

# CABINET

Meeting of the

held on Monday 22 April 2002

PRESENT:-

Councillor **MARSDEN** (Chairman and Leader of the Council), Councillor **LACEY OBE** (Deputy Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillors **Mrs GOODALL**, **Mrs MURRAY** and **TAYLOR**.

**172. MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2002 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

**173. WASTE LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION BY EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND BRIGHTON AND HOVE CITY COUNCIL ON THE SECOND DEPOSIT DRAFT.** Councillor Marsden presented the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities highlighting revisions to the draft waste local plan since it had first been presented (as the first deposit draft) to the Cabinet on 6 December 2000.

The revised plan had been extended to 2015 and updated to reflect more stringent Government targets for household waste recycling and the recovery of municipal waste. Recycling of household waste had improved to 12% across the plan area in 2000-2001, but this remained considerably short of future targets by East Sussex and the Government. East Sussex targets were: 30% by 2005, 33% by 2010 and 40% by 2015. The Government's national targets were: 25% by 2005, 30% by 2010 and 33% by 2015.

The draft plan now proposed that a site adjacent to the proposed Tutts Barn Roundabout in Eastbourne accommodate a materials recovery facility and waste transfer station for the Eastbourne/Polegate area. The plan indicated that it might be possible to accommodate a relocated household waste site (currently located in St. Philip's Avenue) to this location. The plan noted that its development would be constrained by access difficulties and major facilities on the site would require the implementation of the Southbourne link road as proposed in the Eastbourne Borough Plan. The site had potential for rail access though no commitment was made in the Plan to achieving this as a goal.

The report examined the implications for Eastbourne of such a facility noting the benefits for increasing recycling and reduced transportation costs. It also dealt with the need to ensure adequate highway access and protect residential amenities. Appendix A to the report set out proposed objection to the proposal, which while supporting the allocation at the Tutts Barn site in principle, drew attention to specific concerns.

The statutory six week consultation period was due to end on the 14 May and for this reason the matter had been brought to this special meeting of the Cabinet.

A further area of concern was that the relocation of the household waste site from St. Philip's Avenue was only seen as an aspiration in the revised plan and not a firm commitment. In view of this it was proposed that the Council maintain as unresolved its objection to the first deposit draft.

Councillors Mrs Charlton and Mrs Healy were permitted to address the Cabinet. Both expressed concern about the urgent need to relocate the existing household waste site at St Philip's Avenue. Concerns were also raised in respect of the affect on the local wildlife habitats and upon local amenities and health if the proposed Tutts Barn site was developed with a materials recovery facility and waste transfer station.

The Chairman and Cabinet members added their support for the early relocation of the St Philip's Avenue household waste site and their belief that this should be funded through the sale of the site and its re-development for housing.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That conditional "in principle" acceptance be given to the proposed material recovery facility at the Tutts Barn site as outlined above and subject thereto to agree the representations set out in Appendix A to the report as the Council's formal response to the second deposit draft of the waste local plan (to be sent with a covering letter of explanation from the Chairman).

(2) That the Council's original representations in respect of the relocation of the household waste site from St Philip's Avenue be re-affirmed.

174.	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and a description of the exempt information is shown in the summary below.	
175.	<b>SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR INFORMATION.</b>  (Note: The full minute of the under-mentioned item is set out in the confidential section of these minutes. The report remains confidential).	
(a)	<b>Former Employee - Consideration of Issues Consequent on Termination of Employment.</b> The Cabinet, after consideration of legal advice and other relevant considerations made determinations in respect of the exercise of discretion under relevant employment regulations regarding the case of a former employee.  (Exempt information reason - Paragraph 1 - Information relating to a former employee).	
The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.		
		<b>G H Marsden</b>  <b>Chairman</b>
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