**EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Held on 13 November 2002

PRESENT:-

Councillor Miss O M M WOODALL (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors BELSEY, BERRY, BOWKER, CREAVEN, ELKIN, Mrs GOODALL, HARRIS, Mrs HEALY, Mrs HOWLETT, LACEY OBE, LEGGETT, MARSDEN, MARSH (Deputy Mayor), Mrs MURRAY, Mrs POOLEY, Mrs SIMS, SKILTON MBE, SLATER, STANLEY, STEVENS, TAYLOR, Mrs TESO, THOMPSON, TUTT, WARNER and WILLIAMS.

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| **44.** | **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2002 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record. | |
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| **45.** | **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** | |
| | 1 | The Mayor reported that the Stride for Life event (10km walk in aid of Cancer Research UK) which was due to take place on Sunday 27 October was cancelled due to inclement weather. It had now been confirmed to take place on Sunday 24 November. The Mayor would start the event off from the Beachy Head Countryside Centre at 11.00am. |
| | 2 | **The Mayor would be holding a 'Pie & Punch' Christmas Charity Concert on Thursday 28th November in the Town Hall. All proceeds would go to the Mayor's chosen charities – The Eastbourne Citizens Advice Bureau and Open Door.** |
| | 3 | The Court Room had been booked for Monday 23 December, 12.00noon – 3.00pm for the Mayor, Leader and Corporate Management Team's joint Christmas Drinks. |

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| | 4 | At the last meeting, the Council congratulated Fiona Allison (Recycling Officer) on winning the Green Apple Award. The award trophy was displayed at this meeting. |
| | 5 | The Chief Executive had provided Members with a briefing note outlining Eastbourne's plans as a consequence of the Fire-fighter's Strike. The briefing note was circulated at the meeting. |
| **46.** | **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS**. The following personal interests were declared by members, none of whom participated in the relevant debates where they occurred:-<br><br>· Councillor Tutt – Council agenda item 8c and Planning and Licensing Committee minutes page 179, item 27(27).<br><br>· Councillors Elkin, Leggett, Skilton and Warner – Cabinet minutes page 218, item 74 and page 223, item 78.<br><br>· Councillor Mrs Pooley – Planning and Licensing Committee minutes page 180, item 27(29).<br><br>· Councillor Taylor – Conservation Area Advisory Group minutes page 191, Item 15(7). | |
| **47.** | **MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL BODIES.** The following matters were referred to Council for decision in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12:- | |
| | (a) | **Cleansing Contracts –** This matter was reported by Councillor Harris on behalf of the Cabinet, and in his capacity as Chairman of the Cleansing Contracts Project Management Board. Reference was also made to the views of the Scrutiny Committee as set out in the minutes of its meeting on 11 November 2002 and the confidential report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services referred to in paragraph 54(a) of these minutes.<br><br>**RESOLVED: (Nem Con)** (1) That the decision of the Cabinet at its meeting on 2 October 2002 in respect of contract and tendering arrangements be endorsed.<br><br>(2) That the proposals set out in the report of the Chairman of the Cleansing Contracts Project Management Board to the Scrutiny Committee and the views of the Scrutiny Committee set out in the minutes of its meeting of 11 November 2002 be noted.<br><br>(3) That Council acknowledges the |

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| | | letting of cleansing contracts and submit those recommendations to a special meeting of the Council to be convened as soon as possible."<br><br>This amendment was lost by 14 votes to 12. |
| | (b) | **Comprehensive Equality Policy -** This matter was reported by Councillor Mrs Healy on behalf of the Cabinet.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That the Comprehensive Equality Policy be approved. |
| | (c) | **Housing Management Stock Options** – This matter was reported by Councillor Leggett on behalf of the Cabinet.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That Council endorses the proposed change in approach to the future management of its housing stock and notes the anticipated bid to the Government for approval for the establishment of an arms length management organisation. |
| | (d) | **IEG2 (Implementing Electronic Government) 2002 Statement** – This matter was reported by Councillor Harris on behalf of the Cabinet.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That the IEG2 (Implementing Electronic Government) Statement 2002, together with the supporting Information Technology Plan, be approved. |
| **48.** | **SKATE AND MULTI-SPORT FACILITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN LANGNEY.**<br>The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Slater and seconded by Councillor Berry:-<br><br>"This Council recognises the involvement of the local community in the significant progress made in securing the Xtreme Supreme skate and multi-sport facility for young people in Langney, and resolves to undertake a wide-ranging review of further services and facilities, particularly for the Shinewater area. The review should involve extensive public consultation and provide a programme of projects for implementation."<br><br>The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Marsden and seconded by Councillor Belsey:-<br><br>Delete all wording from the start of line four to the end of the motion and replace with the following:-<br><br>"support officers within the Tourism & Leisure Department in their efforts at:<br><br>· Partnership working with the Causeway School as it builds its sporting foundations.<br><br>· Outreach from the Sports Park to encompass community activity in the Shinewater area. | |

