

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE 1 JULY 2002

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

*Members present.

Also present Councillors Featherstone, Peacock, Reynolds and Robertson.

TEX16. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX17. BERNIE GRANT CENTRE (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 7):

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted in principle to the proposals for the Bernie Grant Centre on the basis set out in the interleaved report.
2. That the following be determined:
 - the remainder of the site be marketed on the basis set out in paragraph 8 of the interleaved report;
 - officers continue to work in partnership with stakeholders to finalise the proposals for the Bernie Grant Centre;
 - the risks associated with the Bernie Grant Centre, set out in paragraph 9, be noted; and
 - the financial implications be noted, including in-principle agreement to revenue support of £100k per annum from 2004/5.
3. That a further report be submitted to the Executive on the finalised proposals.

TEX18. AREA ASSEMBLIES: BOUNDARIES BASED ON NEW WARDS (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That the new boundaries for Area Assemblies as set out in (i) to (vii) of paragraph 5.6 of the interleaved report be applied with effect from the 2002/2003 municipal year.
2. That the number of cycles of meetings of the Area Assemblies be reduced from five to four per year.

TEX19. DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGAL SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT AND BEST VALUE REVIEW (Report of the Director of Support Services – Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress made in Legal Services improvements be noted.
2. That the report be noted and the improvement plan arising from the review be endorsed.

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3. That approval be granted to the Service implementing the improvement plan and to progress being monitored in accordance with the Council's best value requirements.

TEX20. HOUSING STRATEGIC ISSUES AND THE HOUSING STRATEGY 2002 (Report of the Director of Housing – Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the report acting as a precursor to and informing the finalisation of the Housing Strategy Statement for 2002 and to the Housing Strategy to be considered by the Executive on 16 July 2002.
2. That the variety of initiatives as outlined in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3 of the report be pursued to increase the supply of both temporary and permanent accommodation.
3. That homelessness prevention services be further developed.
4. That exploration of alternative funding sources be continued over and above those already agreed in order to close the investment gap identified and to bring the Council's housing stock up to the new 'Decent Homes Standard' as outlined in paragraph 5.4 of the report.
5. That further consideration be given to the options for securing greater investment in new supply and the private sector including the balance between programmes within the Council's own available capital resources.
6. That the Council continue to maximise the amount of affordable housing through the planning system, with a target of 50% of affordable housing being established within planning policy in accordance with the Greater London Authority's Special Development Strategy.
7. That the feasibility of differential targets across Haringey being established for affordable housing for rent and key worker be reviewed in order to start to address the issue of sustainable communities in the east of the Borough.
8. That, whilst acknowledging the need to ensure that the Council adheres to the requirements of the Government's Decent Homes Standard by 2010, consideration also be given to altering the pattern of housing investment across the Borough to concentrate on the regeneration areas in the east of the Borough.
9. That consideration be given to levering in additional resources with housing investment given greater priority within corporate financial planning decisions.
10. That, in noting the significant cost implications involved in pursuing a strategy where development of affordable housing was concentrated mainly in the west of the Borough and that having to pay higher costs for land and property would have a considerable impact upon the number of affordable homes that the Council could deliver, it be agreed that the Council together with suitable partners lobby Government to raise the cost threshold for development within Haringey based upon the land costs for the west of the borough.
11. That, following research, a suitable zone within a regeneration area be sought on which to build on the Council's registration work and to pursue a pro-active enforcement policy on unsuitable Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) with the aim of returning 2 storey houses to single household or family dwellings.

12. That the HMO registration scheme be extended to wards in 20% of the most deprived to improve the Council's knowledge of HMOs and the temporary accommodation market.

TEX21. RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000 – SPECIFIC DUTY: RACE EQUALITY SCHEME (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) - Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the Race Equality Scheme proposed in the interleaved report.
2. That it be noted that, in line with the statutory deadline for its publication, the draft Scheme was put on the Council's website and would now be replaced with the final version.
3. That it be noted that
 - An Action Plan would be developed and applied in the first instance to those service areas which the recent mandatory assessments had identified as high priority in terms of their relevance to the Act and against the criteria agreed in February 2002.
 - The Plan would then be applied to Medium and Low priority areas over the statutory three-year life cycle of the Scheme.
 - The full results of the relevance assessments as set out in Appendices 2(i) - (vii) respectively.
 - The Education Service had been carrying out work to support Haringey schools in complying with their duties under the Act.

TEX22. CUSTOMER SERVICES - FORWARD STRATEGY (Report of the Director of Support Services – Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That the early success of the centres be noted
2. That the measures detailed in the report to address short-term issues and focusing on consolidating the customer services centres and call centre be approved.
3. That the forward strategy for Customer Services as outlined in the report be approved.

TEX23. CPZ CONSULTATION PROGRAMME (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 13)

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that the Policy and Strategy Committee had approved the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) programme as set out in 5.1 of the report at their meeting on 14 February 2002.
2. That the consultation strategy as set out in paragraph 8 of the report be approved.

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- 1 That the consultation programme as set out in paragraph 9 of the report be approved.
- 2 That the timetable as set out in paragraph 10 of the report be noted.
- 3 That the extension of CPZ consultation programme to localised areas as set out in paragraph 11 of the report be approved.
- 4 That approval be granted to the Executive Member for Environment initiating a review of funding to support implementation of the extended programme to localised areas as set out in paragraph 11 of the report.

TEXT4. CHILDREN'S SERVICES INSPECTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 14)

Our Chair welcomed to the meeting Mike Rourke and Ken Adams of the Social Services Inspectorate who introduced their Local Inspection Report and answered questions put to them by members of the Executive. Our Chair thanked them for their attendance.

RESOLVED:

That approval be granted to:

- The proposed improvement plan;
- The proposed quarterly reporting arrangements to Council Executive; and
- The development of services related to family support provision and social work services for homeless families and homeless young people.

TEXT5. SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE: ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE 2001/2002 (Report of the Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the Social Services Inspectorate's letter concerning the Annual Review of Social Services performance 2001- 2002 be noted.
- 2 That the Action Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.

TEXT6. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 16)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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TEX27. E-MERGE RE-PLANNING (Report of the Director of Finance - Agenda Item 20)

This item was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the 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 or services.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress of the project be noted.
2. That the revised implementation timetable be agreed.
3. That the revised change management arrangements be noted.
4. That the contractual and financial implications of the re-planning exercise be managed as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
5. That the agreement of the final contractual position with Logica be delegated to the Executive Member for Resources.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair