

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 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 |
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| CAB131. | <p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 January 2009 be confirmed and signed.</p> | HLDMS |
| CAB132. | <p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 9 - APRIL - DECEMBER 2008 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>In response to a question, we noted that measures were in hand in relation to the redeployment of Parks Constabulary Service staff.</p> <p>We also noted that one of the Urban Environment Directorate variations was against the budget for compulsory purchase of properties. The plan for the acquisition of three properties was with the Secretary of State for a decision but it was unlikely that a decision would be obtained in the current financial year and the budget would need to be re-phased.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>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 |
| CAB133. | <p>ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE JOINT AREA REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING IN HARINGEY (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service – Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>We noted that an addendum to the report had been circulated which provided an update on the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 February and included a proposed Cabinet response and updated Action Plan.</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the capacity of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review all aspects of child protection as part of their work programme, we noted that the Council were proposing to establish a cross party Safeguarding Policy and Practice Panel that would focus on safeguarding issues leaving Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider other elements of child protection. It would be up to that Committee to determine their own forward programme in relation</p> | |

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| | <p>to reviews of children’s social care.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the proposed response to the Joint Area Review of Safeguarding in Haringey as outlined in the addendum and to the amended Action Plan as set out in the appendix thereto and to its submission to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families.</p> | DCYPS |
| CAB134. | <p>2008/09 - 2010/11 LAA REFRESH (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive for Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 9):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the refreshed 2008/09-2010/11 Local Area Agreement as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report for submission to Government Office for London on 2 March 2009 and subsequent Ministerial sign off in late March. 2. That approval be granted to the following changes to the targets within the LAA: <p>In response to the Joint Area Review (JAR) findings it was necessary for Haringey to strengthen safeguarding within its priority outcomes to include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NI 59 initial assessments for children’s social care as designated target replacing NI 1 % of people who feel people from different backgrounds get on well (NI 1 to become a local target). • NI 61 stability of looked after children adopted following an agency decision; NI 62 stability of placements of looked after children – number of moves; and NI 67 child protection cases which were reviewed within the required timescales. (These to become local targets). <p>Other changes to include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 3 targets to be removed from LAA • NI 127 self reported measure of social care users (local Target) to be removed from LAA • As an outcome of the economic downturn and the freezing of a number of economic indicators the stretch target of ‘number of people on Incapacity Benefit helped into sustained work be measured as a local indicator. 3. That the Leader of the Council (as Chair of the Haringey Strategic Partnership) be authorised to agree any final revisions to the refreshed 2008/09-2010/11 Local Area Agreement required by Government Office for London. | <p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p> |

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| <p>CAB135.</p> | <p>HARINGEY'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive for Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 10):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report and the draft progress summary be noted.</p> | |
| <p>CAB136.</p> | <p>WOLVES LANE/ FAITH PLANT CENTRE – FUTURE OPERATION (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 11):</p> <p>At this juncture our Chair invited Anne Gray of the Growing in Haringey Steering Group to address the meeting. Ms. Gray spoke in support of the proposals contained in the report and indicated that if the Council could provide the Group with funding support then it would be able to expedite it fulfilling a brokerage role in engaging with other local organisations and borough wide networks. She also spoke of the urgent need to open up the Centre and to market the site and services available there.</p> <p>We thanked Anne Gray for her contribution and indicated that we would explore the possibility of involving both her Group and other interested voluntary sector organisations in the future management and operation of the site. We also asked the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement to consider the use of the Centre as a venue for a future Area Assembly meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council directly manage the site, and move to a partnership arrangement with a new local 'not for profit' organisation within 3 years. 2. That the in house operation be managed and developed as a single function/ unit, with all staff transferred to and managed through a preferred Business Unit. 3. That the existing training, volunteering, education and retail activity be maintained and built upon and new provision be developed around the theme of sustainable food production. 4. That the Council's Adults Service, Haringey Adult Learning Service, Children's Service and Economic Regeneration Service redirect existing commissioning subsidy/funding to purchase relevant delivery from Wolves Lane. 5. That the development of a new local 'not for profit' community organisation and related partnership agreement(s) be supported. 6. That the net subsidy for the site be met through the investment growth bid in the current budget proposals, and either reduced | <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> |

