

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2009**

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

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Dogus, Gorrie, Jones and Mallett

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB162.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1) Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Basu and Canver. An apology for lateness was submitted on behalf of Councillor Cooke.	
CAB163.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4) RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 24 March 2009 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB164.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 5) We received a deputation from representatives of the Tottenham Against CPZ Group. The spokesperson, Karen Christie, addressed our meeting to express concern about the proposed introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Bruce Grove area and its possible repercussions. Disquiet about a number of residents in the area not having received consultation material was also voiced. Questions were then asked of the deputation by Cabinet Members and answers were given The Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation responded and, having accepted that there had been problems with the delivery of consultation forms he indicated that there was no presumption on the part of the Council that a CPZ would be introduced in the area. He confirmed that the consultation period would end on 27 April and, having acknowledged the strength of the opposition expressed by the deputation and others, he urged them to return their forms before the deadline re-iterating that the Council would not impose a CPZ against the will of a majority of residents. Our Chair then thanked the deputation for their attendance and they withdrew.	
CAB165.	THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: APRIL - FEBRUARY 2009 (PERIOD 11) (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 7):	

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	<p>Clarification was sought of the position with regard to the Council's investments in the light of media reports about the collapsed Icelandic banks. We noted that recent reports had indicated that some 80% of investments with Heritable Bank (the UK subsidiary of Landbanski) would be returned which might mean that the other 20% remained at risk. Haringey was one of many local authorities and other public sector organisations in this respect.</p> <p>The Cabinet having been informed that it was hoped that by year end the total capital programme spend would reach £121 million clarification was then sought of why so much of the spend would take place in the final month of the financial year. We noted that the timing of the expenditure was largely dependent on the submission of invoices by contractors. In this connection and having regard to the present financial stringency the Council was trying to further improve its turnaround time on the payment of invoices.</p> <p>In response to a further question about the projected cash impact of the current economic climate on the Council's 2009/10 budget we noted that it was difficult to predict as the number of people becoming redundant and claiming benefit was not known.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report and the progress being made against Council's priorities be noted and approval be granted to the virements set out in Appendix 3 to the interleaved report. 2. That approval be granted to the approach in respect of the budget request from Alexandra Park and Palace Board as set out in paragraph 16.11 of the interleaved report. 	<p>CFO</p> <p>CFO</p>
<p>CAB166.</p>	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation welcomed the intention stated in the foreword to the Plan to reduce energy consumption and carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and achieve financial efficiencies for the Council by modernising and rationalising the current Customer Service Centres and Administrative Buildings portfolio.</p> <p>In response to a question by Councillor Gorrie we noted that no specific reference was made in the Plan to the Civic Centre/Woodside House project but if he wished for further information then he could pursue it outside the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the Asset Management Plan for 2009 - 2012 and the principles, priorities and action plan contained within it be endorsed.</p>	<p>DCR</p>

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<p>CAB167.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications – Agenda Item 9):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Community Engagement Framework as set out at Appendix C to the interleaved report be endorsed prior to its agreement by the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) Board. 2. That following the HSP Board meeting on 27 April 2009 authority to approve any amendments be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement. 	<p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p>
<p>CAB168.</p>	<p>MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELDS REDEVELOPMENT (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 10):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the construction of new play and recreation facilities at Muswell Hill Playing Fields as outlined in the interleaved report. 2. That further consultation be undertaken with the local community on the detailed design development of these works. 	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB169.</p>	<p>EXPERIENCE STILL COUNTS (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 11):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the revised and updated strategy, Experience Still Counts 2009-2012, and to the accompanying delivery plan as set out in the appendices to the interleaved report to enable older people and service planners to work together to make an independent life an option for as many people as possible.</p>	<p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB170.</p>	<p>HARINGEY HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-19 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 12):</p> <p>Clarification was sought of the following points -</p> <p>Appendix A - Second bullet point of 'Priority four: To make all homes in the borough a part of neighbourhoods of choice' which stated that 'The need for more Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's) in the borough was identified, while others stressed the need to safeguard family environments and ensure local communities are not negatively affected by this kind of accommodation'.</p>	

