EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on 28 July 2004

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs B M V GOODALL (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Mrs BANNISTER, BELSEY (Deputy Mayor), BERRY, BOWKER, ELKIN, HARRIS, Mrs HEALY, HERBERT, Mrs HOWLETT, LACEY OBE, LUCAS, MARSDEN, MARSH, Mrs MURRAY, Mrs POOLEY, Mrs SIMS, SKILTON MBE, SLATER, STEVENS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TUTT, WARNER, WILLIAMS & Miss WOODALL.

16.	**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2004 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.	
17.	**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**	
	1	The Mayor, and a selection of Members from the Civic List, attended a Memorial Service for His Grace the Duke of Devonshire and Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Eastbourne, Andrew Robert Buxton Cavendish, KG, PC, MC, on Tuesday 29 June 2004. This was held in the Guards' Chapel, London and, following the service, at the Naval & Military Club in St James's Square. A book of condolence is being held at the Compton Estate office for anyone still wishing to sign it.
	2	The Mayor and Consort, Mrs Jane Edwards, were honoured to be guests of Her Majesty the Queen on Tuesday 13 July 2004 at the Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace.

	3	The Mayor and Consort, Mr Charles Goodall, greatly appreciated the chance to go to Wimbledon on Monday 28 June 2004. They had the opportunity to watch two men's quarter-finals and had a wonderful day.
	4	Eastbourne beaches received an array of awards and accolades this year, including the first Blue Flag for many years and a position within the top ten UK beaches, according to ENCAMS.
	5	The Hastings Direct International Championships enjoyed a successful year with an increase in spectators, particularly on the Wednesday, which saw the 4th best daily attendance since the event began in 1975. New innovations such as goody bags, jazz music and Legends 'Cocktail Hour' tennis also proved very popular, providing added value to the visitor experience.
	6	15,000 skaters and spectators enjoyed the 7th Eastbourne Skate Festival, staged in partnership with McDonald's this year. The event attracted many families and staying visitors, which combined with good weather, led to a busy weekend for hotels, with family and double rooms selling out.
18.	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** An apology for absence was reported from Councillor Stanley.	
19.	**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.** Councillors Marsh, Skilton, Stevens, Tutt and Miss Woodall all declared personal interests in respect of Cabinet minute 151 (Beachy Head Countryside Centre). Councillor Lacey OBE declared a personal interest in respect of Cabinet minute 19 (Destination Management System). Neither of these matters was discussed at this matter so there was no requirement for the Councillors concerned to vacate the Council Chamber.	

20.	**SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE – DELIVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the modified draft supplementary planning guidance on delivering affordable housing through the planning system be adopted.	
21.	**SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE – DEMONSTRATING GENUINE REDUNDANCY OF BUSINESS LAND AND PREMISES.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the modified draft supplementary planning guidance on demonstrating genuine redundancy of business land and premises be adopted.	
22.	**SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE – TOWNSCAPE GUIDE.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the modified draft supplementary planning guidance on the Eastbourne Townscape Guide be adopted.	
23.	**PLANNING BRIEF FOR ALL SAINTS HOSPITAL, DARLEY ROAD.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lacey OBE on behalf of the Cabinet. **RESOLVED:** That the planning brief for All Saints Hospital be adopted.	
24.	**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2003/04.** This matter was reported by Councillor Lucas on behalf of the Cabinet. In doing so, he thanked the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, the Head of Financial Management and all the staff concerned for their efforts in this matter. **RESOLVED:** That the Statement of Accounts for 2003/04 and other associated recommendations of the Cabinet be approved.	
25.	**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME.** This matter was reported by Councillor Mrs Healy on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee. In considering this item it was noted that, in the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Mrs Murray should be recorded as present in place of Councillor Taylor. **RESOLVED:** That the Scrutiny Committee Annual Work Programme be approved.	

26.	**CHAIRMANSHIP OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.** The following motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13 was proposed by Councillor Marsden and seconded by Councillor Warner:- **"That the constitutional arrangements for chairing the Council's Scrutiny Committee be restored to those originally established by the Council when approving its Constitution in May 2002 so as to provide for the positions of Chairman and Deputy Chairman to be held by Councillors of the largest opposition group on the Council and that the Constitution be amended accordingly."** **RESOLVED:** (By 14 votes to 1) That the motion be approved.		
27.	**MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-		
	Planning and Licensing Committee		25 May, 24 June & 20 July 2004
	Cabinet		27 May & 14 July 2004
	Conservation Area Advisory Group		1 June & 6 July 2004
	Scrutiny Committee		5 July 2004
	Standards Committee		19 July 2004
	Tenants Advisory Group		21 July 2004
	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-		
	1	Cabinet, 14 July 2004 – Page 33, Minute 4 – Eastbourne Lifeline Best Value Review – Raised by Councillor Slater.	
	2	Cabinet, 14 July 2004 – Page 38, Minute 12 – Civic Budget 2003/04: Financial Outturn – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	
	3	Cabinet, 14 July 2004 – Page 39, Minute 15 – Financial Strategy 2005/06 – 2008/09 – Raised by Councillor Tutt.	

	4	Planning and Licensing Committee, 20 July 2004 – Page 50, Minute 6(4) – Coach and Lorry Park, Wartling Road (EB/2004/0274) – Outline application for residential development comprising a maximum of 225 units and access road – Raised by Councillor Taylor.	
	5	Tenants Advisory Group, 21 July 2004 – Page 68, Minute 9 – Housing Management Stock Options – Raised by Councillor Mrs Murray. In doing so, she thanked the staff and tenants for their efforts in progressing this matter.	
	Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e) it was, **RESOLVED:** That all the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted.		
28.	**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF COUNCIL BODIES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** The confidential minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-		

Cabinet	27 May & 14 July 2004

	No items for discussion were raised on the confidential minutes.	
	In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.3(e), it was **RESOLVED**: That the confidential minutes be accepted.	
The meeting closed at 7.15pm		
		Mrs B M V GOODALL, Mayor Chairman
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