

Decision No: CMM71 – 05/11/09

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 60 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THEOBALD

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** CITYPARKS DOWNLAND  
MANAGEMENT - CALL-IN OF 24  
SEPTEMBER ENVIRONMENT CMM  
DECISION

**AUTHOR:** TOM HOOK

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member, having taken into account the recommendations of the Environment & Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the additional information provided by the Director of Environment, confirms his decision of 24 September 2009 in relation to Cityparks Downland Management.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. Grazing is an improvement to the quality of the council's chalk grassland manager and will also cover considerably more chalk grassland than could ever be achieved by cutting. There will be an improvement in the management of sites which have not been cut and cleared but will be grazed. These are usually the most ecologically important sites which have been most under threat from species loss. Similarly, there is an improvement in the management of sites where they were being cut and cleared but are now being grazed.
2. As well as an improved method of managing chalk grassland, the increased cost of mowing and composting means the introduction of grazing is financially advantageous.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. Mowing is inferior to grazing:
  - it can cause severe disruption to grassland invertebrates and ground nesting birds;
  - it cannot be used on the steeper slopes (where much of the remaining chalk

grassland is found);

- it is uniform in its application and therefore prevents the establishment of swards of varying height, which are favoured by some chalk grassland species; and
- it damages chalk grassland features such as ant hills and some archaeology.

The cost comparisons of continuing to mow our chalk grassland sites vary due to soil type and from year to year due to the weather. In total in 2007 it cost £16,000 to cut, clear and compost. In 2008 it is estimated this would have increased to between £28,000 and £48,000 - depending on the weather - due to increased fuel and composting costs (as a result sites were cut but not cleared or composted).

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

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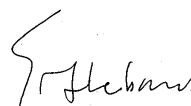
#### **Date:**

05 November 2009

#### **Decision Maker:**

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald  
Cabinet Member for Environment

#### **Signed:**



#### **Proper Officer:**

05 November 2009

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

#### **Signed:**



#### **SCRUTINY**

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#### **Call-In Period**

N/A

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM72 – 05/11/09

Forward Plan No: ENV12778

This record relates to Agenda Item 61 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THEOBALD

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT PLANNING POLICY 'DEVELOPMENT AND COASTAL CHANGE'

**AUTHOR:** HELEN GREGORY

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member endorses the officer response to the draft policy on Planning for Development and Coastal Change, sent out to meet the 12 October deadline, as set out at Appendix 1.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. As a coastal city it is considered important for Brighton & Hove to respond to the Government consultation on the draft Coastal Change policies in a transparent manner, to accord with the corporate priority of open and effective city leadership.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The alternative option would be to make no response to the public consultation on the draft planning policy. That option would be less likely to result in a final document that is useful within our local context.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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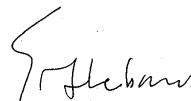
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**Call-In Period**

**6-12 November 2009**

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CMM73 – 05/11/09

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 62 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THEOBALD

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** LONDON ROAD STATION AREA  
RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME  
CONSULTATION

**AUTHOR:** CHARLES FIELD

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member approves that the London Road Station Area Resident Parking Scheme be progressed to final design and the Traffic Regulation Order advertised, subject to the amendments outlined in this cabinet report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member agrees for an order to be placed for all required pay display equipment to ensure implementation of the proposed parking schemes undertaken as programmed.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. To seek approval of the Traffic Order with amendments after taking into consideration of the duly made representations and objections. These proposals and amendments are recommended to be taken forward for the reasons outlined within the report.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. For the majority of the proposals the only alternative option is doing nothing which would mean the proposals would not be taken forward. However, it is the recommendation of officers that these proposals are proceeded with for the reasons outlined within the report.
2. For the proposals outlined as being removed from the order in the recommendation the only alternative option is taking these forward. However, it is the recommendation of officers that these proposals are not taken forward for the reasons outlined in the recommendations.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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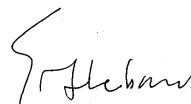
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Decision No: CMM74 – 05/11/09

Forward Plan No: ENV12780

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Decision-Making

## **RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR GEOFFREY THEOBALD

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL'S  
WINTER SERVICE PLAN 2009-10

**AUTHOR:** CHRISTINA LIASSIDES

### **THE DECISION**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member approves the Brighton & Hove City Council Winter Service Plan 2009/10

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

1. The report ensures that the Winter Service Plan can be formally considered and adopted.

### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. The only alternative is not to produce or approve a winter service plan but this would be contrary to the Code of Practice. The plan also acts as a business continuity tool which lays out detailed operational directions on how to run the service.

### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.



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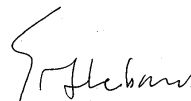
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