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| | <p>and/or supported by future prudential borrowing capital investment.</p> <p>7. That early consideration be given to re-naming the site, and the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services be authorised to approve the new name in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning and for Adult, Culture and Community Services.</p> <p>8. That a more detailed operational improvement plan be developed before the end of 2008/9, for approved and monitoring through the 2009/10 – 2011/12 Business Plan, and the Better Haringey Programme Board.</p> <p>9. That the Council and partners actively pursue external revenue and capital investment funding support.</p> | <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> |
| <p>CAB137.</p> | <p>FEES AND CHARGES 2009-10 FOR ADULT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 12):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the Recreation Services annual increases in fees and charges for 2009/10 as set out in Appendices 1-5 of the interleaved report.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to increases of 2% in Adult Social Care maximum charges as set out in Appendix 6 of the interleaved report.</p> <p>3. That approval be granted to their being no increases in fees for Libraries, Learning and Culture at this time but if there are any budget shortfall as a result of this decision it be met by the Service and that a full review of charges be completed during 2009/10.</p> | <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> |
| <p>CAB138.</p> | <p>URBAN ENVIRONMENT FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2009-10 (Agenda Item 13):</p> <p>1. <u>Sustainable Transport and Parking Services</u> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 13 (1)):</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the implications of the new tariff proposed for pay and display schemes for ‘stop and shop’ policies, we noted that it was not proposed to implement in 2009/10 the increases of 6.5% which had been agreed as part of the 2007/08 budget setting process but rather to address the inconsistencies that applied in pay and display charges across the Borough. It was proposed to introduce a charging model that would have an hourly rate for low, medium and high usage areas that could be purchased in increments of 15 minutes. While in most areas no change was proposed there was an increase of not</p> | |

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| | <p>more than 30 pence per hour in others.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the new charging model for parking pay and display charges as outlined in the interleaved report. 2. That officers be authorised to proceed with statutory consultation on the proposed changes to pay and display charges and, subject to the outcome of that consultation, those increases be implemented from 1 April 2009. 3. That approval be granted to the increases proposed to the existing Sustainable Transport fees and charges to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2009. 4. That approval be granted to the new charges for Sustainable Transport Services as set out in paragraph 7.2 of the interleaved report and Appendix thereto. <p>2. <u>Enforcement Services</u> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 13 (2)):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the increases and changes to fees and charges proposed for services administered by the Enforcement Service as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report with effect from 1 April 2009.</p> <p>3. <u>Planning and Regeneration</u> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 13 (3)):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the new charging model for Planning and Regeneration and to the proposed increases in existing fees and charges as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report with effect from 1 April 2009.</p> | <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> |
| <p>CAB139.</p> | <p>SUSTAINABLE MODES OF TRAVEL TO SCHOOL STRATEGY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 14):</p> <p>Councillor Newton expressed concern about the lack of pro-active maintenance and monitoring of pedestrian crossings and other road markings in the vicinity of schools and he sought clarification of the present arrangements in this respect. He added that he had raised this issue at a consultation meeting concerning the Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy where its inclusion had been agreed but that he could not find reference to it in the Strategy Document now submitted.</p> | |

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| | <p>We were advised that there was a team of officers who regularly carried out checks of road markings. It was accepted that the matters raised by Councillor Newton at consultation meetings ought to have been picked up and these would now be fed back to the author of the Strategy document for inclusion.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, subject to the forgoing, approval be granted to the publication of the Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.</p> | DUE |
| CAB140. | <p>HOMES FOR HARINGEY DECENT HOMES PROGRAMME 2009-14 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 15):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the proposed Years 2-5 Decent Homes programme as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</p> | DUE |
| CAB141. | <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> <p>a) Procurement Committee – 19 January 2009 b) Procurement Committee – 3 February 2009</p> | |
| CAB142. | <p>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 17):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p> | |
| CAB143. | <p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 18):</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 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> | |
| CAB144. | <p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW (Report of the Chief Executive –</p> | |

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Agenda Item 19):

We noted that following a tender process PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP had been appointed to conduct an independent review of the Council's treasury management functions in respect of investments, particularly in relation to the investment of funds in Icelandic banks. The report presented the conclusions of that review and recommended actions arising.

Councillor Gorrie expressed his disappointment that the terms of reference of the review had not allowed for input from elected Members and he also sought clarification of whether there would be an opportunity to discuss the review in any other Council forum. Clarification was also sought of whether the two Icelandic banks, Lansbanki and Glitnir Bank, had been authorised as banks for the purposes of the 1987 Banking Act and at what level and in which ways the Council's investments were kept under review.

We noted that the Cabinet Member for Resources and the former Leader of the Council had met with representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and had been consulted at the time when the terms of reference of the review had been drafted. We also noted that a report from the Cabinet meeting including on this item would be made to the Council meeting on 30 March 2009.

It was confirmed that both Lansbanki and Glitnir had been authorised to trade in the UK by the Financial Services Authority and that strategic meetings took place between the Council's treasury advisors, Sector, and the Council's Chief Financial Officer, Head of Corporate Finance and Head of Finance (Budgets, Treasury and Pensions).

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; and to contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relations matters.

At this juncture the Leader welcomed to the meeting Mr Ian Elliott and Mr John Morris from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP who introduced their review and answered questions put to them by Members. Our Chair thanked Mr Elliott and Mr Morris for their attendance and they then withdrew.

RESOLVED:

1. That the conclusions of the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report be noted.
2. That approval be granted to the implementation of the following recommendations -

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Treasury Management Strategy and Criteria for Lending

The Council seek to minimise the amount of funds invested in financial institutions that are placed on Negative Outlook or Ratings Watch Negative by credit ratings agencies, regardless of whether they meet the other minimum lending criteria at the time of the investment decision.

The Council consider using a matrix of counterparty limits dependent on the credit ratings of institutions

That the Treasury Management Strategy be formally reviewed on a quarterly basis and that meetings be held between the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Chief Financial Officer as part of this review.

That the geographical concentration of investments be considered with thresholds stipulated as part of the Council's investment policy.

Process for Review and Consideration of Information to Inform Risk and Investment Decisions

That a formal process for reviewing Sector communications on a daily basis be established. This process should be documented and a record or log maintained to demonstrate that Sector advice had been considered by officers with comments, where appropriate, noting the Council's response to the advice received.

Recognition of Banking Groups in Forming the Counterparty List

That consideration be given to applying the current counterparty limit to the collective banks within a group, rather than to individual institutions.

That the inter-dependencies between groups of banks be identified and recorded so that counterparty limits can be applied by officers, independently from the advice received from Sector.

Treasury Management / Investment Function

That a review of the treasury management function be undertaken to assess the increased role it has to play in the Council as a source of income generation and the heightened financial risks attached to this activity. Also a review of the skills and competencies required in the department for those who are investing public money on a daily basis should be performed.

Compliance with Daily Authorisation Limits

That compliance with daily authorisation limits be checked on a daily basis.

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| | <p>3. That the Chief Executive report back in six months time on the outcomes of the actions taken as a result of the exempt report from PricewaterhouseCoopers.</p> | CE |
| <p>CAB145.</p> | <p>LAND TRANSACTIONS FOR NORTHUMBERLAND PARK REGENERATION (Joint Report of the Director of Urban Environment and the Director of Corporate Resources – Agenda Item 24):</p> <p>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 (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to recommendations 4.1 – 4.6 as set out in the interleaved report.</p> | DUE/ DCR |

CLAIRE KOBER
Chair