

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 12

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Establishment of Sustainability Committee of the Cabinet		
Date of Meeting:	1 July 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy and Governance		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

This report explains the nature of a proposed new Sustainability Cabinet Committee and seeks approval to recommend to Cabinet that this be established.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee recommends to Cabinet that a Sustainability Cabinet Committee be established in accordance with the terms of reference attached.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 This proposal is in accordance with the statement of the Leader at Full Council on 24 April 2008. Issues and proposals in relation to sustainability will be reported to the Cabinet Committee for a decision or a recommendation to Cabinet, where appropriate.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Sustainability Commission was informed of this decision at its last meeting on April 30 2008.
- 4.2 Colleagues in the Policy Unit and Legal & Democratic Service have been consulted

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The work of the Committee will be carried out within existing budgets

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Council has power to establish a Committee of Cabinet pursuant to The Local Government Act 2000

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The work of this Committee will be to take decision on sustainability issues affecting the council and the city.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 By creating a Cabinet Committee with specific focus on sustainability, the proposals will assist in reducing and managing any risks associated with climate change and other related issues.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Sustainability is a major issue for the city and this Committee will ensure decisions are taken at the appropriate level.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Terms of Reference for Sustainability Cabinet Committee

Sustainability Cabinet Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership

The membership of the Sustainability Cabinet Committee will be as follows:-

- The Leader of the Council (Chair);
- The Cabinet Member for Central Services;
- The Cabinet Member for Housing

The Leader of the Council may co-opt other Cabinet Members on to the Cabinet Committee when issues arise and decisions need to be taken that coincide with their portfolios.

The Deputy Leader of the Council with the lead role on sustainability will routinely be invited to attend the Cabinet Committee meetings.

Role

The Sustainability Cabinet Committee will receive all reports relating to sustainability issues for a decision or for recommendation to Cabinet for a decision, where appropriate.

