

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
8 OCTOBER 2002**

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

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Bevan, Harris, Laird and Peacock.

TEX93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: An apology for lateness was submitted on behalf of Councillor Irwin.

TEX94. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX95. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD (Report of the Chair of the Education Management Board – Agenda Item 7):

Arising from our consideration of the report we noted that the present Director of Education Services was due to leave in August 2003 and that there was a need to start a process to secure the appointment of a replacement in good time.

We also noted that conditions had been applied to the planning permission for the PFI funded development scheme at Fortismere School which might have timescale implications for the completion of that scheme.

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Education Management Board held on Tuesday 16 July 2002 be noted.
2. That the September report of the Director of Education be noted.
3. That the paper on the Strategic Management Plan be approved.
4. That the draft action plan following the area-wide inspection of 16-19 Education and Training be noted and that approval of the action plan be delegated to the Director of Education Services in consultation with the Leader and the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning.
5. That a report be submitted to the Executive on the implications of the planning decision relating to Fortismere School, such report to address what needs to be done to achieve the development there in the context of the Council's policy of raising educational attainment levels.
6. That approval be granted to the commencement of the process for the appointment of the Director of Education Services.

TEX96. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY (Joint Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Management Services and the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) - Agenda Item 9):

RESOLVED:

That the draft Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy as set out in the interleaved report be approved.

TEX97. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW ON COMMUNITY SAFETY
(Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the action taken and the response proposed to the Scrutiny Review on Community Safety as outlined in the interleaved report be endorsed.

TEX98. SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT FOR 2001/02 (Report of the Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 11)

Arising from our consideration of the report, concern was expressed about the failure of Directorates to respond to Councillors Enquiries within the agreed timescales and our Chair instructed that any necessary measures were taken to ensure that the situation was addressed.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

TEX99. FINSBURY PARK DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 12)

Councillor Sulaiman having declared an interest in this matter, he took no part in the discussion or in the subsequent decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the tendering process for construction works to the value of £4.035m as set out in section 6.2 of the interleaved report.
2. That the Park maintenance budget be increased by £54,000 to meet the enhanced maintenance requirements of the refurbished Park.
3. That approval be granted in principle for the development of a new community building at Finsbury Gate, a Bike Park by the Stroud Green entrance, and refurbishment of Manor House Lodge, subject to there being no net revenue cost falling to be met by the Council.
4. That approval be granted to the introduction of car parking charges in the Park.

TEX100. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE GARDENS, N4 (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 13)

Councillor Adje declared an interest in this matter by virtue of being a resident of one of the roads affected by the proposals and took no part in the discussion or the subsequent decision.

RESOLVED:

That the Assistant Director, Street Scene be authorised to: -

1. Take all the necessary steps under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the relevant Regulations to prepare a Traffic Management Order to make the road closures, currently in operation under experimental powers, permanent.
2. Take all the necessary steps under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the relevant Regulations to prepare and advertise a Notice of Making in the press and, on site, informing of the making of the Traffic Management Order
3. Notify all parties who made representations objecting to the experimental order being made permanent setting out reasons why their objections have not been acceded to.
4. Notify residents / businesses who were included in the consultation process, by means of a leaflet drop, of the Council's decision to make the road closures permanent.
5. Bring the permanent Order into operation before 14 November 2002.

TEX101. REFERENCES FROM AREA ASSEMBLIES (Report of the Director of Environmental Services – Agenda Item 14)

Arising from our consideration of the report, concern was expressed about the way in which information was captured from the Area Assemblies and presented to the Executive. We considered that the relationship between the Assemblies and the Executive to have a wider impact on the governance of the Council and in this context we were conscious of the need for issues raised at Assembly meetings to be discussed at our meetings as soon as possible after each cycle of Assembly meetings. We were particularly disquieted about the possibility of missing chances to pick up on policy opportunities or on issues with policy implications.

RESOLVED:

1. That with regard to the request to extend the door to door collection for recyclable materials to all households, the Crouch End Assembly be informed of the current position with respect to the Council's capital bid to the London Recycling Fund.
2. That with regard to the request that arrangements be made to enable residents to dispose of bulky items without the current £15 charge, residents comments be noted and the potential for marketing the bulk waste collection service as a good quality and comparatively cheap service which was linked to the Council's on-going civic pride campaign be accepted.
3. That with regard to the request for increased frequency of cleansing in side streets off main shopping parades, the concerns expressed by Assemblies be noted and taken into account in the contract review next Spring.
4. That with regard to concerns expressed from residents about the adequacy of street lighting on the Scotch Estate, the Wood Green Assembly be advised that the Council in setting its budget for the 2003-04 financial year would be considering the resources available for street lighting improvements.

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5. That with regard to the request for additional Enforcement Officers within Planning and Enforcement Control, the St. Ann's and Harringay Assembly be informed of the action being taken to improve the effectiveness of the Council's enforcement service.
6. That references from Area Assemblies be submitted to the Executive as soon as possible after each cycle of Assembly meetings and that those issues which have policy and/or budgetary implications be highlighted.
7. That, following consideration by the Admissions Forum, the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning bring forward a paper on admissions and planning of school places to our meeting on 5 November 2002.

TEX102. THE SHARE PROJECT – A NEW COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES (CVS) FOR HARINGEY (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) – Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED:

That the process for establishing the Council for Voluntary Services as outlined in the interleaved report be approved.

TEX103. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (Agenda Item 16)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Procurement Committee and the E Government Advisory Committee held on 10 and 18 September 2002 respectively be noted.

TEX104. 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.

TEX105. JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH THE LDA (Presentation by the Executive Member for Regeneration and Partnerships – Agenda Item 8)

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 presentation be noted.
2. That a Leader's Conference be held on Thursday 24 October 2002 to discuss the following issues:-
 - Haringey Heartlands
 - Proposals for Tottenham High Road
 - Key sites

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TEX106. SITE DISPOSAL: SYDNEY ROAD N8 (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.

We noted that an offer for the site had been submitted by a housing association but that, even allowing for the maximum discount permissible, the equated offer was still not the highest.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the sale of the site at Sydney Road, N8 to the highest bidder and, in the event that this fails to progress, to default to the second highest.
2. That a joint Member/officer working group be established to review the Council's disposal policy in order to examine the scope to allow extra latitude to registered social landlords when they submit offers for the acquisition of Council owned land.
3. That the Executive Member for Resources (Councillor Adje) and the Executive Member for Housing (Councillor Irwin) be appointed to serve on the working group and that a report back on the outcome of the working group's deliberations be made to the Executive meeting on 5 November 2002.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair

