

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2006**

Councillors *Meehan (Chair), *Reith (Vice-Chair), *Amin, *Basu,*Canver, *Diakides, Haley, Bob Harris *Mallett and *Santry

* Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull and Hoban.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
TEX80.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Haley and Bob Harris.</p>	
TEX81.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Executive held on 12 September 2006 be confirmed</p>	HMS
TEX82.	<p>PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT - JULY 2006 (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>We noted that the highlight report covered projects for the period up to the end of July 2006, since which time the position in respect of a number of the projects had changed.</p> <p>Clarification was sought in respect of a number of the key highlights from the programme and we were advised that reserve projects had now been identified to which the bulk of the resources for the Tottenham High Road Strategy had been allocated. The delivery of the programme would be closely monitored to ensure the external funding would not be lost.</p> <p>We were also advised that while work had now been completed to model future performance, including the establishment of a specialist team, to ensure that 27 day turnaround on empty properties would be achieved from October onwards it was clear that the target would not be met for the full year. The funding of four temporary posts to reduce the backlog in lettings would be funding from an agreed allowance for performance issues.</p> <p>We also noted that the section of the Appendix to the report in relation to Council Owned Land referred to key sites only and that a further report would be produced on smaller sites.</p> <p>We were advised that with regard to the Eyesores Programme, sites had been identified by the Better Haringey Group, including a number owned by Network Rail. While Members could still nominate sites for consideration the resources available would probably not be sufficient to</p>	

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	<p>fully address the existing list.</p> <p>We were advised that a Customer Satisfaction Surveys of Leisure Services had recently taken place which indicated that good progress had been made and all Leisure Centres in the Borough were now striving to meet 'Quest' the Industry Quality Standard.</p> <p>With regard to prudential borrowing, the Director of Finance advised that this needed to pay for itself and that targets had been set accordingly which were being met.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Programme Highlight report for all the Council's corporately significant projects, covering the period of up to end of July 2006, be noted. 2) That future Programme Highlight reports provide an update paragraph as well as the data on projects as at the end of the monitoring period. 3) That Executive Members ensure that they received regular updates from Directors and that audit trails were established in respect of all the Council's corporately significant projects. 4) That the next Programme Highlight report include an update on derelict and under used sites in Council ownership. 	<p>CE</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>DF</p>
<p>TEX83.</p>	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - JULY 2006 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the projected £4.6 million deficit set out in the report and clarification was sought of the extent to which overspendings in Social Services budgets were due to reductions in services in the Health Sector and what action was being taken to address these overspendings. Clarification was also sought of the position with regard to the Children's Service revenue budget.</p> <p>We noted that it was inevitable that a proportion of the population who would have been supported in the Health sector would need to access social care services for support and that the Primary Care Trust's strategic plans to achieve further efficiencies in the current financial year would have further knock on effects for Social Services. Meetings had taken place between the Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Social Services and Health and management action was being taken to try to ensure that these pressures did not result in any additional overspend.</p> <p>We also noted that the Children's Service revenue budget was forecast to overspend by £2.3 million which was mainly due to a projected increase in asylum seekers costs. The Executive Member for Finance was proposing to meet with the Executive Member for Children and</p>	

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	<p>Young Peoples' Services to discuss this projected overspend as well as others in the Children's Service. In the meantime, a special grant submission would be made for 2006/07 which if successful would reduce the shortfall in asylum seeker costs.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That the virements as set out in Section of the report be 13 agreed. 3) That the next Performance Report include details of the progress made in addressing the projected overspends in the revenue budget including those in Social Services and the Children and Young Peoples' Service. 	<p>DF</p> <p>CE/DF /DSS/ DCS</p>
<p>TEX84.</p>	<p>HORNSEY TOWN HALL ((Report of the Acting Director of Finance - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board had met regularly to consider options for the future use and development of the site and was working with officers towards the production of a commercial development brief to enable the site to be marketed to secure a development partner to deliver a range of community, commercial and cultural uses and activities on the site. We also noted that a decision in principal was now needed to agree the objectives for development and a timetable for taking this project to the market to find out if a suitable development partner could be identified to realise this proposal into a financially viable scheme.</p> <p>In agreeing the report we emphasised that the Council would not be committing itself to fund Phase 3 of the proposals which would be the responsibility of the proposed Trust. We also indicated that we would wish officers to further explore the option to relocate the existing Customer Service Centre to within the refurbished Town Hall with the Service making a contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the building. In noting that a further report was to be made on a preferred development partner and future operational management arrangements we asked that it include an indication of when Phase 3 would be implemented.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That approval be granted to Phases 1 and 2 of the development as outlined in the interleaved report proceeding with the implementation of the final Phase being subject to available funding in the future the responsibility for which Phase 3 would fall to be met solely by the Trust. 2) That approval be granted to the future management of the Hornsey Town Hall facilities be transferred to an independent 	<p>DF</p> <p>DF</p>