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| **49.** | **GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.** The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Elkin and seconded by Councillor Marsden:-<br><br>"That this Council supports East Sussex County Council's active opposition to proposed plans by Central Government to change the way it distributes grants to local authorities, and its potential negative effect upon services and Council Tax levels for Eastbourne residents."<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That this motion be approved and that a letter to this effect, co-signed by the two group leaders, be sent to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. | |
| **50.** | **SUB POST OFFICES.** The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Warner and seconded by Councillor Belsey:-<br><br>"That this Council supports the campaign by the Eastbourne MP, Nigel Waterson, to oppose the threat to the viability of Eastbourne sub post offices by Central Government. Any reduction in service would have a significant effect upon many residents, particularly the elderly and disabled."<br><br>The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Creaven and seconded by Councillor Skilton:-<br><br>Delete all words after the word campaign and replace with:-<br><br>"to oppose the threat of closure of Eastbourne sub-post offices by Central Government. Any reduction in service would have a significant effect upon many residents, particularly the elderly, disabled and young families."<br><br>**RESOLVED: (By 14 votes to 12)** That the amendment be approved.<br><br>NOTE: The amendment was approved unanimously as the substantive motion. | |
| **51.** | **MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:- | |
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| | Best Value Management Committee | 23 September 2002 |
| | Cabinet | 2 October & 7 November 2002 |
| | Planning & Licensing Committee | 8 October & 5 November 2002 |
| | Tenants Advisory Group | 15 October 2002 |

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| | Conservation Area Advisory Group | | 22 October 2002 |
| | Standards Committee | | 28 October 2002 |
| | Scrutiny Committee | | 11 November 2002 |
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| | In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:- | | |
| | 1 | Best Value Management Committee, 23 September 2002, Page 163, Item 7 - Minutes of the last meeting – raised by Councillor Mrs Howlett. | |
| | 2 | Planning and Licensing Committee, 8 October 2002, Page 171, Item 27(1) - EB/2002/0490(LA) – The Butterfly Centre, Royal Parade – demolition of existing building and the formation of a car park extension comprising 41 spaces – raised by Councillor Mrs Howlett. | |
| | 3 | Planning and Licensing Committee, 8 October 2002, Page 172, Item 27(5) - EB/2002/0475 – Land north of Willingdon Drove, adjacent to A22 New Route – proposed three-storey health and fitness club with associated car parking – raised by Councillor Elkin. | |
| | 4 | Planning and Licensing Committee, 8 October 2002, Page 179, Item 27(27) - EB/2002/0422(ADV) – Royal Mail Delivery Office, 3 Upperton Road – one 6 metre wide by 3.2 metre high structure for displaying posters – raised by Councillor Lacey OBE. | |
| | 5 | Planning and Licensing Committee, 5 November 2002, Page 211, Item 36(a) - Land adjacent to Crumbles Retail Park, Pevensey Bay Road – raised by Councillor Bowker. | |
| | 6 | Cabinet, 7 November 2002, Page 215, Item 68 - Civic Budget 2002/03 – Update – raised by Councillor Stanley. | |
| | 7 | Cabinet, 7 November 2002, Page 217, Item 71 - Manor Gardens Cottage, Manor Gardens – raised by Councillor Mrs Murray. | |

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| | Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e) it was,<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That all the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted. | |
| **52.** | **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as discussion of the following items is likely to disclose exempt information within the categories specified in the open summaries of the relevant minutes. | |
| **53.** | **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL BODIES.** The following matters were referred to Council for decision in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12:- | |
| | **(a) Cleansing Contracts – Contractual and Financial Matters** – This matter was the subject of a report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in order to advise the Council on confidential matters in connection with the item and decision referred to in minute 48(a) set out above.<br><br>(Exempt Information Reason – Paragraph 8 – amounts of proposed contracts)<br><br>**(b) Eastbourne Lifeline Best Value Review -** This matter was reported by Councillor Leggett on behalf of the Cabinet.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of Lifeline be approved.<br><br>(Exempt Information Reason – Paragraph 9 – terms of a proposed contract) | |
| **54.** | **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES**. The confidential minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:- | |

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| Cabinet | 2 October & 7 November 2002 |
| Planning & Licensing Committee | 5 November 2002 |

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| | No items for discussion were raised by Members. |

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| | **In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e), it was**<br><br>**RESOLVED:** That the confidential minutes be accepted. |

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| The meeting closed at 9.30pm | |
| | Miss O M M WOODALL, Mayor<br><br>Chairman |
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