

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET MEMBER MEETING

5.00pm 22 MARCH 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Fallon-Khan (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor Davis; Councillor Kennedy sent her apologies

PART ONE

37. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

37(a) Declarations of Interest

37.1 There were none.

37(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

37.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Cabinet Member 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 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(I) of the Act).

37.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any Item on the agenda.

38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

38.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects Cabinet Member Meeting held on 7 December be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

39. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

39.1 There were none.

40. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

40.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items be reserved for discussion.

41. PETITIONS

41.1 There were none.

42. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

42.1 There were none.

43. DEPUTATIONS

43.1 There were none.

44. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

44.1 There were none.

45. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

45.1 There were none.

46. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

46.1 There were none.

47. CITY EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PLAN

47.1 The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment & Major Projects considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place setting out the City Employment and Skills Plan and Action Plan 2011-14. The report sought approval to support the new plan and the related action plan; if approved the report would be presented to a future meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership and from there would be presented to full Council for adoption.

47.2 It was explained that the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act (LDEDC) 2009 placed a new duty on county council and unitary district councils to prepare an assessment of the economic conditions in their area. Included within that there had been a requirement to produce a new work and skills plan for the area. The coalition government had indicated its intention to abolish this legislation and had advised that local areas should determine for themselves the value of continuing this work. The report placed before the Cabinet Member sought to provide the context and rationale for continuing to produce an employment and skills plan for the city and outlined the issues and priorities that would form the focus of the related action plan and outcomes.

- 47.3 it was noted that the new plan set out three priorities for action to take into account the socio-economic and policy changes that had occurred and would influence how actions would be taken forward. There were:
- Priority One** – To promote the city’s employment and skills needs to internal and external partners and agencies;
- Priority Two** - To support the creation of at least 6,000 new jobs by 2014; and
- Priority Three** – To ensure that local residents were equipped to compete for jobs in the city’s labour market.
- 47.4 It was also noted a that a new Chairman of the City Employment and Skills Group had recently been appointed and that he would be working very closely with lead organisations, officers and other partners. In answer to questions of the Cabinet Member it was explained that the Chairman, Phil Fryer would be seeking to work closely with the Universities in concert with digital and renewable technology providers to ensure that new university courses matched the emerging job market.
- 47.5 The Cabinet Member stressed the importance of seeking to retain graduates in the city and to provide opportunities, skills and infrastructure both to “grow” local business and job opportunities in this area and to encourage others in. If there was the ability for the city to retain its graduates, tap into that skills base and provide suitable hubs, if in short there was the appropriate infrastructure new businesses would be attracted to the city. Councillor Davis concurred in that view stating that a lot of issues were interlinked, measures which sought to provide greater access to the labour market by all of the city’s residents were to be welcomed.
- 47.6 The Cabinet Member concluded by stating that although some of the issues were complex and would be achieved as part of a long term strategy, the necessary strategies appeared to be being put into place. He commended officers for their work in drawing together a thorough and inciteful report.
- 47.7 **RESOLVED:** That the Cabinet Member notes the content of the report and supports the City Employment and Skills Plan 2011-2014 and the related action plan.
- 48. LANDLORD CONSENT FOR USE OF BLACK ROCK AS A TEMPORARY COACH PARK**
- 48.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place seeking Landlord’s consent for use of land at Black Rock as a temporary coach park to facilitate the removal of coach parking from Roedean Road
- 48.2 Councillor Davis sought clarification regarding drop off points to the site. The Cabinet Member sought confirmation that in the event of other development being ready to come on stream, it would be possible to cease the temporary use of the site prior to expiry of the two year period and it was confirmed that it would.
- 48.3 It was confirmed that it would be possible to use the temporary coach park without compromising potential development of the area in the medium to longer term. As the

council would control the coach park it would be able to ensure development of the area was not delayed or compromised by a temporary facility.

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48.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Cabinet Member grants Landlord's Consent for use of Land at Black Rock as a temporary coach park.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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