

## **CABINET**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2009 at 7.00 pm at Council Chamber, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.**

**Present:** Councillor Sandy Ezekiel (Chairman); Councillors J Kirby, Ms Gideon, Mrs Wiltshire (Cabinet Member for Community Services) and Wise

### **60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received Councillors Latchford and Mrs Tomlinson.

### **61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **62. MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY 2009**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2009 were agreed.

### **63. MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING - 20 FEBRUARY 2009**

Cabinet Members were advised that the minutes had been amended at EXC6

#### **Site 2 – Maritime Museum, Pier Yard, Ramsgate**

“The Officer recommendation to Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 9 April 2009 would be;

‘That Cabinet support the asset as surplus and allow it to be progressed through the adopted disposal framework’.

Mr Kirkaldie addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Suggests that Ramsgate Town Council, when established, should work with Thanet District Council to restore the building, or at least be consulted on its future

Ramsgate’s heritage should be preserved as is Broadstairs.

**Suggests working in partnership with the current Steam Museum (*amendment to minute*)**

Mrs Shallow addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Loss of the museum would result in the loss of a unique heritage visitor centre

Enough cafés in the harbour area already

A need to maintain visitor attractions for families

Councillor E Green addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Concerned that the property would become derelict if agreed as surplus

Tendency for the property’s basement to flood

Councillor D Green addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Many residents of Ramsgate wanted the site to remain as a museum”

**Site 6 - Port Ramsgate East, West of Historic Harbour**

“The Officer recommendation to Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 9 April 2009 would be;

‘That Cabinet agree the site as surplus and progress to the next stage of the adopted disposal framework’.

Mr Kirkaldie addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Does not fit with the Local plan 2006. The site is allocated for Port usage

Is in a Conservation Area

Piecemeal development around the Port is unacceptable

**English Heritage should be approached before the listed underground structure is dealt with** (*amendment to minute*)

Councillor D Green addressed Cabinet with the following comments;

Not completely against alternate uses but site is protected for Port use

In-depth plan needed”

The amended minutes were agreed.

**64. MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY CABINET - 12 MARCH 2009**

Cabinet Members were advised that the minutes had been amended at minute number 58 Exclusion of the Public and Press. At the time of printing the agenda the item number and the paragraph of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 were omitted.

The amended minutes of the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting held on 12 March 2009 were agreed.

**65. RESPONSE TO AIRPORT MASTER PLAN - KENT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (KIA).**

It be recommended to Council:

8.1.1 That Members agree in principle to the aspirations of the Draft Masterplan as it broadly aligns with Government guidance and Regional and Local Planning Policy and guidance and complies with the requirements of the existing Section 106 agreement on the airport.

8.1.2 That the airport be requested to amend the draft Masterplan to address the results of its consultation, inform consultees of proposed amendments and reconsult upon its proposed amendments prior to finalising the Masterplan, consultation to be undertaken with statutory Planning Consultees including GOSE, SEERA, The Highways Agency and SEEDA.

8.1.3 That proposed amendments include the following alterations/additions to the Masterplan:

(1) More specific measurable targets with regard to;

- Sustainability;
- Carbon neutrality;
- Emission control (including proposals relating to airline offsetting measures)

(2) More specific details are provided with regard to the establishment of an Air Transport Forum and the development of a Surface Access Strategy to cope with predicted growth. The forum remit would include the provision of Realistic revisions to forecasting of surface access issues based upon an aspiration for greater use of public transport and alternative means of transport to the private car.

(3) Reference to the impact of the present economic conditions on predictions for short-term development

(4) The inclusion of more specific proposals for the phasing of development proposals and associated infrastructure provision required as a result of those proposals for the period up to 2018, with details of approximate costs at today's prices. This analysis should confirm that measures proposed will ensure there is sufficient infrastructure capacity to cater for the growth of the airport in the context of other development aspirations for the area.

(5) That more specific proposals, with timescale details are put forward for the implementation of environmental studies to assess the implications of phased growth and preparation of mitigation proposals where required. These studies to take place in consultation with the Environment Agency and Natural England and to result in the production of an Environmental Statement to accompany the Masterplan. This process must comply with the requirements of relevant EU Environmental Law.

(6) That the status of proposals in the Masterplan that do not accord with the present extant policy documents, (ie: the Northern Grass, potential offsite highway improvements and parking proposals) are clearly identified as such in the Masterplan. The Masterplan should make it clear that these proposals are aspirations to be pursued through the LDF process.

(7) That the Masterplan clearly defines how it aims to meet all the requirements of the Section 106 agreement, including night flying and adherence to identified routes for take off and landing.

(8) That the Masterplan be amended with reference to the permitted development rights available to the airport.

(9) That more specific reference is made to the implications of the introduction of Public Safety Zones at either end of the runway.

8.1.4 This report, subject to Member comment, will proceed to Council on 23 April. After Council has decided its response, Officers will work with Airport Management towards further consultation and amendment of the draft Masterplan such that a final version of the document is produced.

## **66. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

This item was for information purposes only.

## **67. BUDGET MONITORING**

Recommendation made that:

12.1 Cabinet notes the outturn position for 2008/09

12.2 Cabinet notes the position in relation to the possible EDRF reclaim

12.3 Cabinet approves the revised General Fund Capital Programme

**68. THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE EAST KENT SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Recommendation made that:

5.1 Cabinet note the content of the report and Annex 1

**69. TO APPROVE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN FOR THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Recommendation made that:

6.1 Cabinet approve the Climate Change Strategy

6.2 Cabinet note the Action Plan for Managers that has been developed to deliver the Climate Change Strategy

**70. WAIVERS FROM CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS**

Recommendation made that:

4.1 Cabinet note the report.

Meeting concluded : 7.38 pm