

# Cabinet



## Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 6.00pm

Present:-

Councillor **David Tutt** (Chairman and Leader of the Council)

Councillor **Troy Tester** (Deputy Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Council)

Councillors **Margaret Bannister, Gill Mattock, Susan Morris and Steve Wallis**

### 86 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2009 were submitted and approved and the chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

### 87 Disclosures of interests by Members under the Code of Conduct

Councillor David Tutt declared a personal interest in minutes 102.2 (Retirement housing asset management plan) as a non-executive director of Eastbourne Homes Limited and chose to withdraw whilst this item was being considered.

### 88 Disability equality scheme annual report (Cabinet, 10 December 2008, page 208, minute 91).

- 88.1 Councillor Andrew Goodwin, in his capacity as the council's disability champion, introduced the report submitted jointly by him and Monica Elsen, the Communication and Participation Manager. The council's disability equality scheme annual report (December 2009) was circulated separately to members of the cabinet and opposition spokesperson and also made available for viewing on the council's website, Members' Room and Town Hall reception.
- 88.2 The report presented the third annual report by the council to meet its obligations under disability discrimination legislation. The scheme action plan 2010/11 was appended to the annual report. Consultation was taking place with disabled people who form part of the Eastbourne Disability Involvement Group (DIG) and the groups they represented. It was also out to consultation with wider groups and organisations representing disabled people who did not form part of the DIG as well as officers within the council and partner authorities.
- 88.3 Councillor Goodwin also reported on the work of the DIG highlighting initiatives such as the Princes Park play area which had benefited from improved play equipment gates and access, funding for the independent living advisor, the Town hall Court Room improvements, and the Access Eastbourne project.
- 88.4 **Resolved:** (1) That Cabinet express their thanks and appreciation for the work of the Disability Involvement Group, Councillor Goodwin and Monica Elsen.

(2) That Cabinet notes the progress made against the statutory disability equality duty and approves the objectives set out in the revised action plan (2010/11) subject to any further review that the chief executive, in consultation with the disability champion, considers necessary in the light of further comments received up to the end of the consultation period, which is due to end 24 February 2010.

**89 Discretionary rate relief** (Cabinet, 27 May 2009, page 30, minute 7).

89.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Revenues Manager giving details of the recommendations of the Grants Task Group which had met on 3 November 2009.

89.2 **Resolved:** (1) That awards of rate relief recommended by the task group totalling £923 in respect of St Barnabas Hospices (Sussex) Ltd. be agreed as set out in the report.

(2) That the application from Vana Trust be refused for the reasons given in the report.

**90 Council budget 2009/10 – finance matters** (Cabinet, 21 October 2009, page 141, minute 63).

90.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer outlining the position of the council's budget to the end of September 2009. The report focused on the performance of the general fund and housing revenue accounts and the capital programme. Details of debt monitoring and a virement were also reported. In addition a section in the report updated members on the Government's plans for council housing finance reform previously reported at the last meeting (Cabinet, 21 October 2009, page 149, minute 72). Appendix 5 set out details of recommended savings proposals in the current year amounting to £399,000.

90.2 Councillor Mattock commented that the proposed in-year savings would not impact on direct services. She also highlighted that the audit of the statement of accounts showed that the council was potentially over providing up to £250,000 of bad debt provision. This would be reviewed at the year end and reported to Cabinet in the outturn report for 2009/10. Any reduction in the provision would be a one off credit to general fund reserves. In addition she noted that any capital schemes that had not been progressed would be retested against the councils current priorities and ongoing investment in structural repairs and maintenance and I.T. infrastructure would also be reviewed as part of a revised integrated asset management plan in 2010.

90.3 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the general fund revenue account variances at 30 September 2009 showing a net overspend of £385,000 be noted.

(2) That the housing revenue account variances at 30 September 2009 showing a net overspend of £140,000 be noted.

(3) That expenditure on the capital programme to end of September 2009 be

noted.

(4) That the virement of £63,000 in respect of pension costs at appendix 3 be approved.

(5) That the recommended savings proposals shown in appendix 5 be agreed and used to offset the projected overall variance in the 2009/10 budget.

(6) That delegated authority to respond to the governments debt settlement offer in respect of council housing finance be given to the Senior Head of Service for Community in liaison with the Chief Finance Officer, and lead Cabinet members for Community and Finance.

**91 Council tax base for 2010/11 (provisional estimate)** (Cabinet, 10 December 2008, page 214, minute 101).

91.1 The Cabinet considered the joint report of the Chief Finance Officer. Council, at their meeting on 21 November 2007, had delegated responsibility for setting the tax base in this and future years to Cabinet. The council tax base for Eastbourne was the estimated full year equivalent number of chargeable dwellings within the borough. This was expressed as the equivalent number of Band D dwellings with 2 or more liable adults. Full details of the required method of calculation together with information on monitoring arrangements and performance for the collection fund were reported.

91.2 As at 31 March 2009 the collection fund showed a deficit of £797,000; however this amount would be collected during 2010/11. Collection performance had been set at 97% in the current budget and was on target. The council's internal auditors had completed work on verifying the processes the council used to estimate the tax base for budgeting purposes each year. Their findings confirmed that the council had now improved its processes and hence the basis used for budget setting was robust. The calculation had also been tested by a neighbouring council which had a track record in accurate forecasting of its tax base.

91.3 It was proposed to set a collection rate of 97.25% for 2010/11. It was also noted that a review of the council's revenue grant from Government would be sought as this was based on a previously over-stated tax base amount. Cabinet expressed their appreciation for the work undertaken by the Revenues Manager and his team.

91.4 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the provisional council tax base of 36,572 for 2010/2011 be agreed.

(2) That delegated authority be given to the Chief Finance Officer to determine the final tax base figure and collection fund deficit.

**92 Council budget 2010/11 – draft budget proposals** (Cabinet, 21 October 2009, page 142/3, minutes 64 and 65).

92.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer summarising the main elements of the emerging 2010/11 revenue budget and capital programme that had arisen from the corporate and service financial planning

process to date. The proposals would form the platform of the consultation process in conjunction with the corporate plan. Responses to the consultation would be reported to Cabinet on 10 February 2010 with a view to final budget proposals being recommended to full council on 24 February 2010. Consultation had begun in October including the Scrutiny Committee, unions and staff as well as partners and the business and voluntary sectors. The consultation used a council tax increase figure of 2.44% (10 pence per week addition on a band D property) which was below the Government's capping limit of 3%.

- 92.2 In response the efficiency challenge set out in the medium term financial strategy, the service and financial planning process has identified proposed savings of £1.78m (9.5%) as shown in appendix 1. These were categorised as:

<u>£k</u>
(863) – Efficiencies (4.7%)
(201) – Additional income generation
(102) – Service reductions
<u>(614)</u> – Other changes (principally concessionary fares grant)
<u>(1,780)</u> – Total

It was noted that the government had set a revised target of 4% efficiencies (£740,000) for 2010/11 (previously 3%).

- 92.3 A total of £1.9m of service growth was proposed as follows (and set out in appendix 2):

<u>£k</u>
363 – Inflation
287 – Income reductions (mainly due to recession)
302 – Unavoidable growth
<u>64</u> – Service development (recurring)
1,016 – Total recurring growth
<u>70</u> – Service development (non-recurring)
<u>1,086</u> – Total growth 2010/11

In addition, a number of technical additions to the base budget totalling £821,000 were required to remove non-recurring income and reserve movements from the 2009/10 budget.

- 92.4 The following summarises the effect of the proposed changes compared with the medium term financial strategy:

	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>MTFS (October)</u>
	<u>£k</u>	<u>£k</u>
Base budget 2010/11	18,626	18,626
Technical changes to rebase	<u>821</u>	<u>1,040</u>
Re-based budget 2010/11	19,447	19,666
Growth	1,016	1,050
Savings	<u>(1,780)</u>	<u>(1,490)</u>
Budget requirement	18,683	19,226
Funded by:		
Government grant	(10,420)	(10,440)

Council tax (band D £224.21)	(8,200)	(8,103)
<b>Additional savings/use of reserves</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>683</b>
Forecast general reserve 31 March 2011	<u>£4.1m</u>	<u>£3.1m</u>

