

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE 3 SEPTEMBER 2002

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

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Bevan, Harris, Millar, Robertson and Santry.

TEX62. ANNUAL LIBRARY PLAN (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 9)

Arising from our consideration of the report, we noted how far the library service had progressed in responding to identified weaknesses and how successful the Council's partnership with Instant Library Ltd had been. We agreed that a brief presentation on Plan should be given at the Council meeting on 9 September.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Annual Library Plan for 2002 as set out as an Appendix to the interleaved report of the Chief Executive for submission to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

TEX63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Bax and for lateness on behalf of Councillor Bull.

TEX64. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX65. PERSONNEL STRATEGY, SERVICES AND STRUCTURE (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development – Agenda Item 7):

RESOLVED:

1. That the Organisation Structure detailed at Appendix A to the interleaved report be agreed.
2. That the People Management Plan attached at Appendix B to the interleaved report be agreed.
3. That the improvements planned or underway in the Service be noted and further reports be submitted on progress monitored with reference to performance indicators.
4. That the financial implications of the report at paragraph 10 be noted.

TEX66. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD (Report of the Director of Education – Agenda Item 8)

Councillor Dillon declared an interest in this matter by virtue of being a Member of the Board of London North LSC and his employment with Springboard Islington both organisations having been involved with the Haringey Area Wide Inspection of 16-19 Education and Training (Appendix C).

Arising from our consideration of the report we noted that recently released examination results for GCSE's had revealed a significant improvement by Haringey Schools and we asked that our congratulations to the pupils, teaching staff and parents for achieving one of the highest rates of increase of any LEA be placed on record.

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We also noted that with regard to the question of police checks on staff in schools, it was understood that all schools in the Borough would be opening in time for the new term but there might have to be some combining of classes.

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Education Management Board held on Tuesday 16 July 2002 as set out at Appendix A be noted.
2. That the report of the Director of Education as set out at Appendix B be noted.
3. That the paper on the Haringey Area Wide Inspection of 16-19 Education provision as set out at Appendix C be noted.
4. That the School Organisation Plan as set out at Appendix D be approved for submission to the School Organisation Committee.
5. That the LEA Behaviour Support Plan as set out at Appendix E and the approval of the Department for Education and Skills to the Haringey Behaviour Improvement Programme be noted.
6. That the policy for the provision of passenger transport services as set out at Appendix F be approved.
7. That the recommendations as set out in Appendix G the paper following up the LEA OfSTED inspection be approved.

TEX67. SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY ACTION PLANS (Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) – Agenda Item 10):

RESOLVED:

That the following be noted:

1. The decisions taken by the Safer Communities Executive Board.
2. The Action Plans to deliver on the Safer Communities Strategy (and the Youth Crime Reduction Strategy).
3. The Council directorates and partner agencies' associated business/strategy/action plans.

TEX68. HARINGEY CCTV: STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (Joint Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) the Director of Environmental Services and the Director of Social Services - Agenda Item 11)

Arising from our consideration of the report we noted the conclusion of the recently published Home Office review of the effectiveness of CCTV. We also noted that an initial review of existing budgets had indicated a full year shortfall of £45,000 in relation to mainstream maintenance and operational requirements. Further, that the shortfall would increase by a further £40,000 in 2004/05 as the NRF funding for the Co-ordinator post ran out.

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RESOLVED:

1. That the transfer of the function and resources of the operational management of Woodside House CCTV control room, Wood Green and Tottenham High Road CCTV systems and the re-locatable mobile CCTV systems from Social Services Directorate to Environmental Services Directorate (Street Scene Division) be approved.
2. That an issues paper on CCTV, including on the question of budgetary provision, be submitted to the meeting of the Executive on 8 October 2002.

TEX69. SUPPORTING PEOPLE SHADOW STRATEGY 2003/04 (Report of the Director of Housing – Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the proposed Haringey's Supporting People Shadow Strategy for 2003/2004 as set out in the interleaved report be approved.

TEX70. CAPITAL WASTE MINIMISATION AND RECYCLING FUND PROJECT BIDS (Presentation by the Executive Member for Environment – Agenda Item 13)

We received a presentation from the Executive Member for Environment (Councillor Dodds) on the Capital Waste Minimisation and Recycling Fund and noted that the Government had made £140 million available, of which £21.3 had been made available to London, to assist local authorities meet statutory recycling performance standards. We also noted that projects totalling over £800,000 had been identified as bids against these available capital resources. The schemes identified were as follows:

Kerbside Recycling (£360,000)

- Expand paper only door to door kerbside collection scheme to every household in the Borough (except high rise estates)
- Expand multi-material collection to current paper only scheme

Civic Amenity Sites (£450,000)

- Convert and expand Park View Road into a re-use and recycling centre.

We further noted that, in addition, it was also proposed that a bid should be submitted at the closing stages of the bidding process (March 2003) in respect of Mobile Green Waste Recycling Sites and that a joint bid was also to be made in partnership with Enfield Council and Islington Council with regard to an estates recycling project which would involve 100 new sites collecting up to 3 materials per site.

RESOLVED:

1. That the presentation and the proposed application to the Capital Waste Minimisation and Recycling Fund for projects to increase recycling in Haringey and to help meet statutory recycling targets be noted.
2. That a further report be submitted to a future meeting setting out the additional revenue resources required to meet the costs of the proposals.

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TEX71. DESIGNATION OF NOEL PARK AND NORTHUMBERLAND PARK/HIGH ROAD N15 & N17 AS CONTROLLED AREAS FOR DRINKING ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 14)

We noted that the report had been submitted to our meeting for consideration of the policy issues only and that the decision to designate any particular area as a controlled area in respect of alcohol consumption in public places as defined by Sections 12-13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 fell within the purview of the General Purposes Committee.

Arising from our consideration of the report, concern was expressed that the boundaries proposed for the Noel Park controlled area might need to be extended to include parts of Woodside Ward and also parts of Bounds Green Ward should the problems currently arising in the Wood Green shopping area be displaced to other nearby areas. However, having regard to the need for further consultation if the boundaries of the proposed controlled areas were to be changed we took the view that the present proposals should proceed and that further consultations should be undertaken with a view to extending the Noel Park area.

RESOLVED:

That the General Purposes Committee be recommended –

1. That the representations made following Public consultation and the evidence relating to crime and disorder, nuisance and anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking in the above-mentioned areas be considered.
2. That the designation of Noel Park and Northumberland Park / High Road Tottenham N.15 and N.17 areas as controlled areas for the consumption of intoxicated liquor in public places be approved.
3. That the necessary Orders under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 be made.

TEX72. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Procurement Committee held on 23 July 2002 be noted.

TEX73. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR LEAD MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 17)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

TEX.74 SUPPORTING PEOPLE VULNERABLE COUNCIL TENANTS SCHEME: REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO TENDER (Report of the Director of Housing Services – 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 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:

That the report and the decisions taken on it by the Procurement Committee be noted.

TEX.75 SITE DISPOSAL: WESTERFIELD ROAD NI5 (Report of the Director of Support Services – Agenda Item 21):

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 the freehold of the site in Westerfield Road be sold to London Underground for the sum of £312,000.
2. That London Underground's Property Director be advised that in a similar spirit of co-operation to those shown in these negotiations the Council would wish to engage in exploratory talks about the regeneration of Seven Sisters Underground Station and its surroundings at surface level (Wards Corner) particularly where London Transport owned the freehold.

SITE DISPOSAL: HONEYWOOD HOUSE (Report of the Director of Support Services – Agenda Item 22):

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 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 Honeywood House to Fairview Ltd in the sum of £2.92 million.
2. That in the event that the sale fails to proceed then the next two highest unconditional tenders as outlined in section 5.11 of the interleaved report be accepted in turn.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair

