

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

**5.00pm 21 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor Fallon-Khan (Cabinet Member)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Davis

**PART ONE**

**15. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**15a Declarations of Interests**

15.1 There were none.

**15b Exclusion of Press and Public**

15.2 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("The Act"), the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment and Major Projects considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in Section 100 (1) of the Act.

15.3 **RESOLVED** - That the public be not excluded during consideration of any item on the agenda.

**16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

16.1 Councillor Davis referred to paragraph 13.3 of the minutes and requested that the following wording be added to the minutes :

"Councillor Davis stated that she believed it was important that should New England House be a successful hub for the digital industries that it should have state of the art technologies and in particular the relevant cabling power to service these new enterprises e.g., the digital gaming industry."

16.2 **RESOLVED** – That subject to the amendment set out above the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2019 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

**17. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**BRII activities**

- 17.1 The Cabinet Member explained that Regus had taken 4 floors of Queensbury House providing high quality managed business floorspace in the city complementing our existing offer of managed workspace. They have wanted to come to the city for 5 years but needed the right quality of space in size and flexibility in layout and in the right location. Agreements are already taking place with businesses looking for a presence in the city.
- 17.2 Inward investment enquiries were on the up with enquiries coming in from Australia, USA, Taiwan, Turkey and the UK – predominantly IT/digital media based enquiries. A digital gaming company had set up its UK office in Brighton after considering a number of locations in the South East expanding their operations into the European market from their HQ in Taiwan.

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- 17.3 The Cabinet Member went on to explain that the Council's Economic Development team had been successful in securing Interreg European Funding for the development of the Building Futures (BUFU) project. The Council has started working in partnership with City College Brighton & Hove and two other partners in the region of Dunkirk (Maison de l'Initiative and Entreprendre Ensemble) in order to assist 300 unemployed residents in both countries to access employment, construction training, work experience and traineeship opportunities linked to development sites. The project was linked to the city's local labour scheme which encourages developers and contractor to notify their job vacancies to Building Futures and make employment and training places available for workless residents. The BUFU project was valued at £1.5m and will bring £896k to the city of Brighton & Hove during the next two years.

**City Initiatives**

- 17.4 The City Initiatives team had won the Jobcentre Plus award for Recruitment Partnership for the second year running, and also came runner up for New Recruit of the Year. The team had now hit the 2010/11 internal council apprenticeship target of 40.
- 17.5 The new apprenticeship campaign was to be launched on 15th October called "100 in 100", it would challenge employers to pledge their support across the city by taking on 100 apprenticeships in 100 days.

**18. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 18.1 All items were reserved for discussion.

**19. PETITIONS**

19.1 There were none.

**20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

20.1 There were none.

**21. DEPUTATIONS**

21.1 There were none.

**22. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS**

22.1 There were none.

**23. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

23.1 There were none.

**24. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

24.1 There were none.

**25. SHOREHAM PORT MASTERPLAN: DRAFT PORT MASTERPLAN**

25.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Environment seeking approval to the formal response from the City Council to the publication of a Draft Port Masterplan by the Shoreham Port Authority.

25.2 Councillor Davis referred to the circulated plans and enquired whether it was proposed that a new power station would be built in addition to the existing oil terminal and it was confirmed that it would. Councillor Davis also sought confirmation whether traffic associated with the on site works would access via the main entrance and whether the content of the Section 106 Agreement would fall entirely within the remit of Adur District Council. The legal adviser explained that access/egress arrangements would be settled as part of the Section 106 and that this authority would have a role in shaping the Master Plan.

25.3 The Cabinet Member welcomed the report stating that he considered the emphasis on providing employment opportunities to be very important as there could be great future potential for this at this location

25.4 **RESOLVED** - That the Cabinet Member approves the comments set out in Section 4 as the City Council's formal response on the Shoreham Port Authority's draft Port Masterplan.

In summary the City Council:

- welcomes the production of a draft Masterplan setting out a clear direction for the Port's operations and the impetus it gives to employment led regeneration of the Harbour area.
- welcomes and supports the future growth of the port as a significant local employer.
- sees the port area as a suitable area for the expansion of non-port related business opportunities. In this respect the City Council supports Option 2 Non-Port Employment for Aldrington Basin.
- does not believe that the significant relocation of existing non port operational employment uses to sites outside of the port is desirable or realistic and would like clarification in the Masterplan in broad terms as to whether the Port's future growth prospects can be met on existing land within the Port.
- notes the comments and concerns that the Port Authority submitted on the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Core Strategy - Preferred Strategy and the Councils' approach to safeguarding of wharves which are restated in the draft Masterplan. The Council would welcome ongoing dialogue with the Port Authority to ensure that the need to plan for aggregate imports and processing is reconciled with the need for regeneration of the area and also the operational needs of the Port Authority to retain a thriving port.
- welcomes and supports the principles of the proposed access arrangements within the Port area and the potential connections to the wider local transport network at key junctions and would welcome the opportunity for further discussion of these and other transport matters with both the Port Authority and West Sussex County Council.
- welcomes the Port Authority's commitment and progress to date in working towards Ecoport's Ports Environmental Review System (PERS) certification. The City Council would also support subsequent steps to achieving ISO14001 accreditation. The Council welcomes in principle the actions identified in the Masterplan regarding on-site renewable energy generation.
- requests further detail as to the Masterplan's environmental impacts, associated mitigation measures and steps to ensure the port will make a positive contribution to the environment and amenity of the area. In this context the City Council welcomes the proposals for the Port Authority to carry out environmental improvements but asks for clarification as to how this would be funded.
- requests clarification of the reference to a joint property that this is expected to perform. venture and the role.

The meeting concluded at 5.40pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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