

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2009**

Councillors *Kober (Chair), *Reith (Vice-Chair), *Adje, *Amin, *Basu, *Bevan, *Canver, *Cooke, *Haley and *B. Harris

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Engert, Gorrie and Newton

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB146.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Amin and Councillor Reith.</p>	
CAB147.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)</p> <p>Councillor Cooke declared a personal interest in Item 10 – School Expansion Consultation – Rhodes Avenue Primary School N22 as a Governor of Bounds Green School.</p> <p>Councillors Amin, B. Harris, and Kober, each declared a personal interest in Item 14 – The Bridge NDC Delivery Plan 2009/10 as a member of the NDC Partnership Board.</p>	<p>HLDMS</p> <p>HLDMS</p>
CAB148.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 February 2009 be confirmed and signed.</p>	<p>HLDMS</p>
CAB149.	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 10 - APRIL 2008 TO JANUARY 2009 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie sought a point of clarification in relation to paragraph 13.5 of the report relating to the absence of child protection performance information and the contradiction at para 16 that the information once received and validated would be included in the report, and asked what the timescale would be to receive such information. In response Cabinet was advised that information was still in the process of being evaluated and that it would be inappropriate to detail this information until it had been validated as the information may be incorrect or misleading. It was envisaged that data would be validated and made available by the end of March 2009.</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie further referred to paragraph 15.1 – Performance Highlights and the amendment to the Council's 5th priority and asked</p>	

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	<p>what had been the reasoning behind this amendment. In response Cabinet was advised that the reason for the change in emphasis from 'excellence' to 'quality' had been to show the Council's commitment to improving practice, service delivery and value for money for residents of the Borough.</p> <p>In response to further clarification sought by Councillor Gorrie in respect of the level of 'unknown' NEETs and why there could not be a clearer definition; Cabinet was informed that this target was an annual one, which at this stage was unknown, although the monthly targets were now well below 10% and at approximately 6.7%.</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie referred to the level of capital expenditure and the fact that this had shown an under spend and for the last quarter a projected spend of £25 million, when if spend of the allocated £54.7 million for the year would have been an average of £7.5 million a month.</p> <p>In response the Cabinet Member for Resources advised that that should there been an under spend in the capital programme at year end then capital expenditure would be carried over to 2009/10.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the report and the progress against Council priorities be noted an approval be granted to the virements as set out in Appendix 3 to the interleaved report.</p>	CFO
<p>CAB150.</p>	<p>DATA QUALITY STRATEGY 2009-12 (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication – Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary of the report from the Leader of the Council setting out its purpose and commending it for adoption.</p> <p>In response to concern raised by Councillor Gorrie, that the information gathered would need to be properly analysed in order to usefully inform future polices and decision making; the Leader advised that this was the key purpose of the document and that this intention was expressed within the Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That approval be granted to the Data Quality Strategy as set out in the interleaved report and the appendix thereto.</p>	ACE-PPPC
<p>CAB151.</p>	<p>AREA PRIORITY PLANS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication – Agenda Item 9):</p> <p>Cabinet received a brief summary of the Area Priority Plans from the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement and noted</p>	

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	<p>that they clearly set out for the first time the work Neighbourhood Management was undertaking with the Council and its Partners.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Management was central to supporting the work the Council and Partners in building engagement with residents and community groups to ensure that local people had greater opportunities to have their say. From April 2009 Council's new 'duty to involve' would require a culture of engagement and empowerment across the Authority's functions. Area Priority Plans provided a co-ordinating framework for joint working to achieve service improvements at a local level. These were seen as organic documents and will therefore evolve over the coming period.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement noted that the document would continue to be developed and that it retained the flexibility to respond to the needs of the local community.</p> <p>In response to suggestions made by Councillor Gorrie that Councillors from the opposition party had not been consulted on the Area Priority Plans, the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement advised that there would be a rolling programme of consultation with the Area Assemblies and that the Chairs of these would have a key role to play in shaping these.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That approval be granted to the Area Priority Plans as a framework to co-ordinate activities to achieve key priorities in each Area Assembly.</p>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p>
<p>CAB152.</p>	<p>SCHOOL EXPANSION CONSULTATION - RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL N22 (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service – Agenda Item 10):</p> <p>Councillor Cooke declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Governor of Bounds Green School.</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services of the consultation process that had been undertaken in relation to the expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School and the issues arising from this. The Board of Governors accepted in principal the need to provide additional places for children in the area, however they had expressed concern that the school should retain its sense of community spirit. The Governors had also expressed their wish to be involved in consultation process.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the feedback from the consultation on the possible expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School from 2 to 3 forms of entry be noted. 	

