

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL****CABINET****2.30PM 3 MARCH 2009****BANQUETING SUITE, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Mears (Chairman), Mrs Brown, Fallon-Khan, Simson, Smith, G Theobald and Young

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Rufus

**PART ONE****175. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS****175a Declarations of Interests**

175a.1 There were none.

**175b Exclusion of Press and Public**

175b.1 In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in section 100I (1) of the said Act.

175b.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items 177 onward.

**176. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

176.1 The Chairman thanked Members and officers for attending the Special Cabinet meeting. As Chairman she was satisfied that under the circumstances, it was proper to take the report as an urgent item and noted the agreement of the Acting Chief Executive in doing so.

176.2 The Chairman noted that Councillor Mitchell would not be attending the meeting and that she agreed with the recommendations in the report and had no comments to make.

176.3 The Chairman asked those present if they felt that they had been given sufficient time to read and digest the report. The meeting indicated that this was the case.

## PART TWO

**177. INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT - ACQUISITION OF HEAD LEASE AT NEWHAVEN WASTE SITE**

177.1 The meeting considered a joint report of the Interim Director of Finance & Resources and the Director of Environment that explained the recent changes in circumstances that had created an opportunity to enlarge both East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council's interest in the Newhaven Waste Site. As compared with the current lease approved by the Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting on 27th June 2007, there was potential for Cabinet to authorise acquisition of a longer lease in the site (for copy see minute book).

177.2 The Cabinet noted that the item had been published in the Council's Forward Plan on 24th February 2009. This had been the first opportunity to do so after the Council had become aware of the proposal. A decision had been required to be taken by 3rd March 2009. This had meant that it would have been impracticable to defer the decision. The procedures that had been required under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 – General Exception – had been followed.

177.3 **RESOLVED** - The recommendations were agreed as per the report.

The meeting concluded at 2.50pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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