- 92.5 In order to fully close the gap in funding in 2010/11 a further £63,000 of savings or additional income is currently required. It was proposed to use the consultation to capture further ideas in order to balance the budget with no draw on reserves other than to meet non-recurring unavoidable or priority expenditure.
- 92.6 The council finances its capital programme from capital receipts and grants and contributions. Currently approximately £1.8m of capital receipts was available over the next 3 years and the only new borrowing sanctioned was in respect of meeting the decent homes standard. The cost of this borrowing was met by the government's subsidy system and therefore had no impact on council tax payers. It was proposed that the only addition to the current borrowing policy be where capital expenditure would result in savings in the revenue account equal or greater to the cost of borrowing on a business case basis.
- 92.7 The corporate planning process to date had resulted in a list of proposed schemes totalling £709,000 including £58,000 of schemes that had previously been approved but committed. Details these schemes to be added to the existing programme in 2010/11 were listed in appendix 3. In February any externally funded schemes (e.g. those funded from planning agreement contributions) would be added before the final programme was agreed.
- 92.8 In order that priorities for future years could be ascertained, the main service areas would receive an indicative "block allocation" in order that schemes to the value of the block allocation and beyond could inform the Cabinet's final decisions on capital allocations to be met from internal resources. The initial value of block allocations would be:

Council Priority	Services	Amount (£'000)
Sustainable performance	Asset management	500
	I.T. infrastructure	400
Thriving communities	Community Services	400
	Tourism and Leisure	300
Quality environment	Environment and Planning	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,800</b>

- 92.9 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the draft budget proposals be approved for consultation.
- (2) That a report on the results of consultation be brought to Cabinet on 10 February 2010.

**93 Concessionary fares - Department of Transport consultation on special grant redistribution** (Cabinet, 8 July 2009, page 58, minute 20).

- 93.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Finance Officer. The Department of Transport (DoT) had launched a consultation on the future administration of

the concessionary fares scheme at the end of April 2009. Cabinet had agreed a response to DoT at their July meeting. In common with a lot of tourist destinations Eastbourne's response concentrated heavily on the anomalies in the current funding arrangements. In addition extensive lobbying had led to an interim consultation on the existing special grant distribution introduced in April 2008 when the scheme was made available to all people over 60.

- 93.2 Eastbourne currently received £510,000 of special grant towards the overall cost of approximately £2.6m. Included in the revenue support grant was an amount of approximately £1.5m. Therefore the council subsidised the existing arrangements by approximately £0.6m.
- 93.3 The consultation proposed reimbursing authorities such as Eastbourne with effect from 2010/11. In order to pay for the redistribution there would be a reduction in grant of around 50% of the "surplus" made by authorities that currently received more grant than the scheme cost them.
- 93.4 **Resolved:** (1) That the responses to the consultation as shown in appendix 1 be agreed and, in addition, representations be made in the strongest possible terms seeking re-imburement for the c. £1m that Eastbourne had subsidised the scheme in 2008/09 and 2009/10.

(2) That the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the lead Cabinet Member for Finance be given delegated authority to make any minor changes to the response should further advice become available from MCL (Sussex Concessionary Fares Consultants).

#### **94 Corporate Plan.** (Cabinet, 21 October 2009, page 143, minute 65).

- 94.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive reviewing the current plan for 2008/11. The plan had been last revised in early 2009 (Cabinet, 1 April 2009, page 306, minute 132). Cabinet, last October, had agreed key actions for 2010/11 as a basis for early consultation with the public and key partners. This report now proposed a series of key ambitions for the next 5 years around the four key themes of prosperous economy, quality environment, thriving communities and sustainable performance. Taken together, these themes underpin the design and delivery of council services, the prioritisation and allocation of resources and the achievement of value for money.
- 94.2 The priorities outlined in the draft plan would provide the context in which the council would operate over the next few years. In particular the plan sought to:
- Ensure the council operates effectively and efficiently within the current economic climate
  - Strengthen medium-term planning
  - Support the 2026 partnership vision for Eastbourne
  - Support the implementation of Pride of Place – The Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex
  - Support the Council's commitments in delivering Local Area Agreement Two

- 94.3 The full text of the plan was circulated separately and a copy had been made available to view on the council's website.
- 94.4 The Chief Executive also referred to the outcome of the recent Audit Commission comprehensive area assessment (CAA) inspection and the poor score (of one) that the council had received in respect of the Commission's judgement of the council's organisational arrangements. He said that an improvement plan would be submitted to the cabinet at their next meeting. The leader added his disappointment but thanked staff for their efforts to date noting that the assessment related to the previous year and that much had been achieved in the current year to date, including the DRIVE initiative and associated changes in the council's management structure.
- 94.5 **Resolved (key decision):** That the draft corporate plan 2010/15 be approved for wider consultation.

**95 2009/10 performance update** (Cabinet, 21 October 2009, page 143, minute 65).

- 95.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive reviewing the council's performance against corporate plan priority performance and financial performance. The report provided a snapshot of performance against the authority's priorities as at the end of the second quarter of 2009/10. The headline performance levels shown and progress against key actions/activities were generally positive, however, it was important to bear in mind that this level of achievement needed to be sustained and even increased in order to meet national expectations. This would be better highlighted once more national data had been released. Appendix 1 contained a full list of the key actions/activities within the 2009/10 corporate plan with a progress update against each item.
- 95.2 The following indicators have been chosen as appropriate headline measures for delivery of the corporate plan priorities:

**Community:** NI 155 (number of affordable homes delivered) and NI 156 (number of households living in temporary accommodation). Both were local area agreement (LAA) indicators for which the council was the lead authority. Over the past few years, local performance in NI 155 had not met targets primarily been due to the economic climate and its impact on the housing market. However, performance in 2009/10 had already exceeded the year's target as outstanding schemes were now being completed. Recent years' performance had been improving and meeting local targets, but still some way behind the national level of performance for NI 156. Figures showed a significant improvement from 130 households in 2008/9 to just 69 by the middle of 2009/10.

**Environment:** A key environmental priority was improved recycling across the borough. The local recycling and composting rate had increased year on year and regularly exceeded the local targets. As at the end of the second quarter the council was on course to meet the 2009/10 target of 33% of household waste recycled.

- 95.3 Financial performance was reported in appendices 2 to 4 in respect of the revenue budget, capital programme and debtors monitoring. The report also provided a quarterly report on treasury management.
- 95.4 **Resolved:** (1) That performance against key actions/activities in the Corporate Plan as at end of the second quarter of 2009/10 be noted.
- (2) That the performance against national performance indicators in relation to relevant targets be noted.
- (3) That the financial performance monitoring as at 30 September 2009 and the key actions in section 5 of the report be noted.
- (4) That the financial performance given within the treasury management section of the report at section 6 be noted.

**96 Wealden and Eastbourne Lifeline (WEL) update** (Cabinet, 11 February 2009, page 256, minute 114).

- 96.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Community updating Cabinet on performance and future direction of WEL. The annual review and directors' report and financial statements (2008/09) to the company board had been circulated to members of the Cabinet and opposition leader and spokesperson and also made available for viewing on the council's website, Members' Room and Town Hall reception (and also at 1 Grove Road by appointment).
- 96.2 2008/09 has seen continued success for the company and further increases in the volume of activity. Performance had remained positive with WEL achieving TSA accreditation for telecare installation and maintenance, mobile response and alarm receiving during 2009.
- 96.3 Other key achievements within the period had included:
- Upgrading to telecare operating system.
  - Implementing a customer relationship and stock management system.
  - Implementing a new finance and billing system.
  - Providing assistance to key partners in the retirement housing sector, enabling them to reshape their care and support services. WEL now makes on average 3,000 outgoing check calls per week and is providing an increased range of mobile response services.
  - Delivering a 40 patient telehealth trial.
  - Improved financial performance with turnover and pre tax profit increasing by 49% and 66% respectively.
  - Recruiting 5 team leaders to create capacity for growth and focus on the quality of customer service on a day to day basis.
- 96.5 The board had reviewed their business plan and had recommended that the company adopted a growth strategy to ensure the organisation could build on the success to date and secure a sustainable future. To achieve this WEL considered it would be necessary to raise external funding to enable investment in key infrastructure. This in turn would enable the company to respond to the rising demand for services that promoted independence. It was considered that within the next 18 months WEL's telecare connections

could grow from 16,000 to 50,000 and that the organisation would be providing services throughout the South East and beyond. WEL had asked if the council would, in principle, agree to the company raising additional finance and giving a loan guarantee.

96.6 The company's auditor had reported their opinion that the financial statements gave a 'true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its profit for the year. The profit and loss account for the period showed a turn-over of £2,047,060 (as against £1,366,638 2007/8) and an end of year profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £143,425 (as against £86,386 2007/08).

96.7 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) To note and endorse progress to date in relation to the operation of Wealden and Eastbourne Lifeline.

(2) That delegated authority be given to the Senior Head of Community in liaison with the lead Cabinet members for community and finance and the Deputy Chief Executive, to consider/agree amendments to the company memorandum and articles of association and proposal for the company to raise additional funding to support growth subject to an acceptable business case.

