

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

11 February 2003

Councillors *Meehan (Chair), Irwin (Deputy Chair),* Adje, *Basu, *Bax,*Bull, *Canver, Dillon,*Dodds, and *Sulaiman.

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Peacock, Harris and Patel

TEX213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Irwin.

TEX 214. UPDATE GREENFIELDS SPECIAL SCHOOL PROPOSED CLOSURE (Report of the Director of Education - Agenda item 6)

RESOLVED:

1. That the overall positive response to the proposed closure of Greenfields Special School be noted.
2. That the issue of Statutory Notices and the commencement of formal consultation regarding the closure of Greenfields Special School by the end of the Summer Term 2003 be approved.

TEX 215. MINUTES OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD (Report of the Director of Education -Agenda item 7)-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Education Management Board held on 7 January 2003 be noted.

TEX 216. RENEWAL REFORMS POLICY (Report of the Director of Housing -Agenda item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That the approach taken in response to the Order and the contents of the attached draft summary document be agreed.
2. That it be noted that the number of grants allocated annually would be subject to the availability of funds.

TEX217. GENERAL SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL -CODES OF PRACTICE AND REGISTRATION OF SOCIAL CARE WORKERS (Report of the Director of Social Services - Agenda item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the Employers Code of Practice be adopted.

TEX218. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES :

RESOLVED:

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That the minutes of the meetings of the Procurement Committee held on 21 January 2003, be noted.

TEX 219. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive -Agenda item 11):

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

TEX 220. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE -SPORTS AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 6 February had recently been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED:

That the following be included in minutes of the Executive meeting held on 6 February regarding the Sports and Leisure Transfer (Minute TEX 208) as follows:-

"That once the preferred bidder had put forward proposals a timetable be drawn up to enable the Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to consider relevant matters and report any concerns to the Executive before the contract was finalised."

TEX221. BUSINESS CASE FOR AN INTEGRATED SOCIAL CARE APPLICATION SERVICE TO REPLACE CLIENT INDEX AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES APPLICATIONS (Report of the Director of Social Services -Agenda Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That the project to procure an integrated solution, as a managed service, to replace Client Index and the various standalone applications currently used by Social Services be approved.
2. That the project management arrangements be approved.
3. That the project timetable be noted.
4. That the funding requirement be noted.

TEX 222. 336 PHILIP LANE NI5 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TEACHERS CENTRE)
(Report of the Director of Support Services - Agenda item 17)

This item was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting it contained exempt information relating to terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods and services.

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RESOLVED:

1. That the Head of Property Services & Facilities Management be authorised to instruct the Head of Legal Services to exchange contracts and complete the freehold sale of 336 Philip Lane London N15 to Newbrook Ltd in the sum of £409,500 .
2. That in the event the sale failed to proceed then the next highest unconditional tender be accepted, as outlined in section 5.9 of the report.
3. That the Borough Solicitor give consideration to the inclusion of a clause in future tendering processes to prevent lobbying of Council Officers and Members.
4. That officers report back with proposals for informing Councillors of appropriate information relating to disposals within their Ward's.
5. That an investigation be instigated into how sensitive commercial information became available to an external organisation prior to its consideration by Members.

TEX 223. FORTISMERE SCHOOL MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT (Joint Report of the Directors of Finance, Education and Support Services - Agenda Item 15)

This item was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting it contained exempt information relating to terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods and services.

RESOLVED:

1. That an in-principle approval to this scheme be given on the basis set out in this report.
2. That 79 Creighton Avenue be marketed for disposal and that an amount equivalent to the market value of 13 Tetherdown be retained by the Council.
3. That the scheme be referred to the Education Management Board for further consideration of the education implications and overall feasibility.
4. That a report be presented to a future meeting on the use of PFI school facilities.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair

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Councillors *Meehan (Chair), Irwin (Deputy Chair), *Adje, *Basu, *Bax,*Bull, *Canver, Dillon, *Dodds, and *Sulaiman.

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Laird and Robertson.

