

Cabinet

11 December 2013

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Agenda for meeting of the Cabinet to be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 11 December 2013 in the Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne

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Members of the Cabinet:

Councillor David Tutt (Leader and Chairman of Cabinet): Responsibilities aligned with Chief Executive and including the Community Strategy, Local Strategic Partnership, the Corporate Plan and economic development.

Councillor Gill Mattock (Deputy Leader and Deputy Chairman of Cabinet): Financial services including accountancy, audit, purchasing and payments.

Councillor Margaret Bannister: Direct assistance services including revenues and benefits, housing and community development, bereavement services and the Crime Reduction Partnership.

Councillor Carolyn Heaps: Tourism and leisure services.

Councillor Troy Tester: Core support and strategic services.

Councillor Steve Wallis: Place services including cleansing and recycling, parks and downland, engineering, building and development control, planning policy and strategy, environmental health and licensing.

[KD] against an item indicates that the matter involves a Key Decision and that the item has been listed in the Council's Forward Plan for at least 28 clear days.

[BPF] against an item indicates that the matter is part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and as such will require the approval of the Full Council.

Publication of this agenda also constitutes notice (or confirmation that such notice has previously been given) to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and members of the public as appropriate:

(1) Under regulation 10(3) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 in respect of any key decision not included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions within 28 days of this meeting. Such items (if any) are marked **[KDGE]** and the reasons why compliance with regulation 9 (publicity in connection with key decisions) was impracticable are given.

(2) Under regulation 5(4) of the above mentioned regulations that certain matters listed on this agenda (if any) may need to be considered in private. (This notice is given further to the earlier notice given under regulation 5(2)). The reasons for private consideration are given at the relevant item, together with details of representations received (if any) about why the meeting should be open to the public.

(3) Under regulation 5(7) of the above mentioned regulations that the Chairman of the Council's Scrutiny Committee (or the Mayor if the Chairman of Scrutiny was unable to act) has agreed to a matter listed below (if any) being considered in private where compliance with regulation 5(2) (the giving of at least 28 days notice) was impracticable and that consideration of the item is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred. Such items (if any) are marked **[PU]**.

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2013 (previously circulated).

2 Apologies for absence.

3 Declarations of Interest by Members

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct and regulation 12(2)(d) of the 2012 Access to Information Regulations. (Please see note at end of agenda).

4 Questions by members of the public.

On matters not already included on the agenda and for which prior notice has been given (total time allowed 15 minutes).

5 Urgent items of business.

The Chairman to notify the Cabinet of any items of urgent business to be added to the agenda.

6 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

The Chairman to report any requests received to address the Cabinet from a member of the public or from a Councillor in respect of an item listed below and to invite the Cabinet to consider taking such items at the commencement of the meeting.

7 Corporate Performance - Quarter 2 2013/14 [KD] (Pages 1 - 62)

Report of Deputy Chief Executive.

Cabinet lead members: Councillors Troy Tester and Gill Mattock.

8 Council Tax Base and Business Rate Income 2014/2015 [KD] (Pages 63 - 70)

Report of Chief Finance Officer.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Gill Mattock.

9 Corporate Plan - 2010-15 refresh including analysis of community evidence and proposals for the 2015-20 plan [KD] (Pages 71 - 96)

Report of Head of Corporate Development.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Troy Tester.

10 Draft Budget Proposals 2014/15 [KD] (Pages 97 - 108)

Report of Chief Finance Officer.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Gill Mattock.

11 Strategic Asset Management [KD] (Pages 109 - 116)

Recommendations of Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Infrastructure and report of Senior Head of Development.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Troy Tester.

12 Employment Land Local Plan [KD] (Pages 117 - 122)

Report of Senior Head of Development.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Steve Wallis.

13 Council Tax and Business Rates Collection and Enforcement Policy [KD] (Pages 123 - 144)

Report of Revenues and Benefits Manager.

Cabinet lead member: Councillor Margaret Bannister.

14 Equal Pay Audit (Pages 145 - 148)

Report of Head of Corporate Development.
Cabinet lead member: Councillor Troy Tester.

(See item below in confidential section of agenda for the appendix comprising exempt information.)

15 Exclusion of the Public

Chief Executive considers that discussion of the following items are likely to disclose exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and may therefore need to take place in private session. The exempt information reasons are shown beneath the items listed below. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. *(The requisite notices having been given under regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.)*

(Note: Exempt papers are printed on pink paper).

16 Alternative Employment Procedure (Pages 149 - 152)

Report of Head of Corporate Development.
Cabinet lead member: Councillor Troy Tester.

Exempt information reasons 1 and 2. Information relating to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

17 Equal Pay Audit (Pages 153 - 162)

Confidential appendix (action plan) to report of Head of Corporate Development.
Cabinet lead member: Councillor Troy Tester.

Exempt information reasons 1 and 2. Information relating to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

18 Devonshire Park project – legal update [KD] (Pages 163 - 174)

Report of Lawyer to the Council and Monitoring Officer.
Cabinet lead member: Councillor Carolyn Heaps.

Exempt information reasons 3 and 5 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Inspection of background papers – Please see contact details listed in each report.

Public right of address – Requests by members of the public to speak on a matter which is listed in this agenda must be **received** in writing by no later than 12 Noon, 2 working days before the meeting (e.g. if the meeting is on a Wednesday, received by 12 Noon on the Monday before). The request should be made to Local Democracy at the address listed below. The request may be made by, letter, fax, or electronic mail. For further details on the rules about speaking at meetings or for asking a question on a matter not listed on the agenda please contact Local Democracy.

Public questions – Members of the public may ask a question on a matter which is not on the agenda. Questions should be made in writing and by the same deadline as for the right of address above. There are rules on the matters on which questions can be asked. Please ask Local Democracy for further information

Councillor right of address - Councillors wishing to address the meeting who are not members of the Cabinet must notify the Chairman in advance (and no later than the immediately prior to the start of the meeting).

Disclosure of interests - Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting, and again, at the point at which that agenda item is introduced.

Members must declare the existence and nature of any interest.

In the case of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), if the interest is not registered (nor the subject of a pending notification) details of the nature of the interest must be reported to the meeting by the member and subsequently notified in writing to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

If a member has a DPI or other prejudicial interest he/she must leave the room when the matter is being considered (unless he/she has obtained a dispensation).

Implementation of decisions - Implementation of any key decision will take place after 5 working days from the date notice is given of the Cabinet's decision (normally on the day following the meeting) unless subject to "call-in". Exceptions to this requirement are allowed when the decision is urgent.

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