

<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting of the</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">CABINET</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">held on Wednesday 2 October 2002</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRESENT:-</p> <p>Councillor Mrs HEALY (Chairman and Leader of the Council), Councillor TUTT (Deputy Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Council), Councillors HARRIS, LEGGETT and THOMPSON.</p>	
<p>54.</p>	<p>MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2002 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.</p>
<p>55.</p>	<p>CIVIC BUDGET 2002/03 - UPDATE (page 129, minute 46). The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on the Council's financial position in the current year. Since the Cabinet's last meeting action had been taken to reduce the potential level of overspend.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (1) To note that the general fund revenue net expenditure is over budget at the end of August by £109,000.</p> <p>(2) To note that the general fund revenue net expenditure is currently forecast to be £324,000 over budget as at 31 March 2003.</p> <p>(3) That the Cabinet, at their next meeting, give consideration to the options and outcomes flowing from the review of departmental budgets undertaken as outlined in paragraph 2.5.3 of the report.</p>
<p>56.</p>	<p>SUPPORTING PEOPLE SHADOW STRATEGY (page 380, minute 124, 2001/02 minutes). The Cabinet considered the report of the Housing Strategy and Development Manager seeking approval to the Supporting People Shadow Strategy for 2003/04. A detailed summary of the strategy was given in the report and extracts provided in an appendix giving key information relating to Eastbourne.</p> <p>Supporting people had been introduced by the Government in April 2000 and changed the way in which the service element of the accommodation costs for certain categories of people in supported accommodation was funded. The scheme was administered on a countywide basis with Councils pooling their resources. From April 2003 housing benefit would be paid on the net rent payable and not meet the cost of services relating to general support and counselling. Service providers would have to bid for funding for the cost of this support from a single 'pot'.</p> <p>Highest priority would be given to older people, those with learning disabilities, those using drugs and alcohol, resettlement support for people suffering domestic violence, resettlement support to ex-offenders and support to young people with physical or learning disabilities. High priority would be given to funding services to meet the needs of physically disabled people, single homeless and homeless families, those with mental health problems, refugees and asylum seekers, young people and teenage parents. As there was a significant established need for additional services across all client groups no group had been designated as low priority.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (Key Decision) (1) That the Supporting People Shadow Strategy 2003/04 be approved</p>

***57. CLEANSING CONTRACTS.** The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities on progress towards the procurement of the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts, public conveniences cleansing and attendant services contract and the dog litter bins and associated signs contract; all of which were due for renewal on 1 April 2003. It was intended that a further report would be made to the Cabinet in December following a report to the Scrutiny Committee in November with the objective of awarding contracts prior to Christmas 2002 for implementation on the 1 April 2003. This final decision would also require the approval of full Council as a variation to the Budget and Policy Framework in view of the significant financial implications for the coming and future years.

Mr R Stiggers was permitted to address the Cabinet on this matter further to notice given under Council Procedure Rule No. 11. His comments were mainly in respect of the Council's consultation arrangements. The Director of Planning Regeneration and Amenities highlighted the consultations with representatives of the local community undertaken through the best value review of refuse collection and street cleansing and the Environmental Forum. In addition significant coverage had been provided in the local newspaper and an invitation given to residents to complete and return a comment slip.

RESOLVED: (Key Decision) (1) That the contract for dog litter bins and associated signs may be extended for a period of two years should a more favourable tender not be received through the procurement process and otherwise subject to satisfactory negotiations with the current contractor.

(2) That the contracts for refuse collection and street cleansing be let to one contractor.

(3) That subject to receiving an acceptable tender for the refuse collection contract:-

(a) a borough-wide wheeled bin service for weekly collection of household waste be introduced;

(b) a borough-wide recycling box service for the fortnightly collection of recyclables from households be approved; and

(c) that where practical, or where an exemption may not be justifiably given, households within the borough will be provided with a wheeled bin and a recycling box of suitable dimensions for the storage and collection of their waste.

(4) That at the same time as the wheeled bin service and recycling box service is introduced the collection of "side waste" is actively discouraged.

(5) That subject to receiving an acceptable tender for the collection of mixed glass, paper (including newsprint and magazines) and cans these materials be set aside for disposal by the contractor and/or disposal authority.

(6) To note that although the above will significantly improve the Council's recycling rate it will not enable the Council to fully meet the statutory performance indicators set for the Council without further investment at a later date.

(7) That the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities be requested to prepare a 10-year waste strategy for the Council to be submitted to Cabinet for consideration no later than March 2003.

(8) To request the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities to advise the

Director of Transport and Environment, East Sussex County Council of the Council's intention to improve its recycling service in order that the Director may inform the current process for the letting of the integrated waste management services contract to be let jointly by Brighton and Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council for the disposal of the County's waste.

(9) That the setting in place of the Project Management Board to oversee the implementation and monitoring of the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts be endorsed and that the relevant Cabinet Member, Opposition Spokesperson, Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities, Director of Finance and Corporate Services and a nominated director of the appointed refuse collection and street cleansing contractor constitute the Board membership.

58.	<p>PARKS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2000. The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Tourism and Leisure concerning the above contract which ran from 1 April 2000 until 31 March 2005. The successful contractor was Brophy Grounds Maintenance Limited which at that time had been a division of Thames Water Services Limited and the contract was in the name of the latter company. Subsequently Brophy had been purchased by Enterprise PLC. It was therefore necessary to transfer the original contract from Thames Water Services to Brophy. The necessary financial checks had been made and the original bond would remain in place.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the transfer ("novation") of the grounds maintenance contract from Thames Water Services Limited to Brophy Grounds Maintenance Limited be approved.</p>	
59.	<p>INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES - REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE. The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services summarising activities and performance of Internal Audit in the period 1 April - 31 August 2002.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>	
60.	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.</p> <p>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 paragraph of Schedule 12A and a description of the exempt information is shown in the summary below.</p>	
61.	<p>SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS FOR INFORMATION.</p> <p>(Note: The full minute of the under-mentioned item is set out in the confidential section of these minutes. The report remains confidential).</p>	

	(a)	<p>Eastbourne Lifeline Best Value Review. The Cabinet agreed proposals for the creation of a not for profit joint venture company to combine Eastbourne Lifeline, Wealden Lifeline and First Point (Downland Housing Association) in order to ensure a sustainable future for this valuable service and agreed an implementation plan for the necessary work. A further report would be made to Cabinet in March 2003.</p> <p>(Exempt information reason - Paragraph 9 - Terms of a proposed contract).</p>	
The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.			
			<p>Mrs B Healy</p> <p>Chairman</p>
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