

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING

11.30am 26 JANUARY 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kemble (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor Randall

PART ONE

34. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

34a Declarations of Interests

34.1 There were none

34b Exclusion of Press and Public

34.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act), the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment and Major Projects 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 and 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).

34.3 **RESOLVED** – that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

35. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

35.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes held on 8 December 2009 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member subject to an amendment to Item 24.1 as follows: The last sentence should read "The Head of Culture & Economy reported that a detailed report had *already been submitted to the Economy Task Force* and would be made available to Councillor Turton."

36. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Vacant Retail Premises

- 36.1 The Cabinet Member reported that he had been interviewed by the BBC regarding vacant retail premises in the city.

Apprenticeship Strategy

- 36.2 The Cabinet Member reported that he had been interviewed by Meridian TV regarding the citywide Apprenticeship Strategy. The Strategy was to be launched on Wednesday 27 January at 5.30pm at the Brighton Dome. Councillor Randall would receive a copy of the strategy.

37. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- 26.1 All items were reserved for discussion.

38. PETITIONS

- 38.1 There were none.

39. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 39.1 There were none.

40. DEPUTATIONS

- 40.1 There were none.

41. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 41.1 There were none.

42. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 42.1 There were none.

43. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- 43.1 There were none.

44. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY AD HOC PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRIES

- 44.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Culture and Enterprise which outlined the Executive response to the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel on Environmental Industries established in November 2008 by the Culture and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (for copy see minutes book).
- 44.2 The ad-hoc scrutiny panel had comprised of Councillors Randall (Chair), Davis and Harmer-Strange. Over a six month period the Panel interviewed 25 witnesses representing 21 organisations. The report outlined 7 major recommendations.

- 44.3 Councillor Randall thanked officers for their help with this work, in particular the Director of Culture and Enterprise, the Head of Culture and Economy and the Scrutiny Team. He also thanked outside agencies. Councillor Randall was very pleased the administration was supporting the recommendations and stressed that the process had been non-political.
- 44.4 The Cabinet Member thanked Councillor Randall and the other Panel members. On behalf of the administration, he was happy to accept all the recommendations made by the Panel.
- 44.5 The Head of Culture and Economy reported that in addition to the ad-hoc scrutiny panel's seven recommendations, officers had added one more recommendation to fundraise. This would be added to the job specification of the lead officer for environmental industries. Officers were supportive of the minor recommendations made by the panel. The need to carry out an audit would now be moved higher up on the agenda.
- 44.6 It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the report to be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Central Services in order for him to consider the procurement issue highlighted at paragraph 3.3.7 of the report. It was noted that the Culture and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee would refer the report together with the Executive response to full council for information.
- 44.7 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations.
- (1) That the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel on Environmental Industries be congratulated on the detailed and well informed work undertaken to produce their report.
 - (2) That officers be mandated to implement the service changes needed to accommodate the major recommendations of the Scrutiny report as outlined in the body of the CMM report.
 - (3) That there be an update on the implementation of the recommendations in 12 months.

The meeting concluded at 11.42am

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

day of