



**Cabinet recommendation for consideration by Council
at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 25 July 2007**

Cabinet – 6 June 2007

25 Environmental Health Commercial Team's Service Plan 2007/08

The Cabinet considered Report No 102/07 relating to the Environmental Health Commercial Team's proposed Service Plan for 2007/08, a copy of which was set out at Appendix 1 thereto.

As part of its statutory obligations as a Food Safety Authority (FSA), the Council was required to consider and approve a Food Service Plan.

The Health & Safety Commission (HSC) was keen to ensure that local authorities fulfilled their statutory obligations in enforcing the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and that they gave it the appropriate priority and adequate resources.

In March 2005, the Council had signed up to working in Partnership with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) in order to assist in achieving the HSC's national targets for Health & Safety.

The establishment of the Wave Leisure Trust in April 2006 had meant that the responsibility for health & safety enforcement at Lewes, Seaford, Peacehaven and Seahaven Leisure Centres and Seaford Head Pool, had passed from the Health and Safety Executive to the Council's Environmental Health Commercial Team.

In March 2007, the Cabinet Office's Better Regulation Executive had published the Rogers Review which recommended that local authorities prioritised environmental health enforcement in several areas of work including Hygiene of Food Businesses, Improving Health in the Workplace and Alcohol Licensing. Such priorities fell within the remit of the Commercial Team for which the 2007/08 work programme, resource allocation and current level of activity were detailed in the Service Plan.

In accordance with FSA and HSE requirements, the Cabinet and Council needed to endorse the Service Plan and consider the adequacy of resources that were required to sustain the functions.

Recommended:

- 25.1 That the Environmental Health Commercial Team's Service Plan 2007/08, as set out at Appendix 1 to Report No 102/07, be approved and adopted.

Reasons for the Decision:

To comply with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency's Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement and to enable the Council to comply with its statutory obligations as a Health and Safety and Licensing Authority.

- † *Councillors are requested to bring with them to the meeting Report No 102/07 which was circulated with the agenda papers for the meeting of the Cabinet on 6 June 2007. If you require a further copy of the document please contact Trevor Hayward, Committee Officer, on e-mail trevor.hayward@jewes.gov.uk or telephone 01273 484122.*



**Cabinet resolution for consideration by Council
at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 25 July 2007**

Cabinet – 23 July 2007

49 'Fit for the Future' – Consultation Response to East Sussex Downs and Weald Primary Care Trust

The Cabinet considered Report No 138/07 relating to proposals, by the East Sussex Primary Care Trust (PCT), for the future shape of health services across East Sussex and the Council's proposed response to the consultation exercise that was being undertaken in respect thereof.

Residents of the District received several services from a range of National Health Service (NHS) organisations, the context of which was detailed in Appendix A to the Report.

Throughout the past year, the East Sussex PCTs had been undertaking a review of local health services with the intention of developing proposals for changing the configuration of such services where they considered it was necessary. Progress reports had been received by the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), which was part-funded by the Council, in order that it could undertake a statutory scrutiny of county-wide NHS services.

The PCT's proposals had been developed in-line with a Strategic Health Authority Programme "Creating an NHS Fit for the Future", which was designed to ensure that health services were capable of meeting the challenges and increasing demands of the 21st century,

The PCTs had confirmed to the HOSC that any proposals had taken account of national policies and local needs and that the key drivers for change were:

- (a) clinical quality and safety;
- (b) meeting patients' needs;
- (c) accessibility; and
- (d) making the best use of finite resources.

The PCTs had identified those services for which they believed change was needed and a range of options had been developed for the future structure of such services. Following a meeting of the joint boards of the East Sussex PCTs, a period of consultation was underway. Details relating to the proposals were set out in paragraphs 1.7 to 1.15 of the Report.

Appendix C to the Report set out details of the Council's draft response to the consultation which had been prepared by the Lead Councillor for Environment. However, the document needed to take into account:

- (a) the views of the Cabinet;
- (b) the views of the Council at its meeting to be held on 25 July 2007; and
- (c) any updated information which was received from HOSC before the close of the consultation period on 27 July 2007.

Resolved:

49.1 That consideration of Report No 138/07 relating to proposals, by the East Sussex Primary Care Trust, for the future shape of health services across East Sussex and the Council's response to the consultation exercise which is being undertaken in respect thereof, be deferred for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 25 July 2007.

Reason for the Decision:

To enable discussion relating to proposals by the East Sussex Primary Care Trust for the future shape of health services across East Sussex, and the Council's response thereto, to be undertaken by the Council at its meeting on 25 July 2007 in the light of the Council's consideration, at that meeting, of two Notices of Motion that have been received.

† *Councillors are requested to bring with them to the meeting Report No 138/07 which was circulated on 17 July 2007 as part of the agenda papers for the meeting of the Cabinet on 23 July 2007. If you require a further copy of the document please contact Trevor Hayward, Committee Officer, on e-mail trevor.hayward@lewes.gov.uk or telephone 01273 484122.*