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	<p>Charitable Trust.</p> <p>3) That the model development brief attached as an appendix to the interleaved report be approved, based on the proposals contained in the report, and that a marketing brief in partnership with the Community Partnership Board be agreed in order to take the project to the market and secure a development partner.</p> <p>4) That the Community Partnership Board agreement to form a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity ("Trust") be noted as the next step in the formation of a Trust, for the future management and fund raising for Hornsey Town Hall.</p> <p>5) That a further report be received in February 2007 for a preferred development partner and future operational management arrangements of the Town Hall Facilities, with an update on timelines and implications for the transfer of staff to accommodation in Wood Green.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>DF</p>
<p>TEX85.</p>	<p>THE DIGITAL DIVIDE (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Access) - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to complete necessary consultations. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because it was important that work on the Strategy was commenced as soon as possible.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the guidance on the development of a Digital Divide Strategy, encompassing all relevant stakeholders be approved with the final strategy to be reported back to a future meeting of the Executive.</p>	<p>ACE-A</p>
<p>TEX86.</p>	<p>SUPPORTING PEOPLE FIVE YEAR STRATGEY PROGRESS, ANNUAL PLAN, SERVICE REVIEWS, ALLOCATIONS AND GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION (Report of the Director of Social Services - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that the Review had found that specific support for domestic violence was not provided with a reliance on offering more general support. We also noted that while work was planned with regard to the need of survivors of domestic violence as the Strategy had identified service deficiencies for certain groups including survivors with large families concern was expressed that this work would have to be carried out with minimal funding.</p> <p>In response to a question we were advised that despite the 2% grant reduction detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the report the budget for 2007/08 was currently balanced and it was hoped the position would improve as it was possible that there would be more funding than originally expected.</p>	

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	<p>We were informed that as an outcome of this programme, a re-assessment of all services would be undertaken over the next year, looking at Performance Indicators, monitoring any poor performance and setting action plan and highlighting good and excellent practice. In response to a further question we were also informed that the proposed Supporting People Partnership Board would have to be an officer body which reported to the Executive and we asked that officers bring forward proposals for the establishment of a Member level body to monitor Supporting People spending allocations.</p> <p>We noted the significant improvements in performance achieved by Haringey's Supporting People programme in 2005/06 which meant that more vulnerable people were successfully being supported by the Council with its partners to maintain their independence and we asked that our thanks be placed on record to the staff involved in delivering the Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the progress made and key issues as set out in the report be noted. 2. That approval be granted to the 2006/7 Supporting People Annual Plan. 3. That the completion of the Supporting People Service Reviews be noted. 4. That agreement to the revised Memorandum of Understanding governing Haringey's Supporting People Programme between the Council, London Probation and Haringey NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust be noted. 5. That the change of name from the Supporting People Commissioning Body to the Supporting People Partnership Board be noted. 6. That a further report be made with proposals for increased Member involvement on the Supporting People allocations. 	<p>DSS</p> <p>CE</p>
<p>TEX87.</p>	<p>TOTTENHAM HALE CPZ EXTENSION AND STONELEIGH ROAD PAY AND DISPLAY SCHEME - REPORT OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION (Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>This item was withdrawn.</p>	
<p>TEX88.</p>	<p>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
TEX89.	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
TEX90.	<p>MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES (Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the Executive Member signing on 15 September 2006 be noted and any necessary approved.</p>	
TEX91.	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS – RESIGNATION OF ANNE BRISTOW, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES (Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>We noted that Anne Bristow, Director of Social Services would shortly be leaving the Council to take up a post with Barking and Dagenham Council. We asked that our thanks be placed on record for the services she had provided over the past six years as well as our best wishes to her in her new position.</p>	

GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair