MINUTES OF THE CABINET TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2011

Councillors *Kober (Chair), *Reith (Vice-Chair), *Bevan, *Canver, *Dogus, *Goldberg, *Strickland and *Vanier.

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull, Jenks, Weber and Wilson.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB01.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 April 2011 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB02.	MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 6)	
	Scrutiny Review of 20 m.p.h. Speed Limit (Agenda Item 6a)	
	We noted the Scrutiny Review of the 20 m.p.h. Speed Limit and our Chair expressed our appreciation and thanks to the Panel members (Councillors Bull (Chair), Basu, Newton and Weber) for their work in carrying out the review.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report be noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a Cabinet response including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.	
	Scrutiny Review of the Haringey Guarantee (Agenda Item 6b)	
	We noted the Scrutiny Review of the Haringey Guarantee and our Chair expressed our appreciation and thanks to the Panel members (Councillors Basu (Chair), Browne, Egan, Schmitz, Solomon and Strang) for their work in carrying out the review.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report is noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a Cabinet response including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.	DPS
CAB03.	THECOUNCIL'SANNUALPERFORMANCEASSESSMENT2010/2011(Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 7)	
	We noted that the report provided a self assessment of the Council's	

	performance in the last year during a period of great change. It showed that the Council had made good progress in adult social care, parks and green spaces, recycling, libraries, safeguarding and looked after children, educational attainment, community safety, council tax collection, the time taken to process new benefit claims and staff sickness. In addition its partnership work had resulted in Haringey receiving the highest performance reward grant in London for 2007-10. We also noted that the economic situation and recent policy changes	
	had affected a number of residents who were out of work, and impacted on the severe shortage of affordable private rented accommodation locally, reducing the Council's ability to prevent homelessness. Improvements were underway to increase the stability of placements of looked after children.	
	We were pleased to note that Bruce Castle Museum had won the coveted Sandford Heritage Award after impressing the Heritage Education Trust, the Museum having been praised as "an excellent resource for schools and families to engage with their local heritage."	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report and the progress made during 2010/11 and the challenges moving into 2011/12 be noted.	
CAB04.	FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2010/11 (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 8)	
	Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because it was dependent on the closure of the Council's accounts which was a complex year-end process with many final transactions being required. The accounts had to be approved by 30 June and work continued up to that date to ensure the accounts were closed properly. The (provisional) outturn report now submitted needed to reflect as many of these transactions as possible and the later the report was completed the closer it would reflect the final outturn. In summary, the report was sent out as late as possible to ensure it reflected as accurately as possible the final outturn.	
	The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because the Council's final outturn is required to be reported by 30 June each year.	
	We noted that the report set out the Council's provisional outturn for 2010/11. The year-end general fund surplus was £51,000 (0.02% of the approved revenue budget) excluding the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). A detailed analysis of the variances between outturn and the approved budget were set out in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.	
	We also noted that the report set out the capital outturn position, which showed a net under spend of £14.8 million (8.7% of the approved budget). A detailed analysis of the variances between outturn and the approved budget were set out in Appendix 2. Carry forward requests of £12.6 million were submitted for consideration and were set out at	

Appendix 3. The positions on the HRA, non-schools and schools DSG and Collection Fund were also reported.

In overall terms the general fund revenue outturn showed a £1.6 million improvement compared with the Period 11 projections and a £10 million improvement compared to the projections earlier in the financial year when the Government announced its in-year cuts in funding. The gradual improvement over the past nine months was a reflection of the management action taken to reduce expenditure, particularly through the staff recruitment controls and curtailment of the Area Based Grant funded service programme.

Concern having been expressed about the areas of overspend in 2010/11, we were advised that the overspend in the Children and Young People's Service had been driven by the high number of looked after children a position which had been recognised in the 2011/14 Medium Term Financial Plan through growth in this service budget of £7.4 million. Another area of overspend had been costs associated with families without recourse to public funds and the Council was working with the Home Office to ensure that such costs were kept down while people's status was established. With regard to legal costs, these were benchmarked and compared favourably with other London Borough Councils. The overspendings arose from service demands, the Council expenditure thresholds in these areas had been audited and had been found to be not risk averse.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the provisional general fund revenue outturn of a £51,000 surplus for 2010/11 be noted.
- 2. That the reasons for variations and to approve the planned transfers to reserves detailed in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report be noted.
- 3. That the provisional Housing Revenue Account (HRA) outturn surplus of £0.3 million be noted.
- That the provisional capital outturn of a £14.8m programme net under spend and the reasons for variations set out in Appendix 2 be noted.
- 5. That the capital carry forward requests of £12.6 million set out in Appendix 3 be noted.
- 6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Carbon Reduction to approve capital carry forward requests and their associated method of funding with approved schemes reported to the July meeting of the Cabinet.
- 7. That the outturn of a £1.8 million overspend for schools that decreased schools' balances to £2.6 million at the end of 2010-11

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	be noted.	
	8. That it be noted that the Council's draft Statement of Accounts for 2010/11 would be approved by the Chief Financial Officer by 30 June 2011, that the accounts were subject to audit and that the final audited accounts would be presented to the Corporate Committee on 27 September 2011 for final approval.	
CAB05.	RECOMMENDED BUDGET SAVINGS DECISION - ADULT SERVICES PROPOSALS IN 2011 - OLDER PERSONS' DROP-IN CENTRES, JACKSONS LANE LUNCHEON CLUB AND CYPRIOT ELDERLY AND DISABILITY PROJECT (Report of the Director of Adult and Housing Services - Agenda Item 9)	
	We noted that the report informed us of the outcome of a process of consultation in relation to the future of three separate service areas, one of which was directly provided by the Council. It also provided sufficient information to enable us to make an informed decision about all three services; the Older Persons' Drop-In service, Jackson's Lane Luncheon Club and the Cypriot Elderly and Disability Project. We also noted that these decisions were being sought in the context of our in principle decisions taken on 21 December 2010 and the wider context of the Haringey Efficiency and Savings Programme.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That approval be granted to the -	DAH
	 Withdrawal of funding to Jacksons' Lane Luncheon Club (£10,500 saving per year); 	
	2. Withdrawal of funding for two members of Council staff seconded to the Cypriot Elderly and Disability Project (CEDP) (£94,000 saving per year); and	
	 Closure of four Older Persons Drop-In Centres (Willoughby Road, Irish Centre, Woodside House, Abyssinia Court (£181,000 saving per year). 	
CAB06.	PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT (Report of the Interim Director of Place and Sustainability - Agenda Item 10)	
	We noted that the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and the Flood Water Management Act 2010 had made the Council a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and as such the Council had to prepare a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA) for submission to the Environment Agency by 22 June 2011.	
	In response to a question we were informed that large scale versions of the maps listed in Annexes A and B to the Appendix to the interleaved report were available and we asked that these be circulated to all Members of the Council and that they be consulted to	

	enable them to identify known problem areas.	DPS
	Clarification was sought with regard to the Council's maintenance policy for drains and culverts and also of whether there a list of the respective responsibilities of all of the agencies involved. We were advised that Council officers were working collaboratively with the other agencies to develop a service water plan which could address these points.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That authority to approve the Council's final Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment including as appropriate any contributions made by other Members of the Council for submission to the Environment Agency be delegated to the to the Interim Director of Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment.	DPS
CAB07.	PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMOS), INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AREA BASED ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME (Report of the Interim Director of Place and Sustainability - Agenda Item 11)	
	We noted that the report provided details of the existing mandatory Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing scheme, recommended changes to the HMO amenity standards and proposed the adoption of an additional HMO licensing scheme. We also noted that the report sought approval to changes to the HMO standards and fee structure and an additional HMO licensing scheme covering the Haringey Ward and adjoining roads that would come into effect on 1 October 2011.	
	We asked that our thanks to officers be placed on record particularly those on the Corporate HMO Working Group for the innovative work undertaken to develop new ways of working to enable the co-ordination of enforcement activities and the regulation of HMOs.	
	RESOLVED:	
	 That the results of the consultation exercise undertaken in relation to the proposed Additional HMO Licensing Scheme as set out in Appendix 5 to the interleaved report be noted. 	
	2. That approval be granted to the declaration of an Additional HMO Licensing Scheme for the designation of houses in multiple occupation within the Harringay Ward and parts of the St. Ann's and Noel Park Wards as described in paragraphs 7.1 – 7.4 of the interleaved report for a 5 year period commencing on 1 October 2011.	DPS
	 That approval be granted to Haringey's revised HMO standards as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report. 	DPS

