

Decision No: CAB346 – 20/01/11

Forward Plan No: CAB16948

This record relates to Agenda Item 144 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX BASE 2011/12

AUTHOR: MARK IRELAND

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves this report for the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2011/12.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees the Collection Rate increases by 0.4% to 98.5% generating a net saving of £231,000 in 2011/12 after a budget allocation of £137,000 is made to create a new Debt Prevention Team and £120,000 to cover a reduction in court costs income following the success of an early payment and direct debit campaign with fewer people being taken to court to recover arrears.
- (3) That Cabinet agrees that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year 2011/12 shall be as follows:-
 - (a) For Brighton and Hove whole – 94,897.89 (as detailed in appendix 1)
 - (b) For the Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 30.40 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - (c) For the Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 39.59 (as detailed in appendix 3)
 - (d) For the Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 78.37 (as detailed in appendix 4)
 - (e) For the Parish of Rottingdean – 1,540.33 (as detailed in appendix 5)
- (4) That Cabinet agrees that, for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special levies

issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and regulations made thereunder that the tax base is calculated for the purpose of setting the Council Tax in 2011/12 before 31st January 2011.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The calculation of the council tax base is determined largely by regulation. Options were considered to increase the collection rate and the cost effective options are included in this report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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Date:

20 January 2011

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Councillor Mary Mears
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Signed:



Proper Officer:

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Call-In Period

21-27 January 2011

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE
SUBJECT:	RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW ON THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF THE IN-YEAR GRANT REDUCTIONS
AUTHOR:	PATRICK RICE

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the evidence, findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel on 'The Societal Impact of the In-Year Grant Reductions' (see Appendix 2).
- (2) That Cabinet agrees the actions and comments summarised in Appendix 1 to this report, in response to the Panel's recommendations.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The recommendations for which approval is sought are as a result of a detailed scrutiny process. In forming their recommendations the scrutiny panel considered evidence as set out in the appendices of the panel report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

N/A

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: CENTRAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES
DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

AUTHOR: PAUL ROSS-DALE

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet endorses the new NNDR charitable and not-for-profit rate relief policy with immediate effect.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Not applicable

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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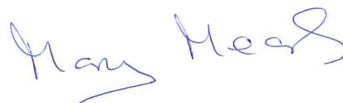
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Decision No: CAB349 – 20/01/11

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RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH
SUBJECT:	TRANSFER OF LEARNING DISABILITY PROPERTIES
AUTHOR:	JESSICA HAMILTON, DIANA BERNHARDT

THE DECISION

- (1) That transfer of the 5 properties currently used for the provision of Learning Disability Services from the PCT to the council, to be funded by way of a grant mechanism, be accepted and authority be given for the completion of the required legal agreements.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

A government white paper requires the NHS to transfer the Adult Learning Disability Service to local authorities. The paper also requires the transfer of properties from which those services are provided to be transferred to local authorities.

It has been agreed with the NHS Trust and the PCT that the properties owned by the NHS Trust will transfer to the PCT. The PCT will then provide the council with a grant for the net book value of the properties with which to purchase the properties allowing them to transfer to the council.

The council has identified a budget for the repair and maintenance of the properties.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The council could purchase the properties outright without the receipt of a grant from the PCT. However the council does not have sufficient funding available to achieve this and did not identify any significant advantage.

The properties could have been leased to the council were they key to the development of the NHS Trusts estate strategy. However this was not the case here.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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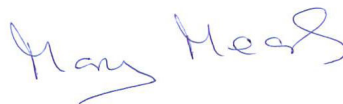
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Decision No: CAB350 – 20/07/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 148 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	AFFILIATIONS 2011/12
AUTHOR:	MARK WALL

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet gives approval for the council to affiliate to the following organisations during 2011/12:
 1. The Local Government Association (LGA)
 2. The South East Strategic Leaders (SESL)
 3. The United Nations Association
- (2) That in regard to the affiliations to the LGA and SESL, officers be requested to write to each organisation giving the Council's notice of its intention to cease affiliation to them with effect from their respective renewal dates in 2012.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Cabinet's approval to affiliate to the organisations listed above is required.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The council has the choice not to affiliate to the organisations, and it is proposed that a review on the benefits is undertaken to determine whether these affiliations should continue. However, the required notice period means that the affiliations for 2011/12 have to be met and therefore it is recommended that the council should give notice of its intention to not renew the affiliations in 2012.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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