

CABINET

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2010 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Robert W Bayford (Chairman); Councillors Latchford, Moores, Wells and Wise

In Attendance: Councillors: C Hart, Mrs Johnston, R Nicholson and Poole

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

20. MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE: "THE COALITION: OUR PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT"

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive which detailed the Coalition Government Policy Proposals and Early Decisions for information. A more detailed report would be drafted in the context of the Emergency Budget to be announced on 22 June 2010, which report would then be recommendation to Council for consideration.

Councillor R Nicholson addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Bayford and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Agreed that:

Cabinet notes the interim report and that a fuller report be presented to Council in July.

22. CORPORATE PLAN REFRESH

Members considered the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services which detailed the Annual Refresh of the Corporate Plan 2007-11 for recommendation to Council for approval.

Councillors Mrs Johnston and C. Hart addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Bayford and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Agreed:

To recommend the proposed content of the refreshed Corporate Plan 2007-11 to Council.

23. COMMENTS UPON KENT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S MASTER PLAN

Members considered the report of the Director of Regeneration Services which detailed the Airport Working Party's comments to the final Kent International Airport's MasterPlan for recommendation to Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Latchford and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Recommended:

That the Working Party's conclusions, including their recommendation that the Council receive the Airport MasterPlan are referred to Council for approval.

24. A STRATEGY TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR 2010-11

Members considered the report of the Community Safety Manager and Landlord Services Manager which detailed the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for 2010/11 for recommendation to Council for approval.

Councillor Mrs Johnston addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Resolved that:

The Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010/11 be reviewed and any comments or alterations be given to the Community Safety Unit to be included in the final published document.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010/11 be endorsed by the Cabinet as Thanet District Council's plan of action to tackle and target anti-social behaviour in Thanet.

25. EUROKENT BUSINESS PARK

Members considered the report of the Director of Regeneration Services which detailed the marketing and fit-outs of office and industrial units at the Eurokent Business Park for Cabinet information and decision.

Councillor Poole addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Latchford and seconded by Councillor Bayford, Members Resolved:

That Members note the current improving position regarding take up of lettings.
That Officers continue working with SEEDA towards a target of 75% occupancy by April 2011.
And that Officers investigate with SEEDA options for management of this site once the primary objective of ensuring that all employment units are occupied has been achieved.
That Members approve the addition to the capital programme of the cost of the fit-outs and the external funding to offset this cost.

26. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Members considered the report of the Community Development Officer which detailed the Community Partnership Agreements (Pilot Year Review and 2010/11 Decision) Members were asked to determine whether the scheme continued in its current form or whether another preferred format be designed.

Councillor Mrs Johnston addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Resolved that:

The Community Partnership Agreement programme remains in place for the year 2010/11 with the same budget as for 2009/10. A report will be provided at the end of the financial year 2010/11 to give details on improvement in the take up of the scheme by the third sector and efficiency of the scheme due to officer time constraints.

27. PROPOSALS FOR THE REFORM OF HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SUBSIDY SYSTEM

Members considered the report of the Landlord Services Manager which detailed the Proposals for the Reform of Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System for approval.

Councillor Mrs Johnston addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Wells and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Resolved:

That members approve the response to the prospectus in favour of implementing a self financing system for the Housing Revenue Account.

28. THANET LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Members considered the report of the Strategic Planning and Conservation Manager which detailed the role and proposed Membership of the Local Development Framework Cabinet Advisory Group for approval. The Leader of the Labour Group confirmed the names of the Labour Members on the proposed Cabinet Advisory Group.

Moved by Councillor Moores and seconded by Councillor Bayford, Members Resolved:

That the membership of the Cabinet Advisory Board be agreed as set out in paragraph 1.3.

29. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING 2009-10

Members considered the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services which detailed the Annual Performance of Council.

Councillor R Nicholson addressed Cabinet under Council Procedure rule 24.1 for this item.

Moved by Councillor Bayford and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Resolved that:

Cabinet reviews the Council's performance as set out in the Annual Performance Report and takes action to improve performance where required.

30. EDF ENERGY EASEMENT AND SUB-STATION: LONDON ARRAY SITE, PORT OF RAMSGATE

Members considered the report of the Director of Regeneration Services which detailed the EDF Energy Easement for approval.

Moved by Councillor Latchford and seconded by Councillor Moores, Members Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the transfer of the land for an electricity sub-station, together with the associated easement.

31. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Moved by Councillor Moores and seconded by Councillor Wise, Members Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 15, Annex 1 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

32. EAST KENT JOINT WASTE PROJECT

Members considered the report of the Director of Environmental Services which detailed the East Kent Joint Waste Project for approval.

Moved by Councillor Wise and seconded by Councillor Latchford, Members Resolved:

That net disposal savings generated by the new service arrangements set out in Appendix 1 are retained by KCC, and that they limit the sums payable to the districts to the enabling payments for each authority set out in the table under paragraph 2.7 plus the alternate view payments to Canterbury and Thanet set out in paragraph 2.10.

That provided the overall waste diversion increases in East Kent then KCC will share 50% of the savings with the East Kent districts. The allocation between the districts will be based on a simple formula pro-rata to their populations.

Meeting concluded : 8.15 pm