**97 Kingsmere and Willingdon Trees – Green Spaces projects** (Cabinet, 27 May 2009, page 31, minute 9).

97.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Community. Places for People Housing Association (PfP) had been successful in their application to the National Lottery for a programme of 'Green Spaces' improvement to open areas on key residential housing estates across the country. Within the overall bid, there were two schemes in Eastbourne - Kingsmere estate and Willingdon Trees estate. The Big Lottery grant allocation for the 2 projects was approximately £515,000. East Sussex County Council had been awarded funding by the Department to support the delivery of a play pathfinder project plan, which included a number of projects in Eastbourne.

97.2 Pathfinder was a government initiative, through the Department for Children, Schools and Families. It was aimed at providing new and improving existing play facilities across the country. The county council had now allocated £50,000 to improve Willingdon Trees playground and asked that these funds be transferred to PfP to support the larger Big Lottery Willingdon Trees project. The Pathfinder funding had to be spent by 31 March 2010 or be lost.

97.3 It was proposed to transfer the lottery grant to the council who would then appoint PfP as managing agents for the projects. This would allow the council to recover VAT and meant that the full grant allocation plus the VAT element could be committed to the projects. There would also be savings from combining the 2 schemes. Since PfP obtained the lottery grant and did all the ground work in advance it would neither be fair nor practical to further outsource this project or attempt to procure another agent at this late stage. PfP had already undertaken a procurement procedure for these projects and were able to demonstrate that their approach followed the EU procedure for both landscape architects and contractors.

97.4 **Resolved (key decision):** That exceptions be made to the council's contract

procedure rules to allow:-

- (a) the engagement of Places for People Housing Association as consultant/managing agent for the Kingsmere and Willingdon Trees Green Spaces projects; and
- (b) the £50,000 Pathfinder funding to be transferred to Places for People Housing Association for the development of a natural play space at Willingdon Trees.

**98 Local development framework – local development scheme (LDS) 2009 – 2012** (Cabinet, 22 October 2008, page 156, minute 67).

- 98.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (as acting Senior Head of Environment and Planning). The LDS provided a timetable for the planning policy documents, within the Local Development Framework (LDF), which would be prepared over the next 3 years. It identified the documents to be delivered and enabled the local community to see when they would have the opportunity to make comments on the contents of each new Local Development Document (LDD). The LDS formed the main work programme for the council's planning policy team for the next 3 years. The first LDS had been approved by Cabinet in January 2005. Since then the LDS has been updated each year to reflect national and local priorities as well as taking account of the workload of the service and the skills available.
- 98.2 A copy of this years LDS (2009 - 2012) timetable was appended to the report. Copies of the full text of the LDS had been made available for viewing on the council's website, Members' Room and Town Hall reception.
- 98.3 Councillor Wallis also thanked planning staff for their recent work in staging a series of exhibitions around the town on the core strategy which would form the main part of the LDF. Other documents to be progressed through the course of the LDS in 2009/12 were the town centre area action plan, Eastbourne Park supplementary planning document, sustainable design supplementary planning document and the proposals map. In addition reference was made to documents where work was due to start in 2012 (a seafront area action plan and a development management plan – the latter development plan document including land allocations for the remaining smaller sites in the town and a review of generic development control policies.
- 98.4 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the local development scheme is approved for submission to the Government Office for the South East.
- (2) That the Chief Executive, in liaison with the lead Cabinet member, be given delegated authority to approve minor revisions to the local development scheme before submission to the Government Office for the South East.
- (3) That approval of the publication of future versions of the local development scheme is delegated to the Senior Head of Environment and Planning in liaison with the lead Cabinet member.

**99 Local development framework – annual monitoring report (AMR)** (Cabinet, 10 December 2008, page 207, minute 89).

- 99.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (as acting Senior Head of

Environment and Planning). The council was required to submit an AMR to the government on progress in implementing the Local Development Framework. Submission to the Government Office of the South East was required by 31 December 2009. Copies of the full text of the annual monitoring report had been made available for viewing on the council's website, Members' Room and Town Hall reception. A summary of findings from the AMR was appended to the report.

