

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2007**

Councillors Councillors Bull (Chair), Bevan, Egan (substituting for Jones), Davies, Kober (substituting for Cooke), Whyte (Substituting for Newton) and Winskill

Also Present: Indu Shukla
REJCC Rep

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
OSCO178.	WEBCASTING The meeting was webcast on the Council's website. The webcast of this meeting can be viewed here: http://www.haringey.ukcouncil.net/site/#pp5137
OSCO179.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooke, who was substituted for by Councillor Kober. Apologies for absence were also received from Councillor Jones, who was substituted for by Councillor Egan. Councillor Newton, as lead call-in signatory was substituted for by Councillor Whyte.
OSCO180.	URGENT BUSINESS There was no such business.
OSCO181.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no such declarations.
OSCO182.	CALL-IN OF THE EXECUTIVE DECISION RELATING TO CROUCH END AND MUSWELL HILL STOP AND SHOP SCHEMES This special meeting of the committee was convened to consider the Call-In of Executive decision TEX182, Crouch End and Muswell Hill Stop and Shop Schemes – Results of Statutory Consultation. This decision had been called in by Councillors Newton, Hoban, Oatway, Williams and Edge who stated that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The report agreed by the Executive contained errors in the reporting of responses and petitions which the Committee needed to consider.

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- That the Executive was given misleading information in relation to free parking and that this needed to be considered by the Committee.
- That a number of proposed pay-and-display bays would be enforceable by CCTV outside of the bays operating hours leading to confusion and the possibility of large numbers of penalty notices being issued.
- That the Council had brought disrepute onto this process by failing to properly consider the views of the local community.

The Call-In Signatories put forward a compromise proposal would be a period of 'free parking', where drivers would not have to pay for a short initial period of time. It was stated that a similar scheme was operating successfully in the London Borough of Hillingdon.

The Senior Lawyer, speaking on behalf of the Monitoring Officer, then confirmed that the Executive decision TEX182 did indeed fall within the Council's policy and budget framework. He also confirmed that the Executive could not be mandated by the results of consultation.

The Executive Member for Environment and Conservation, Councillor Brian Haley, argued that the Council's scheme was justified. He stated that the Hillingdon 'free parking' period scheme was a new innovation the results of which were yet to be seen, and noted that a similar scheme in Bristol had been discontinued due to problems with enforcement and abuse. He argued that the revenue income generated by the scheme would not be significant, and that the aim of the scheme was to achieve traffic movement, which was a problem seen as requiring attention in the two areas.

The former Leader of the Council, Councillor Charles Adje, addressed the committee, stating that whilst he was Leader he had received representations asking for the traffic problem in Crouch End and Muswell Hill to be addressed by the Council.

The committee received representations from residents and traders objecting to the proposals and stating their concerns that it would adversely effect business in Muswell Hill and Crouch End.

Members raised concerns over consultation and involvement of ward Members, and questioned whether a more holistic approach to traffic management would have been appropriate. Officers stated that they had been involved in discussions with ward Councillors, and that the views of residents were discussed at a series of workshops as part of the extensive consultation process.

Following a discussion and a number of points of clarification given by officers to Member concerns, Councillor Winskill MOVED a MOTION that the decision TEX182, Crouch End and Muswell Hill Stop and Shop Schemes, be referred back to the decision maker, that being the

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	<p>Executive, advising them to look at other schemes and ways in which the objectives of the Local Implementation Plan could be achieved by ways other than a one size fits all pay and display scheme, taking on board the views of residents. On there being three votes in favour (Councillor Davies, Whyte and Winskill) and four against (Councillors Bull, Bevan, Egan and Kober), the MOTION fell.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That no further action be taken by the Committee in respect of decision TEX182: Crouch End and Muswell Hill Stop and Shop Schemes.</p>	
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COUNCILLOR GIDEON BULL

Chair