

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

29 APRIL 2003

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

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Aitken, Gilbert, Harris, Makanji and Reynolds.

TEX 278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Canver, Dillon and Irwin.

TEX 279. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2003 be approved and signed.

TEX 280. DEPUTATIONS (Agenda Item 5)

We received a deputation from the Special Needs and Learning Support staff. The spokesperson, Fran Spinks, addressed our meeting and spoke in support in opposition to the proposed closure of the Education Support Service (ESS). In this connection she referred to the specialist nature of the service provided by the ESS which enabled children with severe and varied learning and medical problems to remain in mainstream education. She also referred to the cost effectiveness of the service provided and asked that the proposed closure be not considered until further consultation had taken place including with parents of children supported by the ESS. Having answered questions put to them by Members of the Executive the deputation then submitted a petition and withdrew.

Our Chair thanked the deputation for their attendance and indicated that their views would be taken into account during our deliberations on this matter which appeared elsewhere on the agenda (see Minute 282(d)).

TEX 281. ANNUAL RESIDENTS SURVEY 2002/03 (Agenda Item 7)

We received a presentation from Katherine Davis and Cynthia Pinto of TNS Social on the findings of the Haringey Residents Survey for 2002/03. We noted that the main findings of the Survey were as follows:

- Crime remained the biggest area of concern for residents, followed by litter and traffic
- Concern about housing, public transport and education had increased since last year (concern about Council Tax and health had decreased)
- More concern was expressed about litter and traffic in Haringey than in London wide (less concern was expressed about health)
- 48% of residents thought that the Council was doing a good job (below London average and lower than last year)
- More people thought Haringey Council listened and informative than last year (recovery after a drop in scores last year) improvement also in staff and responsiveness ratings
- Haringey scored worse than London average for good job, efficient, difficult to phone, better place to live, value for money and being responsive.
- Perception of majority of services (all and users) had risen since last year. Recovery after a drop in scores last year.
- Two thirds of the listed services received lower ratings than London wide (all and users), though the gap between Haringey and London had decreased this year.

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The Consultants having answered questions put to them by Members of the Executive, our Chair thanked them for their attendance.

RESOLVED:

That reports be submitted to the meeting of the Executive in June 2003 on the question of corporate telephone monitoring, including the ACCORD call centre, and on the development of the Council's WEB site.

TEX 282. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2003 AND REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED ON 29 APRIL 2003 (Report of the Chair of the Education Management Board – Agenda Item 8)

(a) Minutes of the Education Management Board Meeting held on 4 March 2003

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Education Management Board held on 4 March 2003 be noted and any necessary action approved.

(b) Progress Report of the Director of Education

We noted that the question of OFSTED inspections was addressed as part of a Merit Development Programme which would be submitted to Members in the near future.

Arising from our consideration of the reported outcomes of the KPMG review on 16-19 provision, we noted that the North London Skills Council would be considering an external report on this matter at their meeting on 9 May and that an executive summary of that report was in the course of preparation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report of the Director of Education Services and in particular the following points be noted
 - The date of the OFSTED re-inspection
 - New appointments to the Education Service
 - The additional funds allocated to the Service as a result of London Challenge
 - The development of Networked Learning Communities
 - The outcomes of the KPMG review on 16-19 provision
2. That the revised capital programme as set out at Annex 3 to the interleaved report of the Director of Education Services be approved.
3. That following consideration of the report on 16-19 provision by the North London Skills Council on 9 May, an executive summary be supplied to all Members of the Council and a copy of the full report be supplied to those Members who requested it.

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(c) The Strategic Management Plan (SMP)

Arising from our consideration of the Outcomes for April 2004 set out on page 34 of the SMP, we noted that there were detailed action plans in respect of the headline points set out including in respect of those relating to child protection.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strategic Management Plan as set out at the Appendix to the interleaved report of the Director of Education Services be approved.
2. That the detailed action plans in respect of the following points be submitted to a future meeting of the Children's Services Working Group
 - A strong partnership exists with Social Services especially in relation to Child Protection responsibilities, Children Looked After and other vulnerable groups of pupils
 - Education makes a full response to the recommendations of the Report of the Victoria Climbié Inquiry.
 - All Child Protection procedures comply with pan London Guidance

(d) The Management of the Closure of the Education Support Service (ESS)

Employee Side comments on the proposals contained in the report were tabled.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the proposed closure of the Education Support Service be deferred to the special meeting of the Executive to be held on 15 May 2003 and that a fuller report be produced for that meeting following any further necessary consultation.

(e) Learning Centre at White Hart Lane School

Reference was made to misunderstandings which had arisen at the Northumberland Park Centre and further clarification was sought of the proposed management arrangements for the Learning Centre, in particular of who would run the Centre and what usage would be made of the buildings. Whilst we were informed that it was intended to replicate the model which operated at the existing West Green Learning Centre at Park View Academy we were of the view that further details were required in particular as the Council was providing the 10% match funding required to enable the bid to proceed from the capital programme.

RESOLVED:

1. That submission of the bid to the Learning and Skills Council for the development of a learning centre to be based at White Hart Lane school be endorsed and authority be granted to the Director of Education Services and the Director of Finance in consultation with the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning to finalise the agreement for the development of the scheme.
2. That it be noted that the scheme formed part of the capital programme.

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RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That, subject to clarification of the above-mentioned point relating to 'Holding a paid office in Haringey Council', the proposals for the medium term objectives of the Tenants Participation Strategy as outlined in the interleaved report of the Director of Housing be approved.

TEX 285. LOCAL LAND CHARGES FEES AND PERSONAL SEARCH SERVICE (Report of the Acting Head of Legal Services – Agenda Item 11):

RESOLVED:

That approval be granted to

1. An increase in the fee for local searches and enquiries from £155 to £175 with effect from 1 May 2003.
2. A review of the fee halfway through the financial year in the light of fluctuations in the demand for the service.
3. A reversion to a single tier Personal Search service with a single, statutory fee of £10 and providing for the advance preparation and printing of Personal Search results.

TEX 286. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Procurement Committee held on 15 April 2003 be noted and any necessary action approved.

TEX 287. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 13)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and any necessary action taken.

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3. That a further report be submitted to the Executive on the level of council involvement in and usage made of the existing Learning Centres.

(f) Strategic Plan for ICT in Education 2003-04

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strategic Plan for ICT in Education as set out at the Appendix to the interim report of the Director of Education Services be approved.
2. That the Director of Education Services be authorised to implement the Strategic

(g) Greenfields Special School – Proposed Closure

RESOLVED:

1. That, there having been no statutory objections to the proposed closure, the closure of Greenfields Special School with effect from 31 August 2003 be approved.
2. That it be noted that closure of the Greenfields School would not release the school which would continue to be used for the same purpose by the pupil support centre.

(h) 16 To 19 Transport Policy

Clarification was sought of how the policy now proposed related to the Mayor of London's transport policies in particular his proposed extension of cheaper fares to 16-19 year olds in full time education.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed 16 to 19 Transport Policy as outlined in the Appendix to the interim report of the Director of Education Services be approved.
2. That a further report be submitted to the Executive on the relationship of the Policy in 1 above to the Mayor of London's public transport fares policy including details of any potential financial benefit to the Council.

TEX 283. FEBRUARY 2003 PERFORMANCE DATA FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Report of Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and any necessary action be approved.

TEX 284. TENANTS PARTICIPATION STRATEGY INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSING MANAGEMENT BOARD (Report of the Director of Housing – Agenda Item 10)

Arising from our consideration of Page 35 - Paragraph 4 of the Appendix to the report relating to Eligibility, clarification was sought of the first category of those not eligible to stand for election as representatives on Area Housing Forums, i.e. 'Holding a paid office in Haringey Council', and in particular if this would debar Councillors and or Council officers from being appointed.