

Decision No: CAB199 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB16252

This record relates to Agenda Item 41 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	BUDGET PROCESS AND BUDGET UPDATE 2011/12
AUTHOR:	MARK IRELAND JAMES HENGEVELD

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the resource and expenditure projections for 2011/12 set out in table 3, paragraph 3.30.
- (2) That Cabinet instructs Directors and relevant Cabinet Members to produce budget strategies to provide their services within the indicative cash limits as set out in appendix 1.
- (3) That Cabinet instructs Directors to demonstrate 4% efficiency savings within their budget strategies.
- (4) That Cabinet notes the resource projections for the capital investment programme as shown in appendix 2.
- (5) That Cabinet agrees the timetable for budget reports set out in paragraph 3.55

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The council is under a statutory duty to set its council tax and budget before 11 March each year. This report sets out the budget assumptions, process and timetable to meet this statutory duty.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The budget process allows all parties to put forward viable alternative budget and council tax proposals to Budget Council on 3rd March 2011. Budget Council has the opportunity to debate both the proposals put forward by Cabinet at the same time as any viable alternative proposals.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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Decision No: CAB200 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB17444

This record relates to Agenda Item 42 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2010/11 AND VFM UPDATE
AUTHOR:	PATRICK RICE

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet notes the provisional outturn position for the General Fund.
- (2) That the Cabinet notes the provisional outturn for the Section 75 Partnerships and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2010/11.
- (3) That Cabinet approves the budget virement on the Dedicated Schools Grant of £0.434 million as set out in Appendix 1.
- (4) That Cabinet notes the position on the Value for Money programme.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Budget monitoring is a key element of good financial management, which is necessary in order for the council to maintain financial stability and operate effectively.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The forecast outturn position on council controlled budgets is an overspend of £2.369 million, any end of year overspend will need to be funded from general reserves which would then need to be replenished to ensure the working balance did not remain below £9 million. Directorates are required to develop financial recovery plans so that a break even position is achieved.

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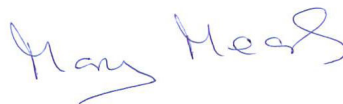
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Decision No: CAB201 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB17416

This record relates to Agenda Item 43 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	2010/11 IN-YEAR GOVERNMENT GRANT REDUCTIONS
AUTHOR:	CATHERINE VAUGHAN

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the comments made by Council on 15th July and how they have been considered in the preparation of this report.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees the expenditure reductions set out in paragraphs 3.14 – 3.21 required by the in-year grant reductions announced by the government.
- (3) That Cabinet agrees the use of alternative sources of funding as set out in Appendix 1.
- (4) That Cabinet agrees the Children and Young People Cabinet Member Meeting make decisions as required on changes to the Education capital programme as a result of the End Year Flexibility reductions.
- (5) That Cabinet agrees the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting make decisions as required on changes to the Environment capital programme as a result of the End Year Flexibility reductions for the Playbuilder programme.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

In-year reductions in spending need to be made quickly to match the reduction in government grants in order to protect the council's overall financial position. The scale of the reductions would increase as the year progresses and there are fewer months left in which to make the savings.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

When any decisions are taken on reducing expenditure or seeking alternative sources of funding there are always a multitude of options available. The proposals in this report start from the premise that if funding has stopped or reduced then the service will be stopped or reduced accordingly. Alternatives to this could include proposing savings in unrelated service areas or to consider the use of any available reserves. The former option would restrict the availability of such savings to offset the council's budget shortfalls on its mainstream budget areas both in the current financial year and in the future. The scale of these shortfalls is set out in the reports elsewhere on this agenda in relation to TBM Month 2 forecast for 2010/11 and the 2011/12 budget setting process. The use of any available reserves could only provide a short term solution to an underlying reduction in available funding and would simply defer the need to make difficult choices about the sustainability of the services funded by specific grants. Given the serious financial challenges faced by the Council it is recommended that decisions be taken now wherever possible to reduce expenditure in line with the grant funding reductions.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brown declared a personal interest to do her position as Board Member for Creating Futures.