	4. That approval be granted to the revised fees structure and duration of licences as set out in Appendix 3 to the interleaved report that would apply to Haringey's Mandatory and Additional HMO Licensing schemes for houses in multiple occupation.	DPS
	 That the proposed corporate and team based approach to the enforcement of the standards and legislation relating to HMO's be endorsed. 	DPS
	 That approval be granted to the initial investigation of the merits and feasibility of rolling out Additional HMO Licensing to other parts of the Borough. 	DPS
CAB08.	APPOINTMENT OF CABINET COMMITTEES (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 12)	
	RESOLVED:	
	 That approval be granted to the appointment of the Cabinet Members indicated below to serve on the Procurement Committee and on the Voluntary Sector Committee for the 2011/12 municipal year and that the terms of reference of those Committees as outlined in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 of the interleaved report be confirmed - 	HLDMS
	<u>Cabinet Procurement Committee</u> Councillor Goldberg (Chair) Councillor Bevan Councillor Kober Councillor Reith	
	<u>Voluntary Sector Committee</u> Councillor Dogus (Chair) Councillor Goldberg Councillor Vanier	
	 That approval be granted to the appointment of the Members indicated below to serve on the Adults Safeguarding Advisory Committee, the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and the Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee for the 2011/12 municipal year and that the terms of reference of those Committees as outlined in paragraphs 7.3 - 7.5 of the interleaved report be confirmed – 	HLDMS
	Adults Safeguarding Policy & Practice Advisory Committee Councillor Egan Councillor Mallett Councillor Winskill	
	<u>Children's Safeguarding Policy & Practice Advisory Committee</u> Councillor Rice (Chair) Councillor Amin	

	Bob Hare Councillor Stewart (Plus Hilary Corrick – Independent Member) <u>Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee</u> Councillor Reith (Chair) Councillor Reith (Chair) Councillor Allison Councillor Brabazon Councillor Reece Councillor Solomon	
	Councillor Stennett Councillor Watson	
	 That the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board be wound up. 	HLDMS
CAB09.	APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE HARINGEY STANDING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND ITS THEME BOARDS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 13)	
	RESOLVED:	
	1. That approval be granted to the re-appointment of Councillors Canver, Reith and Vanier to serve on the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) Standing Leadership Conference Board in addition to the Leader and the Chief Executive who were ex- officio members, until the outcome of the partnership review now underway was finalised and any new arrangements are put in place.	HLDMS
	2. That approval be granted for the following appointments of Members to serve on the HSP Theme Boards indicated –	HLDMS
	Better Places Partnership - Councillor Canver (ex officio) Councillor Strickland	
	Children's Trust - Councillor Reith (ex officio) Councillor Kober (ex officio) Councillor Vanier (ex officio) Councillor Brabazon Councillor Reece	
	Enterprise Partnership Board - Councillor Strickland (ex officio) Councillor Meehan	
	Integrated Housing Board - Councillor Bevan (ex officio) (1 vacancy)	

	Safer Communities Board – Councillor Vanier (ex officio)	
	shadow Health and Well Being Partnership Board -	
	Councillor Dogus	
	Councillor Kober Councillor Reith	
	Councillor Waters	
CAB10.	MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 14)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved –	
	 a. Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee – 11 April 2011; 	
	 b. Corporate Parenting Committee – 19 April 2011 c. Procurement Committee – 12 May 2011 	
	 d. Cabinet Member (Adult and Community Services) Signing – 17 May 2011; 	
	 e. Cabinet Member (Children's Services) Signing -18 May 2011; f. Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Cohesion) Signing - 18 May 2011; 	
	 g. Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) Signing – 24 May 2011. 	
CAB11.	DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Agenda Item 15)	
	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 information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person.	
	Arising from consideration of the decision to dispose of 80 Stroud Green Road N4 and 379 Seven Sisters Road N15 clarification was sought of whether the capital receipts generated by the disposal of these 2 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) properties would be earmarked for housing purposes. Also, whether HRA rule changes due next year would affect future disposals. We were informed that under the current rules the receipts would be come to the Council's general coffers and form part of the capital programme which included housing schemes. The question of future disposals of HRA properties after the introduction of the new rules would be reviewed.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
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The meeting ended at 19.35 hours.

CLAIRE KOBER Chair