

Decision No: CAB042 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB23935

This record relates to Agenda Item 94 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW: PROPOSALS FOR BUSINESS RATES RETENTION AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER

AUTHOR: MARK IRELAND

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the proposals set out in the consultation paper and the potential implications for the council as known at this time.
- 2.2 That Cabinet agrees that the Director of Finance responds to the consultation document opposing the proposals in principle and providing technical responses to the questions raised in the consultation paper based on the key issues set out in paragraphs 3.10, 3.12, 3.15, 3.17, 3.19, 3.21, 3.23 and 3.24 in the body of the report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The consultation requires responses to be received by 24 October 2011 and given the potential significance of the proposals to the future finances of the council the recommendations ask Cabinet to give a clear steer to the response from the council so that the response deadline can be achieved.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The report sets out the key issues and explains the reasoning why certain responses are proposed to be made in keeping with the overall objective to protect and minimise risk to future funding sources of the council.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

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Forward Plan No:N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 95 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE
SUBJECT:	WAIVERS OF CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS
AUTHOR:	CLAIRE JONES

THE DECISION

2.1 That Cabinet notes the number of waivers authorised under Contract Standing Orders 18.2 & 18.3 during financial year 2010/11.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The analysis does not suggest any failure to comply with CSOs. The decrease in the numbers of waivers is consistent with the streamlining of the waivers authorisation and notification processes. Additional methods have been introduced to monitor any occurrences of unauthorised purchases/contracts by council officers who would have required a waiver. Overall the report demonstrates the increasing awareness and achievement of value for money and reflects the changing nature of procurement, including the move to greater use of partnership working and collaboration.

Corporate Procurement continues to increase the profile of procurement with officers seeking advice about tendering and the use of more innovative approaches to procurement, which are allowed for within CSOs without the need for a waiver for e.g. the increase in collaboration with neighbouring councils and the use of consortium contracts and frameworks.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable to this report.

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None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB044 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB23385

This record relates to Agenda Item 96 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	PLACE
SUBJECT:	CONSULTATION ON POLICY OPTIONS PAPERS FOR THE NEW CITY PLAN
AUTHOR:	HELEN GREGORY

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the Policy Options Papers and preferred options set out in the appendices.
- 2.2 That Cabinet approves the publication of the Policy Options Papers and associated Sustainability Appraisal document for a period of focussed consultation to inform the preparation of a draft City Plan subject to minor grammatical or editorial alterations approved by the Strategic Director, Place.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To progress the preparation of the City Plan to ensure the council has an up to date strategic planning framework for the city to replace the current Local Plan.

To ensure that there is effective consultation on four key policy areas that are subject to significant change in accordance with the statement of community involvement and planning regulations.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The process of preparing a development plan document is to test alternative policy options. This testing includes consultation, a robust evidence base and a Sustainability Appraisal. Given the significance of change proposed to four policy areas it was considered necessary for these to be fully tested through an additional 'issues and options' stage.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB045 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB23471

This record relates to Agenda Item 97 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: PLACE

SUBJECT: EAST SUSSEX, SOUTH DOWNS AND BRIGHTON & HOVE WASTE AND MINERALS PLAN (CORE STRATEGY)

AUTHOR: MIKE HOLFORD

THE DECISION

2.1 That Cabinet approves the recommendation to publish the Draft Waste and Minerals Plan for a six week period of public consultation between 27 October and 8 December 2011, subject to any minor grammatical or editorial alterations that may be made by the Strategic Director, Place and in agreement with East Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Cabinet approval is needed to publish a revised Plan for consultation.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no practical alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CAB046 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB24026

This record relates to Agenda Item 98 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	PEOPLE
SUBJECT:	REPORT OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMISSION
AUTHOR:	TERRY PARKIN

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet makes clear its aspiration that our secondary schools are to be performing in line with, or better than, the top quartile of similar schools by 2014;
- 2.2 That schools and the Council commit resources to offer all teachers the opportunities to become outstanding practitioners;
- 2.3 That the Lead Commissioner for Learning and Partnerships should work with secondary schools, academies and their governing bodies to agree a formal structure that requires secondary schools and academies to work together collaboratively, and to raise outcomes for all pupils at 16 in line with 2.1 and 2.2 above;
- 2.4 That the widest possible engagement of the communities served by the schools should be engaged in this development; and,
- 2.5 That this should include annual reports on progress to Cabinet and other key stakeholders.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

In spite of the changes in funding, local government remains responsible for intervening in failing schools. Whilst we cannot delegate this responsibility, we can promote closer working between our schools to prevent schools failing. This report provides a clear direction of travel towards a headteacher-led local system of school improvement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Alternative options are discussed in the body of the Report. With the reduction of resources made available to local authorities for intervention in schools, the Secretary of State has been clear that he expects schools to take a much greater role in peer to peer support. The role of the Council as described in this paper is to catalyse change and to support schools in working much more closely together and with far greater collective accountability.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB047 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No:N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 99 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW AT SALTDEAN
AUTHOR:	OLIVER DIXON

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the recommendations of Governance Committee in relation to agenda item 10 of their meeting on 26 July 2011 set out in the extract of minutes at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That Cabinet requests officers to submit a further report to Cabinet once the conditions required by Governance Committee are met.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Guidance from the Commission makes clear that all local authorities affected by a potential boundary change must support a review before the Commission will begin the process.

Any request for a review must include evidence of community support. As and when a survey of local people is carried out, it should be administered and paid for collectively by all three authorities.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There is nothing to prevent the council from requesting the Commission to carry out a review immediately but, as indicated in the report, the Commission is likely to refuse the request until such time as all three authorities (BHCC, Lewes DC and East Sussex CC) are together supportive of a review. For this reason, submitting a request unilaterally from Brighton & Hove would serve no purpose and is therefore not recommended.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB048 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No:N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 100 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	COMMUNITIES
SUBJECT:	AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY
AUTHOR:	MARY EVANS

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That a programme of activity be developed in consultation with the local armed forces community to form the Brighton & Hove Community Covenant, to enable publicity of existing initiatives as well as the development of new plans as appropriate.
- 2.2 That Brighton and Hove apply for funds to support the Community Covenant by March 2012.
- 2.3 That the plans for a Community Covenant and the engagement process be publicised on Remembrance Day 2011.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To respond to the Community Covenant Notice of Motion referred to Cabinet on 22 September 2011.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Evaluations of options for activity will be explored through the consultation process.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB049 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB24147

This record relates to Agenda Item 101 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT: RESILIENCE PLAN - MAJOR INCIDENT
AND CORPORATE BUSINESS
CONTINUITY PLAN 2011 AND POLICY
DOCUMENT

AUTHOR: ROBIN HUMPHRIES

THE DECISION

2.1 That Cabinet notes and approves sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Major Incident and Corporate Business Continuity Plan 2011 and the policy document at appendix 1.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to have emergency and business continuity plans in place

The contents of these plans will meet the needs of the act and ensure compliance

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Any amendments, or clarification requested by the Cabinet Member will be considered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CAB050 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB24410

This record relates to Agenda Item 102 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT: ICT STRATEGY 2011-2016

AUTHOR: PAUL COLBRAN

THE DECISION

2.1 That Cabinet approves the council's ICT Strategy 2011-2016 set out in full at Appendix 1.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

ICT underpins many of the council's operations. Information and technology not only serves the needs of the council's business functions but has become a driving force for change, innovation and service delivery across the city. The ICT Strategy supports the delivery of a cost effective, efficient and responsive ICT service. Without an overall coherent strategy we will be unable to demonstrate long term, sustainable benefit from our ICT investment, be unable to meet the ambitions of the council and in so doing both save money and protect frontline services.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None considered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB051 – 13/10/11

Forward Plan No: CAB25362

This record relates to Agenda Item 103 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	WIDE AREA NETWORK PROCUREMENT
AUTHOR:	PAUL COLBRAN

THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the previous approval for procurement of a new Wide Area Network for a contract term of 5 years with an option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years.
- 2.2 That Cabinet agrees to a revised term of the contract from 5 years to 7 years and a revised option to extend the contract for a further period of up to 3 years (instead of 2).

REASON FOR THE DECISION

It is considered beneficial to move to a longer contract term, aligned to developments within the telecoms market, and so provide best value over the term through longer financial commitment allowing for reduced risk premiums.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The recommendation to increase the contract term by one year has been jointly agreed by Sussex PSN partners and stakeholders to offer best possible value over the term of the contract.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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