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	<p>2. That the analysis of other factors which influenced the provision of and demand for school places in Haringey and, in particular, Alexandra Ward also be noted.</p> <p>3. That approval be granted to the publication of statutory notices on the proposed expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School from 2 to 3 forms of entry.</p> <p>4. That approval be granted to the continuation of design work on the potential expansion concurrently with the consultation on the statutory notices.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB153.</p>	<p>ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS - DETERMINATION OF ARRANGEMENTS (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service – Agenda Item 11):</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary of the report from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. It was noted that the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) did not accept that there was a need to provide Local Authorities with additional funding to support the requirement placed on them to co-ordinate applications for school admissions.</p> <p>The Cabinet was also asked to note that the Governors of Fortismere School had not agreed to adopt the Fair Access Protocol and that consequently the Local Education Authority intended to make a request to the Secretary of State to require the school to do so. It was confirmed that the School had been given sufficient notice to consider this matter and that the deadline for responding to consultation had passed several weeks ago.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the proposed admission arrangements for consultation for all community primary and secondary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School as set out in the interleaved report.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to the proposed admission arrangements for Haringey community secondary schools, including Heartlands High School, and for sixth form provision in Alexandra Park School, the Highgate/Hornsey Consortium and the Sixth Form Centre.</p> <p>3. That approval be granted to the amendment to the Authority's proposed system of measurement between the home address and the school where the main entrance of the school is to be used instead of the post office address point.</p> <p>4. That approval be granted to the proposed Qualifying Scheme for the co-ordination of transfer from primary to secondary school as a member of the Pan-London consortium.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>

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	<p>5. That approval be granted to the qualifying scheme for the co-ordination of admission to reception classes within Haringey and to the amended timetable which will bring Haringey into line with five of our six neighbouring authorities to assist parents in making cross-borough applications, and to eliminate some of the late applications received for the Authority's primary schools.</p> <p>6. That approval be granted to the reduction in the published admission number for Woodside High School from 243 pupils to 216 pupils entering Year 7 in September 2010 in order to rationalise the number of secondary school places available with the opening of Heartlands High School, balanced against demand.</p> <p>7. That approval be granted to the proposal to approach the Secretary of State and request that an In-Year Fair Access Protocol be imposed on all admission authorities in the area if agreement is still not reached following the next meeting with Fortismere School.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB154.</p>	<p>FEES AND CHARGES 2009-10 - CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service – Agenda Item 12):</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary of the report from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People outlining the fees and charges applicable from April 2009 in relation to services provided by the Children and Young People's Service.</p> <p>In response to a query the Cabinet was advised that all costs associated with the provision of payroll services to schools were now recouped.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the proposed increases in charges for 2009/10 in relation to fees and charges provided by the Children and Young People's Service as set out in the tables in the interleaved report.</p> <p>2. That a further report be submitted at a later date in relation to those services proposing increases from September 2009 at a later date, particularly those in respect of Pendarren House outdoor education centre, the school meals service and the play and early years service.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB155.</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS WORKS PLAN 2009/10 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 13):</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary of the report from the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Conservation. It was noted that following changes</p>	

