

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
5 NOVEMBER 2002**

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

* Members present.

Also present: Councillor Featherstone.

TEX119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adje, Dodds and Irwin.

TEX120. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX121. ADOPTION OF THE HARINGEY COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2003-2007 (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) – Agenda Item 7):

The Chair agreed to accept this report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need for public consultation the closing date for which was 31 October. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting to enable the Haringey Strategic Partnership and other consultees to sign off any changes before submission to the Council in December.

RESOLVED:

1. That the objectives and general content of the Community Strategy 2003-2007 as set out in Appendix B to the interleaved report be adopted.
2. That the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) in consultation with the Chair be authorised to sign off other changes that may be required by the Haringey Strategic Partnership and other consultees before submission of the Strategy to the Council in December 2002.

TEX122. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF REGENERATION (Report of the Director of Housing - Agenda Item 8):

RESOLVED:

That the main findings of the Best Value Review of Regeneration together with the key recommendations and improvement plan as set out in the interleaved report be approved.

TEX123. VOLUNTARY SECTOR BEST VALUE REVIEW (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) – Agenda Item 9)

We noted that Haringey was among a small number of London Boroughs which still operated a large grants budget and that the Council's costs of monitoring and awarding grants were low compared to other Boroughs. We also noted that greater clarity about the Council's expectations from the awarding of grants would be achieved through the introduction of service level agreements.

RESOLVED:

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1. That the following courses of action be approved:
 - To continue to support the introduction of a new CVS style umbrella body by the Haringey voluntary sector the Supporting Haringey Engagement Project (SHARE); agree a Compact and abolish the Voluntary Sector Joint Consultative Committee once SHARE has been constituted;
 - To support Members role by presenting Members with an annual report on the value for money and impact of services funded through grants; Members to approve all expenditure on grants, with grants over £5,000 approved by a Member Panel and grants under £5,000 approved by officers under strategic objectives approved by Members;
 - To improve service quality and value for money: including by the introduction of service level agreements for all grants; the transfer of the Broadwater Centre Grant from Neighbourhoods to the Central Grants Unit; all of the grants in the Central Grants Unit to be re-issued during 2003/04;
 - To support the development of new voluntary sector groups including by continuing the practice of operating a specific budget to support the development of new voluntary sector groups in the borough;
 - To improve the use of property to support the voluntary sector including by reminding the users of Council buildings of their health and safety responsibilities and continuance of the current programme of regularising the lease arrangements within the community buildings portfolio;
 - To improve communication with measures to improve both internal and external communication;
 - To improve the Council's capacity to deliver including by the establishment of a Corporate Grants Officers Group to manage the improvements and maintain and update the database of voluntary sector groups.
2. That it be noted that taken together the improvements outlined above amounted to a new voluntary sector strategy for the Council.

TEX124. PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HARINGEY COUNCIL (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

1. That the way forward recommendations as outlined at paragraphs 5.2, 6.6 and 7.3 of the interleaved report and summarised in section 8 be approved.
2. That the Staff Development Policy as set out at Appendix B be noted.

TEX125. SEXUALITY RELATED EQUALITIES REVIEW (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

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1. That the background to the Sexuality Related Equalities Review be noted.
2. That the proposed approach to reviewing sexuality equalities issues in Haringey as outlined in the interleaved report be approved and the specification for the review as attached at Appendix I be endorsed.
3. That the resource implications for the implementation of the review in the Council be noted.

TEX126. MEMBER PANEL FOR AWARDING GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) – Agenda Item 13)

The Chair agreed to accept this report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need for detailed internal consultation which had been completed on 30 October. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because of the need for a meeting of the proposed Member Panel to be arranged in December.

RESOLVED:

1. That the establishment of an Executive Committee to be called the Executive Voluntary Sector Grants Committee be approved and that the terms of reference of the Committee be as follows
 - To consider officer recommendations for future funding and agree the awarding of grants to the voluntary and community sector
 - To consider appeals from organisations against the suspension, reduction or withdrawal of grant aid within the agreement period in accordance with Section 13 of the General Conditions of Revenue Grant Aid.
2. That the Executive Member for Regeneration and Partnerships be appointed as Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.
3. That all Members of the Executive be appointed to serve on the Committee for the remainder of the 2002/03 Municipal Year.
4. That the membership for each review should be the Chair of the Committee plus two other Members of the Executive whose portfolio responsibilities are relevant to the particular area of activity under review.
5. That the quorum for the Committee be set at 3.

TEX127. MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (Agenda Item 14)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Procurement Committee held on 15 October 2002 and of the Executive Member (Environment) held on 15 October 2002 be noted.

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TEX128. URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR LEAD MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 15)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

TEX129. INVOLVEMENT OF HARINGEY COUNCIL IN BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY NHS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (L.I.F.T.) (Joint Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) and the Director of Social Services – Agenda Item 19)

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 inclusion of the Council as a "Contracting Authority" in the Official Journal of the European Community (OJEC) notice to be issued in December 2002 under the EU Competitive Services Negotiated Procedure be approved.
2. That the necessity to determine at a later stage the extent and status of the Council's involvement in/with the Local Improvement Finance Trust be noted.

TEX130. DISPOSAL OF ADJACENT SITES AT LEMS福德 CLOSE AND AT GROVELAND BUILDING, GLADESMORE SCHOOL, GROVELAND ROAD N15 (Report of the Director of Support 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.

RESOLVED:

That the Head of Property Services and Facilities Management be authorised to sell the site in Lemsford Close by informal tender in conjunction with the Grovelands building as outlined in option 3 of the interleaved report subject to the subsequent development of Lemsford Close providing at least an equivalent number of social housing units on the site.

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* Members present.

Also present: Councillors Laird, Haley and Robertson

TEX131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adje and Dillon

TEX132. MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2002 be approved and signed.

TEX133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY, IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Councillors Robertson and Haley declared an interest in respect of 336 Philip Lane N17 and withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of the item.

TEX134. DEPUTATIONS:

We received a deputation from Tottenham First seeking support for its proposal to acquire 336 Philip Lane N17.

We thanked the deputation for their presentation.

TEX135. EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BOARD :(Report of the Chair of the Education Management Board - Agenda item 7)

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Education Management Board held on 29 October be noted.
2. That the Director's September report be noted and the establishment of a Schools Forum, be approved.
3. That the consultation process on potential developments at Broadwater Farm be approved.
4. That the proposal for the Executive to meet termly with a representative sample of Headteachers be supported.

TEX 136. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development - Agenda item 8)

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted and the Improvement Plan be agreed.
2. That the Enforcement Strategy as proposed be agreed .

3. That a report be presented to the Executive in due course in respect of the proposed Government Bill on Anti -Social Behaviour.
4. That Members and Officers involved in the Review be thanked for their effort.

TEX 137. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF SUPPORTED HOUSING (Joint Report of the Director of Social Services and the Director of Housing -Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

1. That a supported housing service for all older people who need it be developed, from all communities in the borough; ensuring that best use was made of this resource, developing services that offer choice and flexibility, linked to the Supporting People programme and the National Service Framework for older people.
2. That the efficiency and performance of the council's supported housing service be improved.

TEX 138.PENSIONS BEST VALUE REVIEW (Report of the Director of Finance – Agenda item 10)

This item was deferred to the meeting on 3 December 2003.

TEX 139.FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance - Agenda item 11)

We were advised that the long term strategy for the management of children's commissioning was in the process of being finalised.

