

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM  
MEETING HELD ON THE 8 MARCH 2010**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

**4.00PM 8 MARCH 2010**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Simson(Chairman), Carden (Opposition Spokesperson), Barnett, Davis(in substitution for Morgan), Duncan, Hyde, Kennedy, Watkins and Young

**Sussex Police:** Chief Superintendent Bartlett and Sergeant Castleton

**Communities of Interest:** J Baker , Age Concern; Mrs J Brookes, Portland and Clarendon Forum; Mrs S Howell, Bevendean LAT; P Wells, London Road; Christina Summers, London Road LAT;D Peacock, St James' Area Action Team; Mrs F Matyzak MBE, Racial Harassment Forum and Whitehawk Community Project; Mrs P Weller, Community Action, Hangleton and Knoll and Mr D Standing, YMCA

**41 PETITIONS**

- 41.1 The Forum considered a report of the Director of Strategy and Governance setting out details of a petition containing 366 signatures received regarding EDO, MBM.
- 41.2 Councillor Kennedy presented the petition on behalf of Councillor Taylor stating that, notwithstanding the earlier decision of Council that it would be inappropriate to consider it, she was of the view as were supporters of the petition that the company's activities were relevant in terms of potential impact on local jobs and on local residents.
- 41.3 Councillor Simson the Chairman responded stating that EDO MBM was operating within international and national law and was regulated by those legal arrangements and the Human Rights Act. A Local Authority did not have any legal powers to intervene in lawful business or to influence the activities of EDO MBM.
- 41.4 It was acknowledged however, that within the City and elsewhere, there are a range of views about the manufacture of weapons components. Therefore the petition would be referred to a forthcoming Cabinet meeting which would be asked to note the petition.
- 41.5 **RESOLVED** - That, the contents of the petition be noted and that it be forwarded to the next available meeting of Cabinet.