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<p>Appendix A - Fourth bullet point of ‘Priority five: To contribute to the Greenest Borough’ in which it was suggested that ‘recycling services should be tailored to meet the needs of the range of different types of homes in the borough’.</p> <p>Appendix B – Final sentence of the fifth paragraph of ‘Our context: the situation in Haringey’ which stated that ‘The borough’s housing trajectory demonstrates we are likely to exceed the 680 annual target leading to 2016/17’.</p> <p>Appendix B – Third bullet point of ‘priority actions to contribute to creating the Greenest Borough’ which stated ‘All new publicly funded homes to achieve at least level three of the Code for Sustainable Homes’.</p> <p>We were informed that Appendix A reported the results of the consultation process carried out and the comment concerning more HMO’s merely reflected views expressed by respondents. Similarly, the comment about recycling services although it was accepted that this might be a matter for consideration for the Planning Service. The economic downturn would bring into question whether the 680 annual target for new and affordable housing had been achieved in 2008/09 in respect of which the statistics were being finalised. Sustainable homes would be promoted by the Strategic Housing Service and monitored by the Building Control Service.</p> <p>Clarification was then sought of the role of Homes for Haringey vis a vis the proposed Strategy and of the impact of the economic downturn on the valuation of the Council’s own housing stock. We noted that although reference was made in the document of the Council’s relationship with Homes for Haringey, the Strategy looked at all tenure types while the Council through the ALMO only provided about 20% of the total housing stock. Asset valuations were reviewed each year and any changes to the valuation of the housing stock would be picked up as part of that review. While there would be no impact on the Housing Revenue Account there would be implications for Right to Buy and other capital receipts.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the outcomes of the consultation and the changes proposed to the Haringey Housing Strategy as a result of these be noted. 2. That approval be granted to the proposed timetable for sign-off. 3. That the Council be recommended to approve the adoption of the draft Strategy and authority to make amendments required be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. 	<div>DUE</div> <div>DUE</div>
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	4. That it be noted that the draft Implementation Plan was nearing completion.	
CAB171.	<p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 13):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the submission of the Haringey's Local Development Scheme to the Greater London Authority and the Government Office for London for approval. 2. That any amendments required to be made to the Local Development Scheme document be approved by Assistant Director (Planning and Regeneration) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise before finalising the Local Development Scheme for submission. 	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
CAB172.	<p>A NEW PLAN FOR HARINGEY 2011 - 2026 DRAFT CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTIONS (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 14):</p> <p>In response to a question it was confirmed that following the consultation exercise the Core Strategy would be submitted for formal adoption by the Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the preferred policy options for inclusion in the Core Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report for the purpose of public consultation from 5 May to 30 June 2009.</p>	<p>DUE</p>
CAB173.	<p>GROWTH AREA FUND 3 (GAF3) AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF) (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 15):</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the allocation of £4 million of CIF funding agreed by the Government represented only 50% of the £8 million the Council had hoped for in respect of the Tottenham Hale Gyratory and Station Square scheme and that the funding award was conditional on all the external funding sources required for the project being secured by the summer. Disquiet was also voiced that Section 106 contributions might be delayed by the economic downturn and clarification was sought of how the projected shortfall might be met in order to ensure that this Scheme would proceed.</p> <p>We noted that the Section 106 contributions were a planning obligation on the former Greater London Supplies depot site and that a further report would be submitted on how the shortfall would be met following discussions with Transport for London and the Greater London Authority.</p>	

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	<p>We asked that the spelling of 'Chestnut' Road in paragraph 8.3 of the report be amended to 'Chesnut' Road.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the funding being offered to the Council under the Growth Area Fund (GAF) 3 and the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) by the Government to deliver a number of projects to support regeneration in the Borough be noted. 2. That approval be granted to the allocation of GAF3 funding to the projects set out in paragraph 7.10 of the interleaved report. 	DUE
CAB174.	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDREN'S TRUST WITHIN THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 16):</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to complete necessary consultations. The report was too urgent to admit of delay because following consideration of the proposals and further discussion and negotiation with Strategic Partners a further report setting out the detailed governance framework and partnership agreement for a Children's Trust to be submitted to the next Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>We noted that the report set out proposals for the creation of a Children's Trust within the Haringey Strategic Partnership to replace the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board to ensure a better focus on the work of improving the lives of children in the borough. The establishment of an executive Performance Management Group of the Trust would provide a more robust monitoring mechanism while the creation of a place for a Liberal Democrat Member on the Trust would ensure that work around children was cross party and would also bring an element of challenge. Local GP's played a key role in the health and safeguarding of children so a place for GP representation had been included on the Trust. The question of what form the forums of the Trust would take the question of whether these should be age or area based or was still under consideration.</p> <p>Councillor Gorrie welcomed the proposed offer of a place for a Liberal Democrat Councillor on the Trust and he sought clarification of whether consideration would be given to the appointment of an independent Chair and whether the arrangements proposed would constitute a legally binding framework.</p> <p>We noted that the question of an independent chair had not been considered but a number of people who would be Trust members including the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board would be representing other agencies. With regard to the status of the Trust the option being advanced was more of a collaborative model whereby people signed up to membership without ceding authority from their own</p>	

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	<p>organisations.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the proposals set out in the interleaved report for the creation of a Children's Trust be noted and approval be granted, following further discussion and negotiations with Strategic Partners, to a further report setting out the detailed governance framework and partnership agreement for the Trust to be submitted to our next meeting.</p>	CE
CAB175.	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 17):</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 March 2009 b) Procurement Committee – 31 March 2009</p>	
CAB176.	<p>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 18):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB177.	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 19):</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>	

The meeting ended at 20.55 hours.

CLAIRE KOBER
Chair