

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.00pm 26 JULY 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW AT SALTDEAN

Contact Officer: *Oliver Dixon* *Tel: 29-1512*
 Valerie Pearce *Tel: 291850*
Ward Affected: *Rottingdean Coastal*

RESOLVED - That Governance Committee:

- (a) Notes the latest advice and guidance from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the policy and procedures for principal area boundary reviews in general, and for Saltdean in particular.
- ~~(b) Considers whether to support a boundary review at Saltdean and, if so, whether to recommend a survey of the residents of Saltdean to gauge local support.~~
- ~~(c) Refers the matter to Cabinet with recommendations.~~
- (b) Supports in principle the carrying out of a survey and review of the boundary at Saltdean.**
- (c) Recommends to the Cabinet that the council agrees to support a boundary review and undertake a survey of local people on condition that:**
 - (i) the proposal is agreed by East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council;**
 - (ii) the cost of the survey and associated tasks is identified and agreed between the three authorities (including the sharing of the costs).**
- (d) Officers are given delegated powers, subject to conditions in (c) (i) and (ii) above, to agree the survey questions after consulting Group Leaders.**

11. LOCALISM BILL - UPDATE

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 29-1515
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Committee notes the report and requests further updates as the Bill progresses, including proposals for implementation for Brighton & Hove.
- (2) That Members of the Committee receive an update on the latest position regarding the timing of changes to governance arrangements.
- (3) That DCLG be requested to produce guidance to the Bill for use by Members in dealing with enquiries from constituents and that a letter requesting this be signed by the three Group Leaders.

12. REVIEW OF PETITIONS SCHEME

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 29-1515
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That Governance Committee:

- (a) Notes the review of the operation of the petitions scheme and e-petitions facility;
- ~~(b) Considers whether changes to the petitions scheme are required and, if so, makes recommendations for the implementation of such changes to Full Council;~~
- (b) **Agrees that no changes be made to the petitions scheme.**
- (c) ~~Considers whether~~ **Agrees that** a further review of the petitions scheme is **be** required once the Localism Bill is enacted and the legal requirement to have a petitions scheme is repealed.

13. WEBCASTING PROTOCOL

Contact Officer: Oliver Dixon Tel: 29-1512
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

- (1) That paragraph 4.5 of the Webcasting Protocol be amended to read as follows:

“The actual webcasts and archived material, and copyright therein, remain the property of the Council. A DVD copy of a webcast can be obtained for a fee of £75 from Democratic Services.”

- (2) That an additional paragraph be inserted in to the Webcasting Protocol that reads as follows:

“Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct for Members applies to the use of webcast material by Members of the Council.”

14. CABINET PORTFOLIOS AND WAYS OF WORKING

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-
Ghiorghis *Tel:* 29-1500
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED - That the Committee notes the changes to the Cabinet portfolios and ways of working.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 2 August 2011 unless they are called in.