

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY, RESOURCES & GROWTH COMMITTEE

4.00pm 19 JANUARY 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE,
BN3 3BQ**

DECISION LIST

Part One

103 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/18

Contact Officer: James Hengeveld *Tel:* 01273 291242
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- 1) Approves this report for the calculation of the council's tax base for the year 2017/18.
- 2) Approves the collection rate increase of 0.05% to 98.33%
- 3) Agrees that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by Brighton & Hove City Council as its council tax base for the year 2017/18 shall be as follows:-
 - a) Brighton and Hove in whole – 87,388.8 (as detailed in appendix 1)
 - b) Royal Crescent Enclosure Committee – 29.0 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - c) Hanover Crescent Enclosure Committee – 41.6 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - d) Marine Square Enclosure Committee – 72.5 (as detailed in appendix 2)
 - e) Parish of Rottingdean – 1,545.2 (as detailed in appendix 2)
- 4) Agrees that for the purposes of Section 35(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the expenses of meeting the special

levies issued to the council by the Enclosure Committees shall be its special expenses.

- 5) Agrees that the Enclosure Committees and Rottingdean Parish are paid the required council tax reduction grant of c£5,000 in total, to ensure they are no better or no worse off as a result of the introduction of the council tax reduction scheme for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.7.

104 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION FORECAST 2017/18

Contact Officer: Heather Bentley *Tel:* 01273 291244
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- 1) Notes that the amount forecast to be received by the council in 2017/18 from its share of local business rates and section 31 (Local Government Act 2003) compensation grants is £59.284m, based on the latest data. This is £0.994m above the forecast used in the December 2016 budget update report.
- 2) Delegates the submission of the final business rates forecast and the NNDR1 2017/18 form to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources following consultation with the Chair of this Committee for the reasons given in paragraph 1.2.

105 PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell *Tel:* 01273 293104
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED – That the Committee Authorises the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to enter into a 3-year contract, with a possible 2-year extension, for the continued provision of Corporate Financial Services to the South Downs National Park Authority from 1 April 2017.

106 LIFE EVENTS FEES AND CHARGES 2017/18

Contact Officer: Paul Holloway *Tel:* 01273 292005
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- 1) Approves a general inflationary increase of 2% on all Life Events fees and Charges for the financial year 2017/18 save for the exceptions set out at 2.2 below;
- 2) Approves a proposal to increase Bereavement Services burial

charges by 5%, Registration Services fees and charges by 5%, and a proposed increase of £5.00 on each Local Land Charges search fee for the financial year 2017/18 as detailed in Appendices 1 - 3.

107 ADOPTION OF THE EAST SUSSEX, SOUTH DOWNS AND BRIGHTON & HOVE WASTE AND MINERALS SITES PLAN

Contact Officer: Steve Tremlett
Ward Affected: All Wards

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND – That Council:

- 1) Note the responses to the consultation on main modifications to the WMSP and contents of the Inspector's Report with his conclusion that the WMSP is legally compliant and 'sound';
- 2) Adopt the WMSP, incorporating the Main Modifications and minor modifications, as part of the Development Plan for the City, subject to the Head of City Planning agreeing any further minor non-material changes to the text of the Waste and Minerals Plan with East Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

108 ROYAL PAVILION & MUSEUMS

Contact Officer: Janita Bagshawe
Ward Affected: All Wards

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RESOLVED – That the Committee

- 1) Approve the establishment of a charitable trust for arts and culture in Brighton & Hove into which the Royal Pavilion & Museums will move in April 2018.
- 2) Agree that a shadow/interim board of Trustees is established from April 2017, which will include Member appointments to be agreed by the Council.
- 3) Grant delegated authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture, Executive Lead Officer Strategy, Governance & Law, and Executive Director Finance & Resources to work with the shadow board to prepare all documents required in order to:
 - Establish the new charitable trust for arts and culture in Brighton & Hove;
 - Agree a 25 year funding agreement with the trust, reviewable every 5 years;
 - Agree for the Royal Pavilion & Museums portfolio buildings to be leased to the trust for a period of 25 years, with the City Council

- retaining the freehold ownership of all buildings;
- Transfer the operational management services into the new trust;
 - Loan the Royal Pavilion & Museums' collections to the trust and for any new acquisitions to be held by the trust.
- 4) To note that a further report will be brought to Policy, Resources & Growth Committee, expected early 2018, which will outline the final heads of terms of the legal and commercial agreements and to seek final approval to establish the new charitable trust.
- 5) To note that formal consultation will be undertaken with affected staff and unions regarding the details of the proposed transfer to the trust, and with funding partners including Arts Council England.
- 6) To note that a roadmap will be prepared with Brighton Dome and Festival Ltd to consider the merger of the two trusts to establish a single 'cultural trust' for the city within 4 years of the charitable trust being established.

109 NEW HOMES FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS - HOUSING CO-OP PILOT

Contact Officer: Carol Jenkins
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RESOLVED - That the Committee take note and approve the recommendations as set out below, as recommended for approval by Housing and New Homes Committee, that:

- a) The land at Plumpton Road, Brighton BN2 9YL be made available for leasing.
- b) There be delegated authority to the Executive Directors for Economy, Environment & Culture, Finance and Resources and Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing (in consultation with each other) to enter into the necessary contracts with Bunker Housing Co-operative Limited to lease the former council housing garage site at Plumpton Road, Brighton BN2 9YL, to secure the building of two new homes for rental by the co-op. The granting of the lease is subject to Bunker obtaining planning consent, funding and entering into a nominations agreement with the council.

110 POLICY REVIEW PANEL - CITY COUNCIL'S URBAN AND RURAL ESTATES

Contact Officer: Angela Dymott
Ward Affected: All Wards

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RESOLVED - That a Policy Review Panel is set up to consider the governance and policy with respect to the city's urban and rural estates as set out in 1.2 above and that an outcome report is brought back to Policy, Resources & Growth Committee aiming for late Spring once the review has been completed.

111 LAND AT PLUMPTON HILL AND POYNINGS

Contact Officer: Angela Dymott
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 291450

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Committee notes the further requested information, analysis and consequences regarding these two pieces of land,
- 2) That the two sites be referred to the policy review and the decision referred to the back to the PRG for decision.
- 3) That with regards to the HLF Stanmer Park project, a report be brought to Committee outlining alternative options for meeting the match funding requirement.