- 99.2 The Council delivered 387 net residential units during 2008/2009, all on brownfield sites. A total of 1,034 net residential units have been delivered over the first 3 years of the South East Plan period since 1 April 2006. Good supply of housing for the next 5 year period was also projected with 1,419 units. This showed an oversupply in relation to housing targets, but with anticipated low levels of growth in the final 10 years of the plan period, an oversupply was required to meet the overall housing target up to 2026.
- 99.3 Affordable housing delivery had been relatively low in 2008/2009, with 31 net affordable housing units on two major development sites. Construction had started on a number of sites delivering new affordable housing units, and this would be reflected in delivery levels for 2009/2010.
- 99.4 During the year business development had been most significant on Brampton Road Industrial Estate in Hampden Park, contributing to a net gain in business floor-space. This area has seen major redevelopment, creating new two and three storey units, intensifying business floor-space on individual sites.
- 99.5 The council had performed well environmentally, including: 100% delivery of residential and business development on brown-field sites, maintaining a high quality of nationally important wildlife sites, and meeting several of the council's environmental sustainability objectives.
- 99.6 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the annual monitoring report is approved for submission to the Government Office for the South East.
- (2) That the Chief Executive, in liaison with the lead Cabinet member, be given delegated authority to approve minor revisions to the annual monitoring report before submission to the Government Office for the South East.
- (3) That approval of the publication of future versions of the annual monitoring report is delegated to the Senior Head of Environment and Planning in liaison with the lead Cabinet member.

## **100 Waste and minerals core strategy - East Sussex County Council's preferred strategy consultation**

- 100.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (as acting Senior Head of Environment and Planning). East Sussex County Council were consulting on a preferred strategy for waste disposal and mineral extraction. The consultation was due to close on 15 January 2010. A draft response was appended to the report.
- 100.2 Currently, between 34 to 37 million tonnes of solid waste were produced in

East Sussex and Brighton and Hove. The preferred strategy sought to minimise the amount of waste that was produced and proposed solutions as to how to achieve this between now and 2026. The strategy looked into areas of search for the siting of waste management facilities and waste recovery (recycling) facilities across the whole of East Sussex and Brighton and Hove. The strategy also looked into areas of search for mineral extraction.

- 100.3 The strategy stated that facilities built to manage waste and minerals would be designed, located and operated to ensure protection of areas of built and natural heritage. The strategy proposed not meeting the targets set in the South East Plan for waste. The county council had objected to the targets throughout the South East Plan process, and it was contended that evidence, particularly from waste management operators, showed that the target figures were not required. This objection was believed to be well founded.
- 100.4 There were no proposals to create waste sites within the borough, as the majority of Eastbourne was at high risk of flooding. Similarly, there were no proposals for mineral extraction sites within the borough, due to most of the chalk within Eastbourne being located in protected areas. The strategy suggested that all solid waste from Eastbourne be taken to the waste recovery site at Newhaven. The current waste transfer site at Roselands, in Eastbourne, had been identified by the council as suitable for future potential housing development. It was proposed that the response to the county council identified the future of this site as an issue, and this council's wish that this site be re-located.
- 100.5 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That the proposals in the waste and minerals core strategy - preferred strategy consultation be supported and the response set out in appendix 1 to the report approved.

(2) That an additional comment be made in respect of this council's opposition to any proposals for land raising as a means of waste disposal in the county.

## 101 Exclusion of the public

**Resolved:** That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A and descriptions of the exempt information are shown in the items below.

## 102 Summary of confidential proceedings for information

*(Note: The full minutes of the under-mentioned items are set out in the confidential section of these minutes. The reports remain confidential).*

- 102.1 **Alternative employment procedure.** Cabinet noted the position of 3 employees currently subject to the procedure and associated financial implications.

*Exempt information reasons 1 and 2 –Information relating to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.*

- 102.2 **Retirement housing asset management plan** (Cabinet 11 February 2009, page 259, minute 118.1). Cabinet considered proposals for a number of the council's retirement schemes which had at the February meeting been declared as uneconomic to retain or remodel. They approved option 2 which provided for the disposal of some of the properties in order to finance the redevelopment of others to provide new family homes and authorised officers to develop a detailed disposal and development plan in line with this decision and the principles and timescales set out in the Eastbourne Homes Older People's Strategy and Asset Management Strategy. In addition, delegated authority was given to Chief Finance Officer and Senior Head of Community, in liaison with lead Cabinet members for Community and Finance, to agree the final programme, arrangements for the land disposals, design of the new affordable houses and bids for grant funding to the Homes and Communities Agency. It was considered that this option would maximise the provision of new family houses, attract the highest external funding and assist the council in meeting a number of its' key targets.

*Notes: (1) See minute 87 above as to disclosure of a personal interest by Councillor Tutt. Councillor Tester took the chair for this item.*

*(2) Exempt information reason 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).*

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

**Councillor David Tutt**  
**Chairman**

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