

CABINET

MINUTES of a meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 December 2008 at County Hall, Lewes.

75. PRESENT - Councillor Jones (Chairman)
Councillors Bentley, Elkin, Glazier, Kirby, Lock, Reid,
and Tidy

The following members spoke on the items indicated:

Councillor Birch	-	item 80
Councillor Daniel	-	item 83
Councillor Field	-	items 81 and 83
Councillor Ost	-	item 80
Councillor Tutt	-	item 80
Councillor Webb	-	item 82

76 MINUTES

76.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2008 as a correct record.

77 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

77.1 Councillor Mrs Stroude

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

78.1 Councillor Webb declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 8 as he was an acquaintance of one of the landowners potentially affected by the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order.

79 REPORTS

79.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

80 RECONCILING POLICY AND RESOURCES

80.1 The Cabinet a report by the Chief Executive and all Chief Officers.

80.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

(1) note the current savings proposals for 2009/10 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report; and

(2) note the progress on consultation/engagement activity across the Authority including the results and action from the recent Residents Panel survey (Appendix 4 of the report) and the meetings with partner organisations as outlined in paragraph 6.1 of the report.

Reason

80.3 To achieve the development of a sound medium term financial strategy.

81 DIRECTLY PROVIDED SERVICE REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLE'S HOME CARE

81.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care together with comments from the Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care on the proposals set out in the report.

81.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

1) agree to a future reconfiguration of the service to maximise the benefits of:

- a) the implementation of the new software system in Autumn 2009;
- b) the inclusion of Occupational Therapists into the service; and
- c) the allocation of a dedicated care management resource to support Home Care teams

2) agree to enhance the identity of the service as a re-ablement scheme by a refocusing of resources to increase rehabilitative services to those living at home, re-branding the service by a change of service name to Living at Home Service and staff title to Support Worker and to introduce a readily identifiable uniform for these staff;

3) agree to the development of a costed Service Level Agreement to bring more clarity to the cost and role of the new Living at Home Service;

4) further enhance the efficiencies made by the Directly Provided Service Home Care by:

a) increasing the proportion of Directly Provided Service service users who require no ongoing home care support on discharge from the service from the current output of 24% to 45% by March 2010;

b) enhancing the capacity and throughput by reducing the average length of intervention for the core re-ablement service to 42 days and the Enhanced Response Team to 14 days whilst continuing to provide other specialist home care services

c) operating the system at the optimum service level of 4,200 hours per week with 60% of these hours being face to face contact time with service users.

Reason

81.3 There is a need to continue DPS Home care, however, service delivery and efficiency will be improved by; the implementation of the new software system in autumn 2009 providing management efficiencies and the opportunity, in consultation with the Primary Care Trusts, to restructure the service as a multidisciplinary service integrating occupational and other therapy services providing an individualised rehabilitative model of care. Alongside this and in order to avoid unnecessary delays and ensure that the appropriate ongoing care packages are commissioned, a dedicated care management time is to be deployed within the service. In line with the strategy to shift the balance of services from bed based to community based care, the efficiencies achieved from the anticipated improved performance be used to refocus the core re-ablement service from its current primary hospital focus to also be more readily available for those living at home in the community.

82 DIRECTLY PROVIDED SERVICE REVIEW OF LEARNING DISABILITY RESPITE SERVICES

82.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care together with comments from the Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care on the proposals set out in the report.

82.2 On the motion of Councillor Bentley (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED – to

1) agree to maintain and further develop both Greenwood, Bexhill and Sandbanks, Hailsham by:

a) developing specialist pre-placement assessments for individuals considering a move to, independent living, supported accommodation or permanent residential care

b) increasing the choice of day time activities for people using respite services

c) exploring the feasibility of de-registering parts of the current buildings to develop supported living respite opportunities

2) agree to consider the long term needs of the six residents and their continued residential placement at Sandbanks in line with the new developments in Directly Provided Services residential Services as agreed by Cabinet in October 2007; and

3) agree to explore with current service users, the option of utilising individual budgets to exercise choice over how and where their care and support needs are met.

Reason

82.3 The guidance set out in “Putting People First” states that service users should be given as much choice and control over their care as possible. To facilitate this service users will offered an Individual Budget to enable them to consider alternatives to directly provided services. If a significant number of service users decide to purchase an alternative service then further consideration of the services commissioned may be required. Both Sandbanks and Greenwood are well used and highly regarded services providing essential support to maintain service users in the community. It was agreed that they be maintained and further developed.

83 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS FOR THE PROPOSED BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD

83.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. The Director of Transport and Environment reported that an additional Compulsory Purchase Order Plan (number PA 2282 CPO 06) had been tabled and as a result recommendation 1 in the report should be amended to reflect the fact that there were six Compulsory Purchase Order Plans. The Director also reported that he was confident that funding to undertake the scheme would be available at the appropriate time.

83.2 On the motion of Councillor Lock (duly seconded) it was RESOLVED –

(1) subject to the decision of the Planning Committee of the County Council to approve the application for planning permission in respect of the scheme, to authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under powers

conferred by sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980, section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by section 99 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and all other statutory powers them enabling for the acquisition of all interests in land and buildings, and the creation of new rights, required for the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road and associated landscaping, environmental mitigation measures, flood storage and wildlife habitat replacement as shown on drawings no PA2282 – CPO – 01 to 06 (see Appendix 3 of the report);

2) subject to the decision of the Planning Committee of the County Council to approve the application for planning permission in respect of the scheme, to authorise the making of a Side Roads Order (SRO) under sections 14, 124 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 and Part 6 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 as shown on drawings no PA2282 – SRO – SP1 to 5 and the Key Plan. (see Appendix 3 of the report);

3) authorise the Director of Law and Personnel to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO including the publication of all notices and the presentation of the County Council's case at any public inquiry; and

4) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment:-

- a) in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, to approve any amendments to the proposed CPO and SRO and the extent of the land and rights to be acquired, as considered necessary;
- b) to acquire interests in land and new rights within the CPO either by agreement or compulsorily;
- c) to approve agreements with landowners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the CPO and SRO including, where appropriate, seeking exclusion of the land or new rights from the CPO and/or making arrangements for the relocation of occupiers; and
- d) approve any other compensation payable pursuant to the CPO and any other incidental matters relating to the CPO and SRO note the outcome of the mid-term review of the capital programme; and

Reason

83.3 It is considered that there is a compelling case in the public interest for the compulsory acquisition of the land and rights required for the scheme. In order to enable possession of land and buildings to be taken at an appropriate time for scheme construction to start, it is considered necessary for a CPO to be made. The timing of the making of a CPO will depend on the outcome of the planning application. The implementation of the scheme will also require a Side Roads Order. This will be made at the same time as the CPO.

84 BUDGET MONITORING 2008/09

84.1 The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources.

84.2 On the motion of Councillor Reid it was RESOLVED – to note the latest monitoring position on the revenue and capital budgets.

Reason

84.3 Management action is being taken to address areas of concern.

85 ITEMS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

85.1 The Cabinet agreed that item 5 should be reported to the County Council.

[Note: The item being reported to the County Council refers to minute number 80]