

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 18

Brighton & Hove City Council

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS

5.00PM, 10 JUNE 2008

ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kemble, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects

Other Members: Councillor Mitchell, Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Turton, Opposition Spokesperson.

Also in attendance:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Mears, Leader, Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation & Tourism

PART ONE

1 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1a Declarations of Interests

1.1 There were none.

1b Exclusion of Press and Public

1.2 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

1.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance concerning the Terms of Reference of the Enterprise, Employment & Major

Projects Cabinet Member Meeting (for copy see minute book).

2.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Terms of Reference be noted.

3 MINUTES

3.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Major Projects Sub-Committee held on 14 March 2008 be noted.

4 CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 There were none.

5 ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion.

6 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

6.1 There were none.

7 WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

7.1 There were none.

8 PETITION – THE CONNAUGHT CENTRE

8.1 The Cabinet Member had before him the following petition presented at Council on 13 March 2008 by Councillor Older and signed by 551 people.

“The Connaught Centre has been a centre of excellence in teaching for adults and as a vital community resource for the past 30 years. City College Brighton and Hove’s plans for the future of the centre and adult education are unclear in their redevelopment proposals.

We the undersigned believe that the loss of the facility would be detrimental to both the community and learners in the west of the city and that City College will be failing in its remit to provide city wide learning by concentrating all of its facilities in the east and centre of Brighton and ignoring the needs of Hove. We request a positive response on the future of the Connaught.”

The Cabinet Member replied that he would send a written reply to Councillor Older as set out below.

“The city council has worked closely with City College Brighton and Hove and the Learning and Skills Council to try to ensure as much capital funding as possible is directed towards Brighton & Hove to provide modern fit-for-purpose vocational further education. At the moment this work has concentrated on the larger Pelham Street and proposed Community Stadium campuses. We understand that City College does have plans for future provision of both a study skills centre aimed at 14-16 years old, to be provided in partnership with schools, and adult education to

be provided in accessible locations in the west of the city. However, the college is yet to make any formal proposals for this provision or to make any firm decisions on the future of the Connaught building.

The Principle of City College informs us that he has met with staff and students on a number of occasions and guaranteed that Connaught will continue for at least two more years and certainly until replacement provision is in place. The College and the City Council are both members of the Brighton & Hove Learning Partnership. The Partnership has a sub group whose remit is Adult Learning. Any proposals for future provision of Adult Learning will be considered by this partnership group.

The city council would be concerned by any loss of provision and floor space in the west of the city. The City Council will continue to work with the college to ensure that we safeguard provision and learner numbers as the later phases of the college's capital strategy come forward."

9 DEPUTATIONS

9.1 There were none.

10 LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

10.1 There were none.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

11.1 There were none.

12 MATTERS REFERRED FOR RECONSIDERATION

12.1 There were none.

13 REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13.1 There were none.

14 SHOREHAM HARBOUR REGENERATION PROPOSALS – UPDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MEMBER STEERING GROUP

14.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of The Acting Director Cultural Services which provided an update on the Shoreham Harbour regeneration proposals and presented the terms of reference for a proposed Member Steering Group (for copy see minute book). The draft terms of reference were attached as appendix 1 to the report.

14.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That progress of the project be noted.

(2) That It be agreed that the Council appoints three City Council Members as representatives to sit on the Shoreham Harbour Member Steering Group, namely: the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment and Major Projects, one Labour ward councillor (Councillor Hamilton) and one Conservative ward councillor (Councillor Harmer-Strange).

15 APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT BOARDS

- 15.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of The Acting Director Cultural Services which reviewed the role performed by Project Boards and the part they played in the delivery and decision making process of major projects. The report sought agreement to the retention and continuation of a number of existing Project Boards, requested nominations from the main political groups for their representatives to join these Boards and set out the criteria by which Project Boards were considered appropriate and might be established (for copy see minute book).
- 15.2 The Opposition Spokesperson referred to the criteria for establishing the Project Boards and asked for clarification regarding Black Rock (Brighton Int'l Arena). The Assistant Director, Major Projects explained that a planning application for this project had not yet been submitted. The view of the Major Projects Sub-Committee was that the land owning Committee had fulfilled its role, and the project had been referred to the planning authority. The Leader of the Opposition asked if BIA had submitted a robust business case as this had been due to be examined by officers by the end of April, if satisfactory. The Assistant Director, Major Projects explained that a Part 2, exempt report had been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee. The Leader of the Council was likely to comment on this matter at Cabinet on 12 June 2008.
- 15.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the role performed by Project Boards and the part they play in the delivery and decision making process of major projects be noted.
- (2) That the Project Boards for the Brighton Centre, City College (including Wilson Avenue), the Open Market, Preston Barracks and The Keep be retained and that new Project Boards be created in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report as appropriate.
- (3) That it be agreed that each of the four main political groups be requested to nominate representatives to join the identified Project Boards.

16 SUB-NATIONAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

- 16.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of The Acting Director Cultural Services which proposed a response to the consultation on the Sub-National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration and sought authority to negotiate a joint response with East & West Sussex County Councils (for copy see minute book).
- 16.2 The Cabinet Member confirmed that the response would be brought back to the Cabinet Member meeting.
- 16.3 The Leader of the Opposition stressed that there was a need for proper regional planning and the response should not be unduly negative.
- 16.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the main points of the consultation response, as set out in Section 7 of the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Acting Director, Cultural Services be authorised to discuss and if

possible agree a similar joint response with East and West Sussex County Councils.

The meeting concluded at 5.16pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2008

