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Our ref: R00018

Freedom of Information Request - Hasting and Bexhill Renaissance Limited

Your request:

Please provide information regarding Hasting and Bexhill Renaissance (HBRL) as follows:

- a) copies of the last four Board and Task Force meeting minutes;
- b) the HBRL constitution or similar document – aims and objectives, how HBRL was set up etc;
- c) details of any projects currently under active consideration for Rock-a-Nore Road and the Hastings seafront up to Breeds Place, including contact details of the project manager for each project.

Response Information:

Following correspondence it was established that the focus of your request was on Items b) and c).

Item a) Meeting Minutes

I can confirm that the minutes in Item a) only contain passing references to the Pelham Place Project which is the only project matching the terms defined in Item c). For reasons of confidentiality agreed between the HBRL partners it is not possible to disclose these minutes in full without a lengthy consultation exercise with the partners.

Item b) HBRL and Task Force Steering Group

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of HBRL and the Terms of Governance of the Hastings and Bexhill Task Force Steering Group are attached separately to this letter.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Sea Space Website, which contains useful background information on the aims and objectives of HBRL. The Sea Space website contains basic information on the make up of the Task Force

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(<http://www.seaspace.org.uk/community/>) and the FAQs section goes into more detail about the set up and funding:

- [Who are the Hastings & Bexhill Task Force and Sea Space?](#)
- [How are Sea Space and the Task Force accountable?](#)
- [Where does the economic development funding come from?](#)

Further information is available by contacting Sea Space directly:

- [Contact Us](#)

Item c) Pelham Report and Presentation

I can confirm that the only project matching the definition in Item c) is the Pelham Project. The following is an extract from an earlier set of minutes for the HBRL Task Force Steering Group held in June 2006.

A presentation was given updating the group on Pelham and the revised timescales for the project. A discussion followed, the key points of which were:

- Was 2009/10 a realistic timescale for starting the project? It was stated that 2009/10 is the earliest that investment will be available for the project.
- Pelham Arcade properties could be purchased as the opportunity arises but on the condition that they should be let on short licences where possible. A further report on acquisitions was requested.
- If possible, the properties on Pelham Crescent should be painted as they look run down. HBC will consider how the funding in the HBC budget for the Pelham Crescent can be best spent.
- The group requested that a 3 year business plan be prepared within the context of the HBRL business plan and submitted to a future meeting. It was noted that a further funding allocation by HBRL may be required in 2007/08 to support the plan.
- The group was reminded that the project will only proceed if funding was made available by other parties.



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RESOLVED that:

- The report be welcomed as the basis for the long term planning for the project;
- A 3 year Business Plan be prepared to include a policy for the acquisition of further property in Pelham Arcade and submitted to a future meeting of the Steering Group.