

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE CABINET MEMBER MEETING
17.15PM 6 NOVEMBER 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL
MINUTES

Present: Councillor Young (Cabinet Member)

Other Members present: Councillors Harmer-Strange and G Theobald

PART ONE

43. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

43a Declaration of Interests

43.1 There were none.

43b Exclusion of Press and Public

43.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Cabinet Member for Finance 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).

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

44. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

44.1 There were none.

45. CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME

45.1 The Cabinet Member considered a joint report of the Director of Finance & Resources and the Director of Environment concerning the Council's withdrawal from the county-wide Concessionary Fares Scheme (for copy see minute book).

45.2 The Cabinet Member stated that the recommendation in no way affected eligibility to the scheme, but had the effect of giving the Council greater control over negotiations with bus operators and would provide improved information for monitoring purposes. The

Cabinet Member added that the proposal may also protect the Council financially in the context of the Government's proposals for changing the forthcoming scheme.

45.3 The Interim Director of Finance & Resources informed the meeting that the word 'East' had been included in error in the reference to the 'East Sussex Concessionary Fares Scheme' and should be removed from the recommendation.

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

- (1) That East Sussex County Council (and other members of the scheme) be formally notified of Brighton and Hove City Council's withdrawal from the East Sussex Concessionary Fares Scheme effective from 31 March 2009.

The meeting concluded at 5.20pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

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