

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Councillors *Meehan (Chair), Reith (Vice-Chair), *Adje, *Amin, *Basu, *Canver, *Diakides, *Haley, *B. Harris and *Santry

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bevan, Bull, Engert, Gorrie and Newton

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB43.	APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1) An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Reith.	
CAB44.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3) A declaration of interest was made by Councillor Santry in respect of items 17 – Changes to the Management Agreement with Homes for Haringey and 18 – Repairs Procurement (see Minutes CAB.57 and CAB.58 below).	HLDMS
CAB45.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4) In response to a question concerning Minute CAB.29 of the meeting held on 17 July, it was confirmed that a letter had now been received from Beverly Hughes, Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families about the availability of funding for Children’s Centre in 2008/09. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 17 and 26 July 2007 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB46.	MATTERS, IF ANY, REFERRED TO THE CABINET FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 6) <u>Scrutiny Review of IT Projects</u> (Agenda Item 6 (a)): We received a presentation from Councillor Bull who had chaired the Scrutiny Panel which had reviewed IT Projects. Having answered questions which we put to him, our Chair thanked Councillor Bull and other members of the Scrutiny Panel for the Review and we RESOLVED: That the report be noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a	DCS

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	<p>Cabinet response to our meeting on 16 October 2007 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Review of Improving Road Safety in Haringey (Agenda Item 6(b))</u></p> <p>We received a presentation from Councillor Bevan who had chaired the Scrutiny Panel which had reviewed Improving Road Safety in Haringey and noted that recommendation 10 in the Review which related to the Walking Bus Scheme had not been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Having answered questions which we put to him, our Chair thanked Councillor Bevan and other members of the Scrutiny Panel for the Review and we</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a Cabinet response to our meeting on 16 October 2007 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p>	DUE
CAB47.	<p>CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REPORT ON WI-FI INSTALLATION IN SCHOOLS (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People’s Service - Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>Having considered further representations in support of the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee we reiterated that the installation of Wi-Fi networking facilities in schools was ultimately at the discretion of each school’s own Governing Body and Head Teacher. The Council’s role was to provide advice and support to schools based upon best guidance and good practice. The Council lacked the skills and resources to independently assess the scientific evidence relating to the safety of Wi-Fi, nor did schools have such expertise.</p> <p>We noted that the Health Protection Agency (HPA) existed to provide an integrated approach to protecting UK public health through the provision of support and advice to the NHS, local authorities, emergency services, other Arms Length Bodies, the Department of Health and the Devolved Administrations and it was widely regarded as the definitive source of information and advice in the UK about Wi-Fi safety. The HPA guidance said that there was no reason why schools and others should not use Wi-Fi equipment and in the light of this advice the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) had recently updated their guidance and recommended the deployment of Wi-Fi in schools.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That, apart from schools using wi-fi systems being asked to ensure that they are switched on only as necessary to reduce</p>	DCYPS

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	<p>energy waste and costs the recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny be not approved.</p> <p>2. That the Director of the Children and Young People's Service write to all schools drawing attention to the current Department for Children, Schools and Families advice on this matter.</p>	DCYPS
<p>CAB48.</p>	<p>PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT END JULY 2007 (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>We noted that the report provided highlights for all the Council's corporately significant projects up to the end of July and we received a verbal update on the progress of a number of the projects since that date.</p> <p>In response to a question about the more detailed highlight reports which was formerly submitted, we noted that this was still produced for consideration by the respective Project Boards. We also noted that from October the Programme Highlight report would reflect the planned new corporate programme structure with its three programmes of work, 'Achieving Excellence', 'Regeneration' and 'Better Haringey'.</p> <p>With regard to the Tottenham High Road Strategy we were informed that officers were working on projects which could take up a possible short fall on the output for area of space improved. We were also informed that with regard to the Mortuary the funding gap in the overall project budget had now been bridged and the contract awarded by the Procurement Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>CAB49.</p>	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - JUNE AND JULY 2007(Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Acting Director of Finance - Agenda Item 9):</p> <p>We noted that this was the second report of the current municipal year in the new style with a scorecard illustrating progress against Council priorities. As at July 2007, 84% of indicators were achieving or close to achieving target, in addition to which 84% of indicators had maintained or improved performance since the end of last year. Monitoring showed that good progress was being made across all the priorities with 84% of indicators achieving green or amber status.</p> <p>We also noted that the overall revenue budget monitoring, based on the July position, showed a forecast net overspend of £0.4 million. This was largely made up of a number of budget pressures relating to Asylum, care packages and Alexandra Palace which were largely offset by a projected surplus on the Housing General Fund, an earmarked reserve for asylum and a back-dated one off grant claim. The aggregate capital projected position in 2007/08 was currently projected to under spend by</p>	

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	<p>£0.3 million.</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of the report reference was made to the recent award to Homes for Haringey of two star status and to the green flag status award to Finsbury Park, the eighth park in the Borough to achieve this status. We asked that our thanks and congratulations be placed on record to all those involved in securing these achievements.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report and progress against Council priorities as shown in the appendix to the interleaved report be noted. 2. That the virements as set out in Section 21.5 of the interleaved report be approved. 	ADF
CAB50.	<p>ITS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/11 (Report of the Director of the Corporate Services - Agenda Item 10):</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about some of the figures contained in the report and about the overall objective of the Programme, we were advised that more detailed reports were considered by the appropriate Project Board and further information about the programme was available to Members on request.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the allocation of capital to allow projects to continue or to commence and to move on to the scoping stage on the understanding that individual business cases would be endorsed by project sponsors and the relevant senior management team to ensure that project objectives added sufficient value to the Council and were achievable.</p>	DCS
CAB51.	<p>ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006- 07 ON THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS AND MEMBERS ENQUIRES (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication) - Agenda Item 11):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the annual report the performance and the key achievements in the year 2006/07 be noted. 2. That the Local Government Ombudsman's annual letter and the Council's response also be noted. 	
CAB52.	<p>ADULT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2006-07 (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 12):</p> <p>At this juncture we were informed that Mary Hennigan (Assistant Director</p>	

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	<p>– Adults) would be retiring from the Council’s service at the end of September. We asked that our thanks for the service she had given the Council be placed on record as well as our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Adult Social Care Annual Complaints Report the performance for 2006/07 and the proposed initiatives for performance improvements be noted.</p>	
<p>CAB53.</p>	<p>CHILDREN ACT COMPLAINTS REPORT (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People’s Service - Agenda Item 13):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the performance for the period April 2006 to March 2007 on complaints made under the Children Act procedures be noted.</p>	
<p>CAB54.</p>	<p>DOWNHILLS PARK COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMPANY (CIC) (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 14):</p> <p>We noted that at present there was no guaranteed capital funding for the scheme. We also noted that the total capital cost was estimated at £340,000 in respect of which a bid of £250,000 had been made to the Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund (BIG). Final awards of the BIG were awaited but if the BIG funding for the proposal was agreed then viable funding options for the balance would need to be identified. In this respect we noted that capital funding would need to be prioritised through the current budget setting process.</p> <p>It having been confirmed that the Friends of Downhills Park group had been consulted about the proposals, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted in principle to the replacement of the former bowls pavilion in Downhills Park with a new building on the same site to provide a café, public toilets, and arts and community facilities; 2. That approval be granted to the progression of the Community Interest Company (CIC) in seeking capital and revenue funding to construct, maintain and operate the café in Downhills Park; 3. That approval be granted in principle to the project as a priority commitment in the forthcoming budget setting process, the application for Council capital funding of £90,000 being matched funding for the construction of the building. 	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>

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<p>CAB55.</p>	<p>COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF 115 TOWER GARDENS ROAD N17 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15):</p> <p>We noted that the property had been reported to the Council on several occasions and the efforts made by officers to encourage the owner to bring the property back into use and we asked that a press release be issued to explain the delays involved in the Council taking action.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire the property known as 115 Tower Gardens Road, Haringey, London N17 (shown edged red on Plan No. EGL229898) compulsorily under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. 2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make and seal the Order for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for consideration and approval and to confirm the said Compulsory Purchase Order in the event of the Secretary of State returning the Order. 3. That upon confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order to proceed with the acquisition. 4. That, subject the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Orders by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government or the Council, approval also be granted to the disposal of the property to a Registered Social Landlord in the first instance, or to a Private Developer (in which case the sale would be by way of auction) with covenants applied to bring the property back into use as soon as possible. 5. That a capital provision of £200,000 be approved from capital receipts, to fund the purchase of this property and this sum be repaid once the sale has been executed. 	<p>HCC</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE/ HLS</p> <p>DUE/ HLS</p> <p>DUE/ HLS</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB56.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT POLICY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 16):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following changes to parking enforcement policy be noted - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That legislative and new statutory guidance were to be introduced on the 31 of March 2008 under the Traffic Management Act 2004; b) That clamping was restricted to persistent evaders only in the short term and in the longer term was to be ceased in favour of removals; 	

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	<p>c) That the change to the removal policy in line with the Mayor's caveat be endorsed so that removals focussed on vehicles causing obstructions including those parked on yellow lines, parked illegally in disabled bays, persistent evaders, those parked for extended periods or those parked illegally in designated bays which displaced legitimate permit holders onto yellow lines;</p> <p>d) That a PCN might only be issued when a pay & display ticket had expired by a minimum of five minutes;</p> <p>e) That a five minute observation period be introduced for private vehicles parked on yellow lines subject to waiting restrictions, where an exemption might apply. This observation was intended for an exemption that applied to the regulations and was not intended as a grace period and would not apply to those clearly in contravention;</p> <p>f) That a ten minute observation period should be applied to commercial vehicles parked on a yellow line subject to waiting restrictions;</p> <p>e) That the forty minute time limit to loading and unloading be endorsed;</p> <p>f) That the implications in terms of representations and appeals handling and in particular the requirement to take mitigation into account be noted.</p> <p>2. That the financial and resource implications of these changes be noted and it be agreed that these be addressed as part of the 2008/09 business planning process.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB57.</p>	<p>CHANGES TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOMES FOR HARINGEY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 17):</p> <p>Councillor Santry declared a prejudicial interest in the item and withdrew from the Chamber during its discussion.</p> <p>Details of the revised legal comments which were contained in an addendum tabled at the meeting were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) and in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the interpretation contained in the addendum in relation to the management fee provided by the Council to Homes for Haringey be confirmed.</p>	DUE

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	<p>2. That the Management Agreement be amended to reflect that all future responsive repairs contracts would be Homes for Haringey contracts and authority for procurement and management of the contracts would be fully delegated to Homes for Haringey including specifically authority for all action taken from the outset of the current procurement relating to the repairs and voids contract and to note that a further report on contractual matters in relation to Homes for Haringey would be brought forward by officers in due course.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that any future amendments to the Management Agreement would need to be agreed by the Cabinet.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB58.</p>	<p>REPAIRS PROCUREMENT (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 18):</p> <p>Councillor Santry declared a prejudicial interest in the item and withdrew from the Chamber during its discussion.</p> <p>Details of the bids which were set out in an Appendix to the interleaved report were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>Clarification having been sought of a number of the statistics contained in the report, Members advised that more detailed information was available from the report author on request.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Homes for Haringey Board recommendation of 10 September 2007 to award both the east and west contracts to carry out the repairs service from 1 January 2008 to 31 March 2013, with an option to extend for up to two years to 31 March 2015, to Homes for Haringey's direct labour organisation, Repairs Operations be noted.</p> <p>2. That, in respect of the call centre, the variant bid for call handling including out of hours be accepted and that the current arrangements with the Adult, Culture and Community services be terminated at the commencement of the contract(s).</p> <p>3. That, in respect of vehicles, the variant bid for vehicles to be provided by the repairs contractor from December 2009 (on expiry of the current Council contract with Accord) be accepted and negotiations be continued with Accord with a view to returning vehicles as individual leases expire which might provide better value for money.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>

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<p>CAB59.</p>	<p>CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE BARNET, ENFIELD & HARINGEY CLINICAL STRATEGY 'YOUR HAEALTH, YOUR FUTURE; SAFER, CLOSER BETTER' (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 19):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That consideration of the report be deferred to enable further discussions to take place and the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services be authorised to finalise the Council's response in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing and the Leader.</p>	<p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB60.</p>	<p>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 20):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p>CAB61.</p>	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 21):</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p>CAB62.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 22):</p> <p>We noted that with regard to Minute HSP.27 of the Haringey Strategic Partnership meeting of 19 July that Councillor Bob Harris had been appointed as Vice Chair of the Haringey Well Being Partnership Board and not Mun Thong Phung as shown.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haringey Strategic Partnership Board – 19 July 2007 • Procurement Committee – 24 July 2007 	<p>HLDMS</p>
<p>CAB63.</p>	<p>NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS – HORNSEY CENTRAL DEPOT (Report of the Director of the Corporate Services - Agenda Item 25):</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to formalise the corrected figures. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because the decision of the Cabinet in relation to this matter was subject to confirmation at the meeting to which these minutes relate.</p>	

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	<p>The interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the revised figures in relation to the second stage assessment of the short listed parties for the development of the former Hornsey Central Depot as set out in the interleaved report be noted.</p>	
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GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair