DRAFT EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE 9 DECEMBER 2009

CABINET

4.00PM 9 DECEMBER 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillors Mears (Chairman), Brown, Caulfield, Fallon-Khan, Kemble, K Norman, Simson, Smith, G Theobald and Young

Also in attendance: Councillors Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson, Labour Group), Randall (Convenor, Green Group) and Watkins (Opposition Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat Group)

Other Members present: Councillors Hamilton, Marsh, Oxley, Smart and Taylor

135 RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 'OLDER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY'

135.1 The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Environment detailing the Cabinet response to the scrutiny review of 'Older People and Community Safety' (for copy see minute book).

135.2 The Chairman welcomed Councillor Marsh to the meeting. She thanked Councillor Marsh for chairing the scrutiny panel and commended the panel's report.

135.3 Councillor Simson reported that the scrutiny panel's report had been welcomed by the Community Safety Forum and its members looked forward to the seeing the implementation plan taken forward.

135.4 Councillor Marsh stated that she was pleased that the scrutiny panel's recommendations would be taken forward in conjunction with the Council's partner organisations. She thanked the Partnership Community Safety Team and in particular the Head of Community Safety. Councillor Marsh also thanked the Head of Housing Management and Mr. Jim Baker, who first raised the issue. She reported that an information booklet would be published as part of the implementation plan and that this would be accessible to all older people. She hoped that the Council would work with the business community to encourage increased social spaces and day time activities for older people. She added that monitoring of progress against the implementation plan would be key.

135.5 In relation to recommendation 10 of the implementation plan Councillor Randall

advised that the Council should be working more closely with LGBT and HIV/AIDS groups as the number of older people affected had increased. He also noted the increased problem of abuse against older people.

135.6 Councillor Watkins commended the report to the Cabinet in his capacity as a member of the scrutiny panel. He advised that monitoring of progress against the implementation plan would be key.

135.7 Councillor Caulfield explained that recommendation five of the implementation plan was partly addressed by the local lettings plans for over 50s in council housing and sheltered schemes. She requested that the recommendation be considered by the Housing Management Consultative Committee to allow tenants the opportunity to comment.

135.8 Councillor Simson confirmed that progress against the implementation plan would be monitored closely. She added that the Council was supportive of any third sector groups providing support to vulnerable groups.

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

(1) That the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee and its scrutiny panel, in relation to Older People and Community Safety, be noted.

(2) That actions detailed in the implementation plan be agreed.

Note: This item was brought forward at the request of the Chairman and considered following item 130.