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	<p>to the way Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding was awarded by Transport for London (TfL) there would be a refocusing of the resources available to transport projects for 2010/11.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for the Environment and Conservation advised that plans were being developed to establish a Transport Liaison Group that would be comprised of community representatives.</p> <p>Following a series of queries from Councillor Newton the Cabinet Member confirmed that all transport providers operating services in the Borough would be invited to attend the Forum. It was noted that works to Fortis Green Road had to be carried out in stages as TfL had only provided funding on this basis. It was confirmed that the Local Authority recovered costs from contractors who caused damage to footpaths during their work.</p> <p>The Cabinet was advised that there would be consultation with residents in Muswell Hill and Crouch End later in the year in relation to the Stop and Shop Scheme. Once this had been carried out options for the future of these schemes would be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that additional funding had been made available to ensure that signage and road markings in the Borough were complicit with national standards.</p> <p>The Cabinet was advised that proposals for Wood Green included additional cycle routes and lay-bys and changes to the pedestrian crossing at Wood Green Underground Station.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the Highways Works Plan for 2009/10 as set out in the interleaved report and the appendix thereto be approved and the changes proposed to future Local Implementation Plan funding for 2010/11 and onwards be noted.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB156.</p>	<p>THE BRIDGE NDC DELIVERY PLAN 2009/10 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 14):</p> <p>Councillors Amin, B. Harris, and Kober, each declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a member of the NDC Partnership Board.</p> <p>Cabinet received a summary of the report from the Cabinet Member for Regeneration. The Delivery Plan set out the Partnership Board's priorities for The Bridge New Deals for Communities (NDC) Programme for 2009/10 and included the budget forecast to March 2010.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the improvements achieved by the NDC were maintained and developed succession planning was being undertaken. This took into account the need to align priorities to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets and increased partnership working. Options</p>	

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	<p>were also being considered for establishing a company with charitable status as part of a health and asset focussed body would be formed to take forward the achievements of the NDC.</p> <p>It was noted that if a charitable body was established to look at health issues there would need to be consultation with NHS Haringey to consider how its role and aspirations fitted in the Health Plan for the Borough. There was agreement that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Health should discuss this issue further outside the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie sought clarification as to how the report now presented and the report submitted to the Cabinet at an earlier meeting that had presented the NDC Neighbourhood Plan in respect of which it had been agreed that consultation would taken place differed. The Cabinet was advised that the NDC Delivery Plan was a stand alone document.</p> <p>The Leader advised that one simplified Business Plan would be submitted in future years.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Bridge NDC Delivery Plan for 2009/10 be received and it be noted that it had been approved by the NDC Partnership Board.2. That it also be noted that the Delivery Plan was subject to formal approval by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Government Office for London.3. That the Council's critical role as Accountable Body both in supporting and in delivering the Bridge NDC programme be noted.	
<p>CAB157.</p>	<p>REVISING THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS (Report of the Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services – Agenda Item 15):</p> <p>Cabinet received a brief summary of the report from the Leader of the Council. It was noted that the revisions proposed were intended to ensure that the Council operated as effectively as a whole; the revisions would not alter the balance of responsibilities between officers and Members.</p> <p>In response to a query, Cabinet was advised that the changes to the scheme of delegation, in respect to planning applications, had been made to avoid conflict that occurred when conditions placed on an application were dependent on agreement from officers from other sections within the Local Authority.</p> <p>Cabinet was advised that full Council would be asked to approve the recommendations made by the Constitution Review Working Group in full at its meeting on 30 March.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the delegations of “executive functions in the following appendices to this report be approved insofar as the Cabinet is concerned as replacements for the relevant parts of the scheme of delegation in the Council’s Constitution: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Appendix 3 – proposed replacement for Appendix D – “Senior Management Structure Schedule” Appendix 4 - proposed replacement for Part 3, Section E also described as Section 1 of the scheme – “Introduction and Ground Rules” Appendix 5 - proposed replacements to constitute Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9 of the scheme in Appendix E (formerly Part F7.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the steps to improve the monthly Members’ Briefing described in paragraph 15.6 of the interleaved report be noted and approved. 	<p>HLS</p> <p>HLS</p>
<p>CAB158.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 16):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Procurement Committee – 19 February 2009 b) Haringey Strategic Partnership Board – 26 February 2009 c) Procurement Committee – 3 March 2009 	
<p>CAB159.</p>	<p>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 17):</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement noted that the Arts Council had confirmed that it would continue to fund the Jacksons Lane Arts Centre.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p>CAB160.</p>	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 18):</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources noted that revisions to the Terms of Reference were being worked up in respect of the Treasury Management Advisory Service.</p> <p>The Appendix to the interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt</p>	

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	<p>information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB161.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 21):</p> <p>The minutes were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 February 2009 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS

CLAIRE KOBER
Chair