

CABINET

Meeting of the

held on Wednesday 5 June 2002

PRESENT:-

Councillor **Mrs HEALY** (Chairman and Leader of the Council), Councillor **TUTT** (Deputy Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillors **HARRIS, LEGGETT** and **THOMPSON**.

1. MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2002 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CABINET MEMBERS. The Leader submitted details of the portfolio responsibilities of individual Cabinet Members. These were as follows:-

Councillor Mrs Healy (Leader of the Council) – Community Strategy, Equalities and Regeneration.

Councillor Tutt (Deputy Leader) – Finance, Legal and Property, Asset Management and Special Projects.

Councillor Leggett – Community Safety, Social Inclusion, Health and Housing.

Councillor Harris – Environment, Transport, IT and E-government.

Councillor Thompson – Culture.

NOTED.

3. EASTBOURNE BOROUGH PLAN 2001 - 2011 - PROPOSED MODIFICATION IN RESPECT OF POLICY NUMBER TR15 - LOCATION FOR LORRY PARK OFF BROADWATER WAY, HAMPDEN PARK. The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities reviewing the allocation of land off Broadwater Way for use as a lorry park. This allocation had been included in the second deposit draft plan approved by Council on 24 April 2002. A Public Inquiry into the plan was due to commence on 11 June 2002.

The report set out modifications to the Borough Plan which would be required if the proposal that this land should not be used as a lorry park was agreed. Amended wording to paragraph 8.28 of the plan, Policy TR15, was set out in appendix 1 to the report. The Broadwater Way site as shown on appendix 2 to the report would then be allocated as amenity land.

It was anticipated that the alterations to the Draft Plan would result in the objections made to the original proposal being conditionally withdrawn and avoid the need for objectors to attend the Inquiry. Although expenditure had been incurred determining the feasibility of the original proposal, reports provided on specialist matters such as site layout would be useful in the design of a future lorry park on another site. Ground

	<p>4. ABANDONED VEHICLES. The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities advising Members on the Council's current response to abandoned vehicles and the potential impact of a change in the legislation. Performance information on abandoned vehicles was appended to the report.</p> <p>New regulations introduced from 9 April 2002 reduced from 7 days to 24 hours the period of notice the Council was required to give prior to removing a vehicle from the highway. In addition, the 21-day notice period in respect of the destruction of vehicles held by the County Council had been reduced to 7 days.</p> <p>It was proposed that alternative arrangements for dealing with abandoned vehicles be investigated including the publication of a Dumped Car Hotline number.</p> <p>The Cabinet expressed its thanks to the Head of Amenities and the Cleansing Team for their continued efforts to improve the procedures for the removal of abandoned vehicles.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities submit a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet on the implications for the Council in providing a facility that would enable all abandoned vehicles to be removed off the highway at the earliest opportunity prior to disposal or being claimed by an owner.</p>	
	<p>5. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN. The Council on 24 April 2002 had granted the Chief Executive delegated authority to agree the Best Value Performance Plan's final text following consultation with Group Leaders. The Cabinet now considered the report of the Chief Executive outlining the arrangements for publication of the plan together with an appendix listing Best Value Performance Indicators, outturns for the last two years and targets for the coming three years. A copy of the complete Best Value Performance Plan had been circulated to Cabinet Members and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED (Key Decision and Policy Framework): That the targets and actions included within the Best Value Performance Plan to meet the Council's agreed objectives be endorsed.</p>	
	<p>6. FORMER OLD TOWN LIBRARY. The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive regarding the current position regarding the building and proposals for the way forward. The Cabinet had considered the former Old Town Library premises and its potential use for community purposes at their meeting on 10 April 2002. The Friends of Old Town Library had maintained their request to take over the building to establish a book lending service. Contact had been made with the Old Town Community Association and the Youth Service regarding the potential for using the facilities for developing youth work in the Old Town. The Friends would be encouraged to work with the East Sussex Youth Service to see if the facilities could be made available for youth activities in addition to library use.</p> <p>Councillor Marsden addressed the Cabinet regarding the importance of pursuing joint use of the facility and that it was essential that any business plan submitted was realistic in content.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (1) That progress on future use of the premises be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Friends of Old Town Library be allowed to have temporary occupation of the building for storage purposes and preparatory work for three months.</p>	

	<p>7. CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING CONFERENCE.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Leggett be appointed to attend this conference to be held in Harrogate on 11 to 14 June 2002.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.</p>		
		<p>Mrs B Healy</p> <p>Chairman</p>
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