

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

4.00PM 26 MARCH 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor G Theobald (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillors Mitchell (Opposition Spokesperson, Labour), Davey (Opposition Spokesperson, Green)

PART ONE

117. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

117a Declarations of Interests

117.1 There were none.

117b Exclusion of Press and Public

117.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Cabinet Member for Environment] considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

117.3 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

118. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

118.1 **RESOLVED** – The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2009 were approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

119. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

119.1 There were none.

120. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

120.1 **RESOLVED** – That with the exception of the items reserved (and marked with an asterisk), the recommendations and resolutions contained therein be approved and adopted without debate.

121. PETITIONS

121.1 There were none.

122. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

122.1 There were none.

123. DEPUTATIONS

123.1 There were none.

124. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

124.1 There were none.

125. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

125.1 There were none.

126. NOTICES OF MOTION

126.1 There were none.

127. WOODINGDEAN CROSSROADS

127.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning proposals to address road safety issues at Woodingdean crossroads (for copy see minute book).

127.2 In response to queries from Councillor Davey the Assistant Director for Sustainable Transport explained that Woodingdean crossroads remained a priority as it was one of 26 high risk casualty reduction sites in the city. The proposals would be funded from a number of budget headings in the Local Transport Plan.

127.3 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

- (1) That the emerging proposals that are being developed to improve Woodingdean Crossroads be noted.
- (2) That the inclusion of an appropriate level of funding in the 2009/10 Local Transport Plan capital programme to enable consultation and construction of the Woodingdean crossroads scheme be agreed.

- (3) That the Director of Environment be authorised to finalise the engineering design for the junction and to report the outcome of that work to the May 2009 Environment Cabinet Member Meeting for further consideration.

128. 2009/10 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 128.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning approval of the allocation of the 2009/10 Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding to specific works areas and individual schemes within them (for copy see minute book).
- 128.2 The Cabinet Member explained that many of the schemes identified in the report would make a big difference to people in the city and that the council was working with many different partners to ensure that the benefits of the funding could be maximised and achieve greater value for money. He emphasised that the maintenance of the city's transport network would remain a priority given the high level of investment allocated for this.
- 128.3 Councillor Mitchell stated that while she would have liked to have seen more environmental and urban enhancements proposed, she noted that there were plans for scoping and designing future schemes. She requested that work be carried out on the surface of Marine Parade as it had become dangerous.
- 128.4 Councillor Mitchell regretted the cuts made to the LTP budget, but was pleased that the Travel Behaviour Change programme had been retained and looked forward to the completion of the North Street scheme.
- 128.5 In response to queries from Councillor Davey the Assistant Director for Sustainable Transport explained that on review of LTP progress, consideration would be given to the status of Valley Gardens.
- 128.6 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the allocation of the £5.79 million 2009/10 Local Transport Plan settlement to specific Integrated Transport and Maintenance schemes as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.
 - (2) That the allocation of the Road Safety Grant of £476,000 to the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership to continue the important funding of casualty reduction measures in the area be approved.

129. MADEIRA DRIVE PROGRESS REPORT

- 129.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning progress on the implementation of the short-term improvements to Madeira Drive (for copy see minute book).
- 129.2 The Cabinet Member explained that the improvements identified in the report would serve to greatly enhance the area. It was encouraging that the tenants of Gracie's

Place Café and the Adventure Golf site had come forward with proposals to invest in and develop the sites.

- 129.3 Councillor Mitchell welcomed improvements outlined in the report and hoped that the marketing and development of the site to the west of Yellowwave would fit with the sporting ethos of the area; she asked officers to consider marketing the triangle of land to the east of the railway sheds.
- 129.4 Councillor Mitchell requested that officers give consideration to the proposal for reducing parking charges in the area during the winter months to assist traders and also expressed concern over whether the Madeira Lift would be open in time for the Easter weekend and the need for maintenance to be carried out on the railings in the vicinity.
- 129.5 The Head of Sport and Leisure commented that officers were working with the Environment Improvement Team on the maintenance of the railings and the Director of Environment confirmed that the railings in question came under the coastal protection budget.
- 129.6 The Development Manager clarified that Good Friday remained the target opening date for the Madeira Lift; she hoped that the work would be completed in time to meet this commitment.
- 129.7 The Assistant Director for Sustainable Transport confirmed that a traffic order was being drawn up with regard to the reduction in parking charges during the winter.
- 129.8 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the short-term improvements that have already been implemented be noted and the further proposals for improvements at paragraph 3.9 of the report for the removal of concrete blocks and the implementation of the new cycle route be agreed.
 - (2) That the ongoing work with the existing tenants of Gracie's Place Cafe and the Adventure Golf Site be noted.
 - (3) That officers be requested to bring to a future Cabinet Member Meeting a report detailing the strategic vision action plan to address the future and ongoing regeneration of Madeira Drive.

130. HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 2009/2010

- 130.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning the Health and Safety Annual Service Plan (for copy see minute book).
- 130.2 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Health and Safety Annual Service Plan 2009/10 be noted and recommended for approval by the Full Council.

131. OFFICIAL FEED & FOOD CONTROLS SERVICE PLAN 2009/10

131.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan (for copy see minute book).

131.2 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2009/2010 be noted and recommended for approval by the Full Council.

132. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ENFORCEMENT POLICY

132.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning approval of the council's Environmental Health Enforcement Policy (for copy see minute book).

132.2 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy be approved.

133. TRADING STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT POLICY

133.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Director of Environment concerning approval of the Trading Standards Enforcement Policy (for copy see minute book).

133.2 **RESOLVED** - That having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendation:

- (1) That the Trading Standards Service Enforcement Policy be approved and its implementation by all members of the team be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 4.25pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

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