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Decision No: CAB202 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 44 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE & RESOURCES

SUBJECT: TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT (INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY) 2009/10 END OF YEAR REVIEW

AUTHOR: PETER SARGENT

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet:
- (a) endorses the action taken during the second half year to meet the treasury management policy statement and practices (including the annual investment strategy); and
 - (b) notes the authorised limit and operational boundary set by the Council have not been exceeded.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Treasury management is governed by a code that is recognised as 'best and proper practice' under the Local Government Act 2003. The Code requires a minimum of two reports per year, one of which is a report looking back at the closing year. This report fulfils this requirement.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

This report sets out action taken in the six months to March 2010. No alternative options are therefore considered necessary.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 45 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
SUBJECT:	CREATING A COUNCIL THE CITY DESERVES...AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME
AUTHOR:	JOHN BARRADELL

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet note progress made in the “Creating A Council the City Deserves” Programme and notes that key decisions will next be required at the September/October Cabinet meeting.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

N/A

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

N/A

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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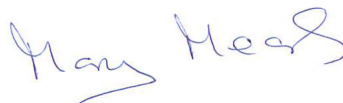
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Decision No: CAB204 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB17074

This record relates to Agenda Item 46 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE - 'JOINING THE DOTS'
AUTHOR:	JOHN ROUTLEDGE

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet formally adopts the city Volunteering Strategy, following the lead of Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in March 2010.
- (2) That Cabinet notes that an action plan and an equalities impact assessment (EIA) are now being developed and will be completed by the autumn of 2010 to support implementation of the Volunteering Strategy.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

This report recommends that Members agree to formally adopt the city Volunteering Strategy in order to support a wider range of opportunities for volunteers across the city and a strengthening of community engagement in local services and wider civil society.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Various options for the content and priorities of this strategy have been considered and continue to be evaluated in the process of developing the action plan.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB205 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 47 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING SCHEME
AUTHOR:	CHARLOTTE THOMAS

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves:
- (a) the new Employee Volunteering Scheme attached at Appendix 1.
 - (b) the promotion of the scheme as described in section 3.6 to maximise take-up
 - (c) the monitoring of the effectiveness of the Scheme as described in section 3.6
 - (d) a review of the scheme after it has been in place for 12 months.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The implementation of an Employee Volunteering Scheme will directly support Brighton & Hove's Volunteering Strategy which aims to increase participation in volunteering within the City. By giving our employees time off work to volunteer it is hoped that there will be considerable benefits not only for the community at large but also for our staff and the council as a whole.

It is hoped that by leading by example, other local organisations will be encouraged to become more involved in their local community and will show support for the City's Volunteering Strategy, by setting up their own employee volunteering schemes.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternatives to introducing the Volunteering Scheme would be not to introduce it or to delay implementation. Developing the Scheme feeds into key objectives of the Brighton & Hove Volunteering Strategy 2010-2015 to promote and increase volunteering and it is considered important that the council is seen to lead in this area.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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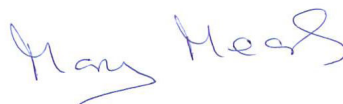
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Decision No: CAB206 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB16457

This record relates to Agenda Item 48 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	AN ACADEMY AT PORTSLADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: SUBMISSION OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
AUTHOR:	GIL SWEETENHAM

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the Expression of Interest (EOI) regarding the development of an Academy to replace PCC, for submission to the Department for Education (DfE).
- (2) That Cabinet approves project management expenditure of up to £300,000 including £100,000 in advance of EOI approval, which will be a first call on the available Schools Futures project budget if EOI approval is not awarded.
- (3) That Cabinet notes that in setting the 2011/12 revenue budget, consideration will need to be given to setting aside a financial provision to meet potential severance costs in accordance with the terms and conditions of the EOI.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Given the opportunity afforded both to pupils and the local community, the possibility of substantial capital investment that will be made by the Department of Education together with the sponsor's academic and entrepreneurial expertise, Members are asked to approve the recommendations of this report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Officers and the Lead Member of the CYPT have considered the alternatives to an Academy (detailed in Cabinet Report 22 April 2010). Only the Academy option would secure a transformation in standards and investment in extending and refurbishing the existing accommodation.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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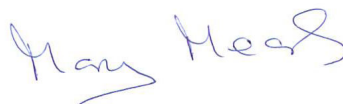
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Decision No: CAB207 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 49 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING, CULTURE & ENTERPRISE
SUBJECT:	STATUTORY LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT DUTY
AUTHOR:	PAULA MURRAY

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the contents of the report and agrees the approach outlined in the report, to work closely with partners and maximise the benefit of this timely piece of work for the future intelligent commissioning intentions.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of this report is to make the Cabinet aware of our obligations under Part 4 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill (clauses 63 and 64) which places a new duty on unitary authorities to assess the economic conditions of their area and to enlist support for the approach outlined.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Not applicable in this instance, the requirement to produce this assessment is a statutory duty.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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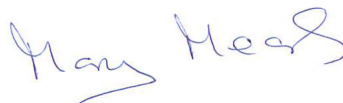
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Decision No: CAB208 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 50 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRIES REPORT
AUTHOR:	CLAIRE JONES

THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet notes the response to the Environmental Industries Scrutiny Report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The report is an executive response to Environmental Industries Scrutiny Report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

N/A

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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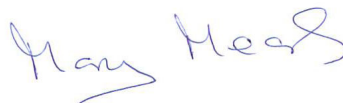
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Decision No: CAB209 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB15966

This record relates to Agenda Item 51 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING, CULTURE & ENTERPRISE
SUBJECT:	NEW HISTORICAL RECORDS OFFICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE (THE KEEP) – PROJECT UPDATE, FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AND FUTURE DELIVERY.
AUTHOR:	MARK JAGO JANITA BAGSHAWE

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet supports the work to date, particularly progression of scheme design (RIBA Stage D - detailed design), and note that the project remains within budget.
- (2) That Cabinet notes that the Joint Project Board approved the Kier – Atkins RIBA Stage D report at its 7 June 2010 meeting.
- (3) That Cabinet confirms the city council's commitment to 'The Keep' and supports continued partnership working with ESCC and the University of Sussex to further develop the project.
- (4) That Cabinet agrees to a Memorandum of Understanding as the basis for continued partnership working through to RIBA Stage F (early 2011) – this to be signed by all three partners prior to submission of the planning application.
- (5) That Cabinet supports the submission of the planning application in early August 2010, subject to the satisfactory completion of pre-application discussions.
- (6) That Cabinet notes the costs of developing the scheme through the next stages and seek agreement to the council's additional contribution of £0.421m (representing a 1/3 share) to support scheme progression to Stage F, thus bringing the council's committed contribution to £0.929m.

- (7) That Cabinet supports the commencement of Stage E work following the successful completion of pre-application discussions with the Local Planning Authority and confirmation of a valid planning application, so as to minimise risk and expenditure prior to submission of the planning application.
- (8) That Cabinet notes the key areas to be addressed as part of the next phase of development and the timetable associated with this.
- (9) That Cabinet reconfirms 'in principle' agreement to the council's longer-term funding commitment, to a maximum of £5.345m (inclusive of the development funding shown in 2.6 above), to support the capital cost of delivering The Keep, with the final decision, based on current timetable, returning to Cabinet towards the end of 2010.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Keep is an innovative project that will address the long term storage and preservation of the city's historic records and archives. The current facilities are completely inadequate and unsustainable, even in the short to medium term. Action is now required, without which it is possible that The National Archives could remove the licence and seek to place the collections elsewhere. The new centre will overcome these problems and will represent the next generation of archive buildings in the UK, in line with the Government's new National Archives Policy 'Archives for the 21st Century', which makes specific reference to the need for "fewer, bigger, better" archive facilities.

Continuing to work in partnership with ESCC and the University of Sussex offers the best solution for addressing the city's historic records and archives requirements and responsibilities, and is considered to provide improved value for money. The next phase of work will provide even more confidence, and a further report to Cabinet is scheduled for later this year.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The city council has considered alternative options at previous stages of development, and has on each occasion concluded that the partnership approach offers the most cost effective solution. It was on this basis that the council first agreed to become a full partner (April 2008), a decision that was confirmed by Cabinet in September 2009. As set out in paragraphs 3.8-3.13 of this report, the only real alternative option open to the city council would be to withdraw from the partnership and seek to provide a stand alone record office for the city which would require a greater level of capital funding. There are precious few appropriate sites available, it would be extremely difficult to separate the records / archives and to operate independent services would be contrary to national trends and would have a negative effect on service users.

To do nothing is not an option given that material would continue to deteriorate and lead to loss of public records and historically important archives.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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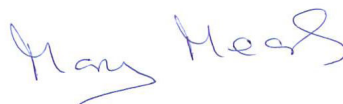
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Decision No: CAB210 – 22/07/10

Forward Plan No: CAB15966

This record relates to Agenda Item 52 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING, CULTURE & ENTERPRISE
SUBJECT:	NEW HISTORICAL RECORDS OFFICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE (THE KEEP) – PROJECT UPDATE, FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS AND FUTURE DELIVERY - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3
AUTHOR:	MARK JAGO

THE DECISION

As per the Part Two confidential report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

As per Part 1 report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

As per Part 1 report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

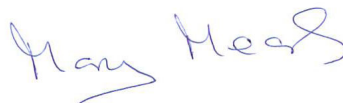
Date:

22 July 2010

Decision Maker:

Councillor Mary Mears
Leader of the Council

Signed:



Proper Officer:

22 July 2010

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision.

Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).

Call-In Period

23-29 July 2010

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