will raise approximately £1.1m additional resources in 2010/11 that were not factored into the December Budget Update report.
- (4) That Cabinet agrees that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year 2010/11 shall be as follows:
  - For Brighton and Hove whole – 94,511.05 (as detailed in appendix 1)
  - For the Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 30.63 (as detailed in appendix 2)
  - For the Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 39.98 (as detailed in appendix 3)
  - For the Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 79.26 (as detailed in appendix 4)
  - For the Parish of Rottingdean – 1,507.30 (as detailed in appendix 5)
- (5) That Cabinet agrees that, for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special levies issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses.

## REASON FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and regulations made thereunder that the tax base is calculated for the purpose of setting the Council Tax in 2010/11 before 31 January 2010.

## DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options as the council has a requirement to set the council tax base.

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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## **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT 2009
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	BARBARA GREEN

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet notes the findings and judgements contained within the Comprehensive Area & Organisation Assessment reports.
- (2) That Cabinet instructs officers to ensure that improvement recommendations from the CAA are reflected in departmental, business and improvement planning over the coming year.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The report provides information on the Comprehensive Area Assessment.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

This report provides information on the external assessment of the city's performance against agreed outcomes. No alternative options appropriate.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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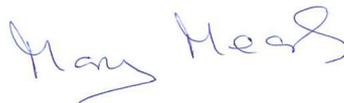
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## **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL RATING
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	STEVE BARTON

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet notes that Brighton & Hove's Children's Services rating for 2009 is "Performs Well (3)".

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To report the annual rating of Children's Services

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Not applicable.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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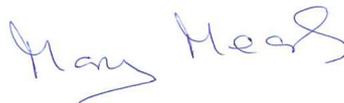
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Decision No: CAB158 – 14/01/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13689

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## **RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY SAFETY, CRIME  
REDUCTION AND DRUGS STRATEGY  
2008 -2011

**AUTHOR:** LINDA BEANLANDS

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet recommends Council to give approval to the priorities within the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy 2008 -2011 and to the action plans for the delivery of those priorities.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

There is a statutory requirement to prepare and publish a three yearly Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy which is also required to be approved by Council.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The basis for the preparation of the Strategy, is a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership strategic assessment of crime and disorder within the National Intelligence Model. Evaluating alternative options is therefore fully considered within that process.

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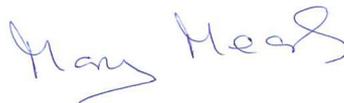
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Decision No: CAB159 – 14/01/2010

Forward Plan No: CAB14017

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## **RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING FINANCE & RESOURCES
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	BRIGHTON & HOVE SEASIDE COMMUNITY HOMES LTD – FUNDING OPTIONS AND CONSENT
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	MARK IRELAND

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet notes the outcome of the recent discussions with officials at CLG and for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.12 approves the adoption of the general consents route as the basis for securing the benefits from the LDV.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the method for determining best consideration for the property leases.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the latest capital receipt projections and the reasons for the reduction since the September 2008 report as set out in paragraphs 3.18 to 3.21 and appendix 3.
- (4) That Cabinet approves the risk sharing matrix as set out in appendix 5 as the basis for a financial offer to the LDV.
- (5) That Cabinet approves additional resources of up to £0.2m temporarily funded from General Fund reserves as detailed in paragraph 3.25 needed to further develop and finalise the general consents route and to allocate an appropriate budget to the LDV Board to undertake relevant work to deliver the project including negotiating with funders.
- (6) That Cabinet notes that Cabinet and Full Council have already agreed that the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing be authorised, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to take all steps necessary or incidental to the formation of the LDV and implementation of the proposals generally save as to decision on funding options.

- (7) That Cabinet authorises the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing to take all steps necessary or incidental to implement the proposals in this report.
- (8) That an offer be taken to the LDV Board within four weeks of this decision and that a letter be written to Board members for their meeting on 18 January confirming the timetable.**

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The reasons for the specific recommendations are set out in detail in the body of the report.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The report discusses in detail and shows the implications for the general consents route but there remains an option not to use the general consents and continue just to seek express consent from the Secretary of State. The capital receipt would be significantly higher under private funding for the reasons set out earlier in the report and higher still if express consent was given to allow the council to fund the borrowing of the LDV. However, it is unclear whether CLG officials could ever be persuaded of the merits of the proposal based on the extensive correspondence to date and even if they were, there are no guarantees of either when or if the Secretary of State will give his approval. The proposal to use the general consents route provides the council with greater certainty and control in contrast to the potential indefinite delay and possibility that no receipt would be generated by relying solely on express consent.
2. The application for express consent will not be withdrawn and the option remains to pursue this route again at a later date if there are indications of a change in view from CLG.
3. The HRA Business Plan profile is that significant investment is needed over the next 3 years to meet decency and after this period the level of investment is spread fairly evenly. Therefore, if this option was not pursued the HRA would need to evaluate whether it could afford to borrow instead. Borrowing £10 - £15 million over 25 years would cost approximately £0.650 - £1 million per annum which would need to be funded from both the Major Repairs Allowance and savings in the HRA revenue account. It should be noted that over the term of the borrowing the HRA would pay approximately £6 – £9 million in interest charges.
4. Further options will be explored to ensure that the receipt is maximised commensurate with risk.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

Recommendation 8 was inserted at the request council tenants.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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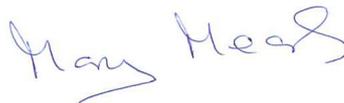
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Decision No: CAB160 – 14/01/10

Forward Plan No: CAB14003

This record relates to Agenda Item 157 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	FINANCE & RESOURCES
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY - UPDATE AND PROPOSALS
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	ANGELA DYMOTT NIGEL MCCUTCHEON

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet notes the proposed next steps in the corporate Accommodation Strategy.
- (2) That Cabinet approves the outline business case for the proposed exit of Priory House and the re-location of services to Bartholomew House and other subsidiary buildings.
- (3) That Cabinet approves the creation of a unified public walk-in access point for council services in the centre of Brighton at Bartholomew House.
- (4) That Cabinet authorises the further development of the detailed business case, detailed design and preparatory works.
- (5) That Cabinet requests a further report on the implementation of the proposals following consultations and detailed business case preparation.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To approve the next phase of the accommodation strategy, the spend to save project, the outline business case, the initial project implementation programme and the developing accommodation principles and standards set out in the Appendices.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. No change – The findings of the Customer Access vision improving the customer experience are not implemented and the Housing Benefits and Revenues, Access Services and Business Support teams remain in Priory House. The lease

break is not exercised, savings are not achieved and the lease obligations and liabilities continue until the end of the lease in 2016. This option exposes the council to future added risk of continuing lease costs that will be subject to external market forces and does not enable the council to benefit from the potential protection from the uncertain property market conditions and the consolidation into our own buildings.

2. Change Option 1- The Housing Benefits Team is the largest of the three teams affected by the potential relocation from Priory House. One option considered was to form a new office in the undercroft at Kings House, however this would provide only about 90-100 desk spaces (up to 180 are required) and would mean splitting the team over two sites. There would also be a consequential loss of car parking at Kings House. This option was not explored further as there would be considerable disadvantages in splitting the Housing Benefits team over two sites. This is also contrary to the accommodation strategy which aims, where possible to bring disparate teams together onto single sites.
3. Change Option2 – Consider the construction of a mansard extension on the fourth floor of Barts House. This would involve considerable extra capital investment in the construction of the mansard roof to accommodate a relatively small percentage of staff – approx 40 no.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Decision No: CAB161 – 14/01/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

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## **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES AND INVOLVING PEOPLE - IMPACT REPORTS
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	JOHN ROUTLEDGE

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet agrees to a formal review of the Strengthening Communities commissioning activity.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the Strengthening Communities impact reports.
- (3) That recommendations arising from the review be brought back to the Cabinet.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The report recommends that Members agree to formally review this area of work for the following reasons:

- Current arrangements for funding of community development commissioning will come to an end in April 2011.
- A review would support wider work within the authority on improving community engagement and cohesion and supporting reductions in inequality.
- The Reducing Inequality Review recommended that we review and resolve our approach to targeting both people and place, and therefore our priority neighbourhoods work.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Not applicable.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

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<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	TWELVE MONTH REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	ELIZABETH CULBERT

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet agrees the proposals set out at recommendations 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 and 14 of the report **to come into force immediately after annual Council.**

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Not applicable.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Not applicable.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

The recommendation was amended to clarify the timescale for implementation of the proposed measures.

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## RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** LANES CAR PARK - ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

**AUTHOR:** AUSTEN HUNTER

### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet to approve the allocation of £0.588m for the reconfiguration of pedestrian access and lift renovation to create a safer environment, meet modern standards, the councils regulatory obligations and policy commitments.
- (2) That Cabinet retrospectively approves additional expenditure incurred of £0.440m, including the provision of six additional parking spaces (valued at circa £24k per annum).
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Director of Environment to approve the appointment of a contractor to carry out works referred to in 2.1 above.

### REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The recommended access reconfiguration will meet the council's regulatory obligations and offer a cost saving over the option mentioned at 6.2.
2. The existing lift will be brought back to service and improved to meet modern standards.
3. The new access reconfiguration will deliver easier and safer access for car park users, a safer proposition for the Fire Service and will help to resolve the serious anti social issues associated with the site.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Relocation of the lift was considered. This alternative was rejected, as it was more expensive (+£0.29m) and the detailed design and aesthetics were still to be determined.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

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<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	WHITEHAWK CO-LOCATION PROJECT
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	GIL SWEETENHAM GILLIAN CHURCHILL

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That Cabinet notes the content of the report and the processes that will be undertaken going forward.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees the sale of the two properties outlined in paragraph 3.10 and ring fence the capital receipt toward the funding of the project.
- (3) That the Director of Finance and Resources be authorised to enter negotiations regarding the disposal of land required to generate the necessary capital receipt.
- (4) That the project be added to the Capital Programme.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. To inform Members of the co-location project and the processes that need to be followed.
2. To obtain the necessary authorisation for the sale of the land.
3. To ensure that the project can be delivered in the timeframe set by conditions of the grant funding.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options that could provide the funding necessary to deliver a co-location project of this nature or size at the present time.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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