We were concerned over the levels of sickness which showed a slight increase over the previous year. However measures were being introduced to attempt to reduce the figure. We agreed that performance targets when met needed to be sustained and that this should be built into the culture of the organisation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Executive Members for Social Services & Health, Environment, Resources, and Equality & Performance continue to focus on the control of overspending budgets and the identification of compensating underspends.
3. That the potential adverse impact of the current position on the Council's medium term financial strategy and the ability to invest in priority areas be noted.
4. That the virements set out in section 7 of the report be agreed.
5. That a briefing note be sent to all Executive Members outlining proposals to be taken in order to reduce sickness levels.
6. That the Leader be informed of the reasons for the overspend on housing repairs commissioned from the private sector.

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TEXI 40. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES FOR 2001/02 (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) - Agenda item 12)

RESOLVED:

1. That progress in implementing the recommendations of the scrutiny review and other improvements, including those arising from the current Best Value review, be noted.
2. That members and senior managers make a commitment to a culture of positively welcoming feedback as part of a two way process between the customer and the Council, and that action be taken to address root causes of problems and to apply the lessons learned to service improvement.
3. That complaints performance in 2001-02 and the first 6 months of 2002-03 be noted.
4. That the revised procedure for dealing with persistent, serial and vexatious complainants be approved as set out at Appendix 3 of the report.
5. That the Assistant Chief Executive, Organisational Development, be designated to oversee the customer feedback arrangements as recommended in recent good practice guidelines.
6. That the need for a Review or Appeals system be considered.

TEXI 41. FINSBURY PARK EVENTS AND REVENUE GENERATION POLICY (Report of the Director of Environmental Services- Agenda Item 13)

This item was deferred to the meeting on 3 December 2003.

TEXI 42. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Social Services -Agenda item 14)

We were informed that we had recently received notification of the SSI's Refreshed Performance Ratings for Social Services and we had improved from a "Poor" to "Uncertain" Rating.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the staff within the Children's Services be thanked for their efforts in achieving continual improvements to the Service.

TEXI 43. SEPTEMBER 2002 PERFORMANCE DATA FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Report of the Director of Social Services - Agenda Item 15)

We noted that in future reports would contain information on working relations with our partners in Children's Services.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the trends of performance indicators with regards to Children's Services be noted.

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3. That the significant areas of strength and weakness within the service be noted.
4. That the key performance data be included in the Children's Services newsletter.

**TEX144. UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP) REVIEW – KEY ISSUE
CONSULTATION REPORT** (Report of the Director of Environmental Services - Agenda Item 16)

We noted that the Local Development framework would contain local Area Strategies.

RESOLVED:

1. That the key findings from the public consultation be noted.
2. That the broad issues to be taken forward for the review be approved.
3. That the proposed format and indicative timetable for the review be approved.

TEX 145. ONE STOP SHOP FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCES IN HARINGEY (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda item 17)

RESOLVED:

1. That the resource implications for the One Stop Shop be considered and the resource request be considered as part of the budget process.
2. That the structures developed to underpin the operation of the One Stop Shop Service be approved.

**TEX146. INTRODUCTION OF AUTOMATED TELEPHONE PAYMENTS (ATP) FOR
PENALTY CHARGE** (Report of the Director of Support Services - Agenda item 18)

RESOLVED:

1. That the introduction of Automated Telephone payments [ATP] for parking payments be approved.
2. That it be agreed to waive the requirement to capture customer relationship [CRM] information on service users using this payment channel.
3. That any future exemptions from customer relationship information for ATP purposes be delegated to the Executive Member Resources.

TEX 147.MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES :

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the E-Government Advisory Committee held on 17 October 2002 be noted.

**TEX 148.URGENT ACTION TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS** (Report of the Chief Executive -Agenda item 20):

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RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**TEX149.336 PHILIP LANE N15 – (FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE TEACHERS
CENTRE)(Report of the Director of Support Services - Agenda item 24)**

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 action of the Head of Property Services and Facilities Management be noted.
2. That Tottenham First be advised that the property had been placed on the market for disposal with a closing date of 16 December 2002 and that they were welcome to submit a bid.
3. That a further report on the offers received be presented to the Executive in January 2003.

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair