

Decision No: CAB220 – 14/10/10

Forward Plan No: CAB16733

This record relates to Agenda Item 85 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEYDECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES REVIEW - STAGE ONE REPORT
AUTHOR:	MARY EVANS

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of this initial report.
- (2) That Cabinet agree the following principles for commissioning based on review findings:
 - a) Third Sector Representation
 - Continuing to commission third sector representation across all activity linked to Intelligent Commissioning.
 - Continuing to commission third sector representation and involvement in the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
 - In particular, ensure support focuses on supporting smaller, neighbourhood and grass roots groups.
 - b) Strategic Coordination of Community Engagement
 - Continuing to commission strategic coordination of the Community Engagement Framework and action plan.
 - Continuing to commission activities that support and develop best practice in community engagement.
 - c) People and Place
 - Commission through a need analysis approach that takes into account both people and place, ensuring those less able to engage and participate are supported.
 - Commission for bottom up solutions that support communities to identify their own solutions to local issues and problems.
 - Commission for the outcomes of engagement rather than activities that impose structures, allowing different communities to decide what works

for them

- (3) That Cabinet notes that a further (stage two) report focussing on broader engagement activity in the City with a particular focus on the City Council's own engagement practice and processes will be submitted to a further meeting of the Cabinet.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The report recommends that Members agree to formally review this area of work for the following reasons:

- (1) Current arrangements for funding of strengthening communities commissioning will come to an end in April 2011.
- (2) The Reducing Inequality Review recommended that we review and resolve our approach to targeting both people and place, and therefore our priority neighbourhoods work.
- (3) The work underpins our ability to deliver on the 'Creating a Council the City Deserves' programme.
- (4) The national policy and legislation focus on localism is still emerging and is likely to be a key area of activity for the City.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE & RESOURCES

SUBJECT: SE7 ICT JOINT WORKING

AUTHOR: CATHERINE VAUGHAN

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet agree the strategic vision of a “network of networks” for the southeast region.
- (2) That Cabinet agree the six proposed ICT workstreams.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Joint working across the SE7 helps to ensure that Value for Money is achieved in ICT provision. More joint planning of ICT will provide a common infrastructure for future collaboration.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The agreed workstreams were identified following a detailed prioritisation process. Working in isolation would jeopardise the Council’s ability to deliver the levels of projected savings.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	VALUE FOR MONEY AND FINANCIAL PLANNING UPDATE
AUTHOR:	NIGEL MANVELL

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the continued progress of the Value for Money Programme.
- (2) That the consultation documents on changes to elements of the local government finance system be noted.
- (3) That concessionary fares be prioritised for lobbying central government.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Not applicable.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB223 – 14/10/10

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This record relates to Agenda Item 88 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CULTURE & ENTERPRISE
SUBJECT:	NEW ENGLAND HOUSE
AUTHOR:	MAX WOODFORD

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the Executive Summary of the New England House, Brighton Digital media and Innovation Hub Joint Venture Vehicle Business Case at Appendix 1 (full report available in Member's Rooms).
- (2) That, based on the report's findings, Cabinet agrees to pursue development option D for the building, refurbishment and renewal with network and innovation space, whilst also exploring the potential for further development of the innovation partnership with the development partners Wired Sussex and the University of Sussex.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Officers have reviewed and considered the methodology and key findings of the study done by DCA and have summarised the financial and property implications at Appendix 2.

DCA's study is thorough and looks at the options for NEH in a holistic way ie - the supply and demand of creative and digital industries in the City and area ; the advantages and interdependencies on other associated industries; and the impact of property market failure on inward investment and sector development.

The report explores the existing and potential role of New England House in supporting development in the digital and creative sector, and how it might be used to harness the existing haphazard and ad-hoc nature of networking within the sector in the city. It outlines how NEH has the potential to provide a home to a range of activity which might be programmed and facilitated by a group of partners aiming to strengthen the innovation presence and profile in the city. Through the opening out of existing spaces for networking and showcasing, investment in the overall look-and-feel of the building, the development of high quality meeting rooms and hot-

desking space and the presence of research intensive partners, NEH has the potential to play host to a range of activities, programmes and companies – including the University of Sussex and other Further and Higher Education partners. This could make NEH a compelling proposition for innovators and investors, and at the heart of the growth of the sector in the city. However, it is clear that such an innovation partnership does not have to wait for the completed refurbishment of the building to start operating. Officers can therefore work with Wired Sussex and the University of Sussex to explore how the partnership could start working ahead of and in parallel to the refurbishment of the building.

The headline finding of the report is that there is a viable case for a significant renewal option for the building, providing network hub and innovation facilities and that doing nothing is a not a viable long term option.

Next Steps

The DCA report outlines the development options to realise the proposed scheme, including looking at the potential structure of the partnership. There are three main options:

- A Community Interest Company (CIC) comprising the three parties (BHCC, Wired Sussex and the University of Sussex) undertakes the development and then manages the space. DCA advise that this could lack flexibility and they question how such a body would shoulder construction risk. The new CIC would not have the stature to underwrite the risks of the capital project. This would most likely fall instead to the city council.
- A second option would be for the city council to undertake the capital project, borrowing the necessary finance and bearing all risks, then investing the completed building into a joint management CIC. However, the relative stake of the three partners and their exposure to liability would be very uneven and therefore difficult to agree.
- A third option is that a private sector development partner be sought. The main benefit they can bring is the introduction of finance and carrying of risk. They could also provide resources to immediately move the project forward and not require further capital expenditure from the city council (e.g. on design work and condition survey). As part of the commissioned research, DCA spoke to a number of niche developers with experience of similar projects to soft market test what private-sector appetite there might be for the project. They received an enthusiastic response to the proposal and from developers who had interest in and motivation for providing innovative workspace. The key to making it work would be in ensuring that the development agreement would enable all partners to realise their ambition and vision for the project; allowing a degree of control for partners to ensure it goes on meeting the economic, innovation and sectoral needs that the project has set out to address. In the conclusions to their report, DCA suggest that this is the best option.

All of these options raise procurement issues and carry their own risks. As such they require development work, with the other partners, to analyse risk, costs and benefits, to be informed by DCA's work. The exact preferred route to achieving Option D can then come back to Cabinet for consideration.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The methodology for undertaking the study has been in two stages and has developed the brief to assess the real level of demand in the city for space for the creative/digital media sector. The first stage developed a range of options through partner consultation and workshops, market testing and analysis of both the creative/digital and wider property economy, reviewing the building (condition and potential) and a research and strategy review. This helped identify the preferred option(s), the viability of which, in capital and revenue terms, was tested in the second stage of the study. As such the main report outlines the various alternative options that were assessed.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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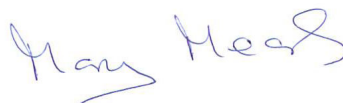
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Decision No: CAB224 – 14/10/10

Forward Plan No: CAB17758

This record relates to Agenda Item 89 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS
AUTHOR:	ABRAHAM GHEBRE-GHIORGHIS

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the recommendations of the Governance Committee as set out in the extracts in Appendix 2.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees:
 - (i) That the amended Scheme of Delegations to Officers as set out in Appendix 1, to the extent that it relates to Executive functions, be approved;
 - (ii) That the amended Scheme of Delegations comes into force on 1st November 2010;
 - (iii) That the services provided by the Delivery Units on 1st November 2010 be deemed to have been commissioned and therefore authorised. This shall be without prejudice to the power to review the services at any time as part of the Intelligent Commissioning cycle ;
 - (iv) That the functions of the Council regarding Travellers and Gypsies be transferred from the Cabinet Member for Environment to the Cabinet Member for Housing;
 - (v) That the Chief Executive be granted delegated powers to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes, including the power to make transitional arrangements;
 - (vi) That the Head of Law be authorised to make any necessary or consequential amendments to the constitution to reflect the changes.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The reason for the report and the recommendations stems from the need to amend the Council's Scheme of Delegations to Officers to make it fit for a commissioning model.

The recommendation to give the Chief Executive the power to take steps necessary for the Implementation of the proposals follows good practice and is in line with the Council's own practice in the past.

The body of the report sets out the background and other relevant factors that influenced the recommendations.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The principles to adopt this Intelligent Commissioning model were agreed by Cabinet before and this report is simply dealing with amendments to the scheme of delegations.

The broad options available to the Council are set out in paragraph 4.1(4) above. The options of an old fashioned Directorate delegations is incompatible with the proposal to give Delivery Units autonomy to innovate and deliver services covering a range of functions, not just those covered by a single Directorate.

The separate and mutually-exclusive form of delegations would be too rigid and lacking in accountability. Neither of the other options is therefore recommended.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB225 – 14/10/10

Forward Plan No: CAB18713

This record relates to Agenda Item 89A on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	EXCHANGE OF LEASES FOR WILSON AVENUE AND THE CONNAUGHT CENTRE
AUTHOR:	GIL SWEETENHAM

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the Council entering into an exchange of leases for a period of thirty years, subject to break clauses as appropriate, with City College Brighton & Hove whereby the Council shall take a lease of land at the Connaught Centre shown on plan 1 and City College take a lease of land at Wilson Avenue shown on plan 2.
- (2) That the detailed terms of the leases shall be agreed by the Acting Director of Children's Services or the Lead Commissioner Schools, Skills and Learning as appropriate and the Head of Law in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for any child that wants one. Current and projected pupil numbers for the city as a whole show there is an immediate and ongoing need for additional school places in the city as a whole. This need is most acute in south central Hove and on the Brighton / Hove border.

To meet the projected future growth in pupil numbers we need to provide a minimum of 165 additional primary school places which equates to 5.5 forms of entry by September 2011. The Connaught Centre could provide up to 90 additional primary places equating to 3 forms of entry.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative options for providing additional primary places were presented to the CMM meeting on 12 July 2010.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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