

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
17 SEPTEMBER 2002**

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

* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Featherstone and Peacock.

TEX77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for lateness was submitted on behalf of Councillors Bull, Canver and Dillon.

TEX78. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX79. DEPUTATIONS:

The Leader informed the meeting that a request for a deputation had been received but it was considered more appropriate for the deputation to be heard by the Scrutiny Panel -Environment on 2 September.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation be not considered by this meeting but it be noted that the request would be considered by the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

TEX80. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE FOR RECONSIDERATION BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THE LODGE, COLDFALL WOOD NI0

The Executive decision of 30 July 2002 regarding the Lodge, Coldfall Wood Road, 82 Creighton Avenue Muswell Hill NI0 had been called in and in accordance with the Constitution referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. We noted the decisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which met on 20 August 2002 in that the Executive had been asked to consider:

- (a) production of a clear development brief for the site.
- (b) ensuring that the financial agreement with the Church Commissioners to relax the restrictive covenant is necessary and legally binding.
- (c) production of guidelines for consultation with Ward Councillors

We considered that the production of a clear development brief was a matter for the Planning Applications Sub -Committee. In respect of the production of guidelines for consultation with ward Councillors we agreed that this should happen. Furthermore we noted that the use of a Building Agreement prior to any sale would also give the Council greater control as land owner over any building works.

RESOLVED:

- I. That the production of a clear development brief for the site be a matter for consideration by the Planning Applications Sub -Committee.

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2. That it be agreed that a legally binding financial agreement be sought with the Church Commissioners to relax the restrictive covenant.
3. That guidelines be produced for consultation with ward Councillors.
4. That a Building Agreement be drawn up prior to the sale.

TEX81. FORMULA GRANT DISTRIBUTION: CONSULTATION RESPONSE (Report of the Director of Finance -Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

1. That the draft consultation response at appendix 2 be agreed in principle with the final response being agreed by the Leader and Executive Member -Resources.
2. That the response include comments on transience and the effects of the grant settlement in terms of the fire service formula.

TEX82. FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING - JUNE AND JULY 2002 (Joint Report of the Director of Finance and Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development -Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Executive Members for Social Services & Health, Environment, Resources, and Equality & Performance meet to discuss and agree action plans for controlling expenditure within social services and environment and a report back be made to our next meeting.
3. That the virements set out in section 6 be agreed.

TEX83. BEST VALUE REVIEWS – PROGRESS REPORT (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) -Agenda Item 9)

It was accepted that it was not necessary to set up an overarching Member body for Best Value reviews. However we noted that policy issues appertaining to Best Value were within the purview of the Executive. In setting up reviews Executive Members should ensure that both parties were invited to nominate interested persons to participate in Reviews as appropriate.

RESOLVED:

1. That the status of Best Value Reviews as shown in Appendix 1 be noted.
2. That the progress in implementing improvement plans of the selected Best Value Reviews shown at Appendix 2 be noted.
3. That the inspection schedule shown in Appendix 3 be noted.
4. That quarterly reports be presented to the Executive on Best Value Reviews.

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5. That there be a review of Sub -bodies established to ascertain whether their existence should continue or whether their remits fell within the purview of the Executive.

TEX84. THE EQUALITY STANDARD AND RACE EQUALITY SCHEME – AN INTEGRATED APPROACH (Report of the Chief Executive) -Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Equality Standard by the Council be formally adopted.
2. That the level of attainment, along with the reasons given for it , as being level 2 of the Equality Standard for Haringey Council by March 2003 be approved.
3. That the contents of the report and in particular the developmental approach being taken by the Equality Commissions on the Equality Standard in Local Authorities be noted.
4. That the resource implications for the effective implementation of the Equality Standard and Race Equality Scheme across the Council be noted.

TEX85. THE DRAFT LONDON PLAN – DRAFT SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR LONDON (Report of the Director of Environmental Services -Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That the key areas of concern of the Draft London Plan for Haringey be noted.
2. That the Lead Member – Environment be delegated to approve the detailed response on individual polices to the Mayor taking into account any issues raised at the forthcoming Leaders Conference.

TEX86. CAPITAL WASTE MINIMISATION AND RECYCLING FUND PROJECT BIDS (Report of the Director of Environmental Services -Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That the additional revenue commitment outlined in this report be noted.
2. That the projects outlined in this report be submitted to the LRF Programme Board for consideration.
3. That a commitment to the continuance of the projects be agreed in principle
4. That the requirements of the statutory performance standards for recycling and composting be noted.
5. That the policy to achieve these requirements be noted.

TEX87. STAFF TRAVEL PLAN (Report of the Director of Environmental Services –Agenda Item 13)

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We noted the need to improve the public transport infrastructure in order to encourage more use. We were advised of the proposed start date of 1 April 2003.

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the Staff Travel Plan based on paras 5.3 to 5.7 of the report be adopted.
3. That the feedback from Trade Union members be considered when implementing the Staff Travel Plan.
4. That it be noted that a separate report would be produced concerning the issue of on street parking and the use of Council car parks in the Wood Green area.
5. That a lobbying campaign be instigated seeking improvements to the current public transport infrastructure.

**TEX88. SECTION 31 ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES
(Report of the Director of Social Services - Agenda Item 14)**

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposals to set up a pooled budget for all services as outlined in Appendix 1. the report be agreed in principle.
2. That the Executive Members for Resources and Social Services and Health be delegated to agree the final details.
3. That this arrangement commence on 1st October 2002.
4. That the budgets for the residential homes presently managed by CSS be included in pooled fund once they are confirmed.
5. That the financial risk strategy as outlined in 5.5 be agreed in principle.

TEX89. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Social Services - Agenda Item 15)

We were very pleased to note that the recent recruitment process had been highly successful in that front line service posts had been filled.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Director, Senior Officers and the Executive Member- Social Services and be congratulated on the successful recruitment campaign.

TEX90. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 16)

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RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**TEX91. JULY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Report of the
Director of Social Services -Agenda Item 18)**

We were pleased to note the steady progress on all key performance measures. The position of 100% allocation of all children on the child protection register had with the exception of one month been maintained since June 2001. There had also been a dramatic increase in the number of Initial and Core Assessments completed. Furthermore visits and Care Plans for children looked after had also shown a steady increase.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the significant improvement in some indicators and the steady improvement in others be noted.
3. That the significant areas of strength and weakness within the service be noted.
4. That it be noted that all indicators had shown improved performance again this month.
5. That the Key Performance Indicators and impact on Star Ratings be noted.
6. That Members be encouraged to attend any training sessions organised.

**TEX92. SITE AT 12 TRURO ROAD N22 (Report of the Director of Support Services -
Agenda Item 19)**

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 officers be instructed to accept the highest offer for the site at 12 Truro Rd.
2. That in the event of the best offer failing to proceed it be agreed that the site be sold for use by registered social landlords.