TEX224. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dillon and Irwin. Apologies for lateness were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adje, Bull and Canver.

TEX 225. MINUTES

Arising from consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February, it was reported that the Council at their meeting on 17 February had referred resolution 3 of minute TEX.208 – Sports and Leisure Management Transfer back to the Executive for further consideration.

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the meetings held on 6 and 11 February 2003 be approved and signed.
2. That a further report be submitted on the proposed inclusion of the first floor of the Marcus Garvey Library and associated redevelopment of the ground floor as agreed in principle vide minute TEX.208(3).

TEX 226. BERNIE GRANT CENTRE (Report of the Director of Finance – Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

1. That the position with regard to funding, the development vehicle, and project planning be noted.
2. That the in-principle agreement to proceed with the project on the basis set out in the interleaved report be confirmed.
3. That the Council's membership of the Bernie Grant Centre Partnership in accordance with the draft memorandum and articles of association of the company be agreed.
4. That the Chief Executive be nominated as a Director of the Bernie Grant Centre Partnership.
5. That the conditions of the Government Office for London with respect to underwriting the ERDF grant be agreed.
6. That approval be granted to the making of advance payments where necessary as set out in paragraph 9.6 of the interleaved report.
7. That the finalisation of the arrangements for the funding of the Bernie Grant Centre, insofar as they impact on the Council, be delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Leader and the Executive Member (Resources).
8. That the finalisation of the arrangements proposed in 7 above be conditional upon the Bernie Grant Centre Partnership establishing satisfactory project management and scheme delivery arrangements.

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TEX 227. DECEMBER 2002 PERFORMANCE DATA FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Report of Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

TEX228. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN – MONTHLY UPDATE (Report of Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

TEX229. RESPONSE TO THE VICTORIA CLIMBIÉ INQUIRY (Report of Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

1. That the arrangements needed to implement the practice recommendations arising from the Victoria Climbié Report be noted.
2. That the initial analysis of the extent to which existing practice, policy and procedure meet these requirements be noted.
3. That the actions identified in the interleaved report as being needed to be taken to fully meet the expectations as set out in the letters from the Secretary for State for Health and the Chief Inspector of Social Services be noted.
4. That approval be granted to the funding from the Council's reserves of the additional resources estimated at £240,000 in the current financial year required for the project management arrangements outlined in the report.

TEX 230. DRAFT LONDON PLAN – EIP AND SUB REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (Report of the Director of the Environmental Services – Agenda Item 11):

RESOLVED:

1. That the written submissions submitted to the Examination in Public (EIP) Panel in respect of the relevant matters/sub matters as set out at Appendix 1 and the comments as set out in paragraphs 6.11- 6.13 of the interleaved report be noted.
2. That the proposals for the Sub-regional Frameworks as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report be approved.

TEX 231. FINSBURY PARK PARTNERSHIP JOINT STREETSCENE ENFORCEMENT (Report of the Director of Environment – Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That new joint arrangements delegating to the London Borough of Islington the functions set out in this report within that part of the Finsbury Park Partnership Area within Haringey be approved.

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2. That a formal agreement be entered into pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972 to promote uniform practice and effectiveness in the Partnership Area;
3. That the detail of the agreement and any issues of implementation be approved by the Executive Member for the Environment in consultation with the Council's representative on the Partnership;
4. That the agreement authorised be brought into effect with co-ordinated publicity to inform the general public, local residents and businesses;
5. That the agreement authorised shall apply whether or not the London Borough of Hackney enters a similar agreement, and shall not determine without reasonable notice and written report to the Executive of this Council.

TEX 232. ENFORCEMENT- NEXT STEPS AND REORGANISATION (Joint Report of the Director of the Environmental Services and the Director of Housing – Agenda Item 13)

Arising from consideration of the report, reference was made to a forthcoming Government White Paper on Anti-Social Behaviour and its possible ramifications for the Council. Clarification was also sought of what measures would be taken to ensure that the structural arrangements proposed in the report did not result in disincorporate working.

RESOLVED:

1. That the structural changes proposed in Section 8 of the interleaved report and Section 3.6 of the Appendix be approved and their implementation be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
2. That a further report be submitted following the publication of the Government White Paper outlining its implications for the Council and that the report outline how corporate working to address anti-social behaviour would be ensured.

TEX 233. ALLOCATIONS POLICY AND HOUSING RESOURCES (Report of the Director of Housing – Agenda Item 14)

RESOLVED:

That approval be granted to the changes proposed in the interleaved report to the Council's existing Housing Allocations Scheme and public consultation be carried out on the proposals as required in the revised Code of Guidance on allocation of property issued under the Homelessness Act 2002.

TEX 234. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

TEX 235. VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS COMMITTEE (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) - Agenda Item 17)

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The Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because it had been necessary to bring forward the date of the first meeting of the Committee at short notice. The report was urgent because changes to the membership of the Committee required approval before its first meeting on 6 March 2003.

RESOLVED:

1. That the membership of the Voluntary Sector Grants Committee be increased from 3 to 4 Members of the Executive.
2. That the quorum of the Committee remain at 3 Members.
3. That for the purpose of reviewing the funding and grant aiding of legal and advice providers the membership of the Committee should comprise the Executive Member for Regeneration and Partnerships (Chair), and the Executive Members for Housing, for Lifelong Learning and for Social Services and Health.
4. That the terms of reference of the Committee be amended to read as follows:
 - To consider officer recommendations for future funding and agree the awarding of grant aid to the voluntary and community sector
 - To review funding to organisations where there is a potential breach of conditions of grant aid and/or a service level agreement
 - To advise the Executive on all matters concerned with grant aid generally

TEX 236. RE-FINANCING OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS PFI SCHEME (Report of the Director of Finance – Agenda Item 19)

This item was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods and services.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the Council's participation in the re-financing of the secondary schools PFI scheme on the basis of option 1 outlined in the interleaved report, simple financing.
2. That approval be granted to the delegation to the Director of Finance of authority to enter into negotiations, to commission such support as is required in the negotiations and to finalise the re-financing on behalf of the Council and report back on the outcome to the Executive.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair

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Councillors *Meehan (Chair), *Irwin (Deputy Chair), *Adje, *Basu, *Bax, *Bull, *Canver, Dillon, *Dodds, and *Sulaiman.

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Laird and Winskill.

TEX 237. TREASURY STRATEGY (Report of the Director of Finance – Agenda Item 9):

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL:

That the Treasury Strategy be approved.

Note: The Treasury Strategy is the subject of an item on the Council Summons for the meeting on 24 March 2003 and the full report is attached to the Summons.

TEX 238. HARINGEY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2003 – 2006 (Report of the Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 12):

RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL:

That the Haringey Children and Young People's Strategic Plan 2003 – 2006 be adopted.

Note: This Plan is the subject of an item on the Council Summons for the meeting on 24 March 2003 and the full report is attached to the Summons.

TEX 239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Dillon. Apologies for lateness were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adje and Bull.

TEX 240. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2003 be confirmed and signed.

TEX 241. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD – MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2003
(Report of the Chair of the Education Management Board – Agenda Item 7)

The next Ofsted Inspection would take place in the Autumn Term 2003 and the next School Organisation Plan would be published in July 2003 with wide consultation on the draft in the meantime. In terms of the revised structure of the Education Service, advertisements for the two Deputy Director posts would be published in the near future with completion of recruitment before the Ofsted Inspection in the Autumn Term 2003/4. The additional £605K in the 2003/4 Revenue Budget for residential placements had been much welcomed by school Heads. The visit to David Milliband, the Minister of State for School Standards, had resulted in an additional £1.5 million being allocated to the Borough.

In terms of individual Plans, the following points of detail were made :-

A. Youth and Play Service Plan

- Need to look at health and family support closely

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- Disadvantaged children – need to target most disadvantaged Wards and support voluntary sector activity where value for money can be clearly demonstrated
- There was some concern around religious issues which would need further work

B. Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Implementation Plan

- We welcomed that the future strategic development of childcare will be aligned with that of preventative strategy for vulnerable children, particularly those who are the target groups for Social Services

We noted that Stephen Twigg M.P. the Schools Minister, had spent a day in the Borough recently and had been encouraged with the Council's approach and understanding of the problems confronting them.

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Education Management Board held on 4 March 2003 be received.
2. That the progress report of the Director be received and that the School Organisation Plan be approved for consultation by the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning, the Chair of the Education Management Board and the Chief Executive.
3. That the Education Revenue Budget for 2003/4 be noted.
4. That subject to the individual points raised in paragraphs A and B of the body of this minute being taken on board by officers, the Adult Learning Plan, Youth and Play Service Plan and Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Implementation Plan be approved.
5. That the policy for the 14 – 19 phase of Education be approved.
6. That Option 2 be approved in terms of the Six Term School Year.
7. That the policy and arrangements for Admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Haringey be approved to apply from September 2004 onwards.
8. That the proposal for a major capital project at Fortismere School be supported.

TEX242. PAUL ROBERTS – DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:

RESOLVED:

That the Council's thanks be conveyed to Paul Roberts, the outgoing Director of Education, for his outstanding services to the Borough and, in particular, its Education Services Directorate.

TEX 243. FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE – JANUARY 2003 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance – Agenda Item 8):

Arising from consideration of this report reference was made to the cost of provision of services for Asylum Seekers and to the inadequacy of the Government's grant thresholds.

RESOLVED:

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1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Executive Members for Social Services and Health, Resources and Equality and Performance meet to consider budgetary control within Social Services.
3. That the carry-forwards set out in the service commentaries be approved.
4. That the virements set out in section 7 of the report be approved.
5. That the policy changes in relation to housing debtors and set out in section 8 of the report be approved.
6. That consultation with Staff Side in relation to Council employees who owe the Council money commence at the earliest possible date.
7. That the Chair write to the appropriate Minister in relation to the full reimbursement of costs to Boroughs for providing services to Asylum Seekers.

244. BEST VALUE REVIEWS – PROGRESS AS AT 31 MARCH 2003 (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) – Agenda Item 10):

RESOLVED:

1. That the status of Best Value Reviews be noted.
2. That the progress in implementing the improvement plans of selected reviews be noted.
3. That the Inspection Schedule be noted.

245. FUTURE OF HORNSEY TOWN HALL AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

(Report of the Acting Director of Support Services – Agenda Item 11):

Mayor Winskill was given leave to address the meeting briefly and, in essence, he welcomed the proposals contained in the report. He felt that there was a need to provide a base for performing arts in the heart of the Borough and this was an ideal opportunity; the idea of operating via a Trust was preferred.

It was noted that paramount to this exercise was wide consultation over any proposals and the timing of this consultation with the implementation of the Council-wide Accommodation Strategy was crucial.

In the course of planning, this site could be included in the Unitary Development Plan review at an appropriate stage.

RESOLVED:

That the Head of Property Services and Facilities Management be requested to :-

1. Bring forward proposals for the disposal of the Town Hall complex on a freehold or long leasehold basis to a commercial operator.
2. Advise on alternative arrangements if outright disposal to a commercial operator is likely to prove unsuccessful.

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3. Arrange for a more detailed feasibility analysis in order to facilitate 1 and 2 above, and to base it on the option of a mixed use development put forward by the consultants, that has initially proved viable; this will include a financial appraisal including external funding opportunities, further market analysis, a conservation plan, preliminary site and building investigations and the costs and practicality of some staff relocation in conjunction with the Accommodation Strategy.
4. Commence the decanting of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) from the premises in Hatherley Gardens; once vacant, the site should be sold on the open market with the CAB being found alternative premises and a further report being brought to Members on the practical and financial implications of such a relocation.

TEX 246. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Executive Member Resources signing held on 13 February 2003 and of the Executive Procurement Committee held on 18 February 2003 be received.

TEX247. ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY:

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair