

Cabinet

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 12 June 2024 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Stephen Holt (Chair).

Councillors Margaret Bannister (Deputy-Chair), Daniel Butcher, Peter Diplock, Jim Murray, Colin Swansborough and Jenny Williams.

Officers in attendance:

Robert Cottrill (Chief Executive), Homira Javadi (Director of Finance and Performance (Section 151 Officer)), Ian Fitzpatrick (Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning), Becky Cooke (Director of Tourism, Culture and Organisational Development), Simon Russell (Head of Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer), Gary Hall (Head of Homes First), Peter Jenion (Project Manager - Community Wealth Building), Oliver Jones (Lead, Housing, Homelessness & Community Safety) and Sarah Lawrence (Committee Team Manager).

Also in attendance:

Councillor Penny di Cara (Opposition Deputy Leader) and Councillor Kshama Shore OBE (Shadow Cabinet member and Chair of Scrutiny Committee).

1 Welcome

Councillor Holt welcomed Councillors Butcher (Cabinet member for finance) and Williams (Cabinet member for heritage, culture and seafront) to their first meeting the Cabinet, following their appointment.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2024 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

3 Apologies for absence

None were reported.

4 Declaration of members' interests

None were declared.

5 Social Housing Regulation Update

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning, providing it with an update on revised changes

to social housing regulation, including revised consumer standards and proposals to introduce a competence standard for social housing staff and a new complaints handling code. The report proposed updated governance arrangements to take account of the changes.

Resolved (Key decision):

To note the work underway to align services with the new regulatory regime and to approve the outlined plans to deliver revised governance arrangements.

Reason for decision:

To keep Cabinet updated and informed on the potential impact of the regulatory changes on service delivery.

6 Sustainable Procurement Policy

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Finance and Performance, seeking members' comments and approval of a sustainable procurement policy, which outlined how the councils were sourcing goods and services in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

Serena Stallard, member of the public, addressed the Cabinet on this item, querying the sustainable elements of the proposed policy. Councillor Murray responded in his capacity of Cabinet member for Carbon Neutral 2030 and Water Champion.

Resolved (Key decision):

To approve the Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Reason for decisions:

The public facing document would outline the Council's approach to sourcing goods and services in a way that aligned with its Sustainability Strategy.

The meeting ended at 6.21 pm

Councillor Stephen Holt (Chair)