

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2007**

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

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull and Williams

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CAB81.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (Agenda Item 1)  Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Canver and Reith.	
<b>CAB82.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> (Agenda Item 3)  Councillor Haley – Agenda Item 9 – North London Waste Plan - Issues And Options	HLDMS
<b>CAB83.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4):  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 October 2007 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
<b>CAB84.</b>	<b>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS</b> (Agenda Item 5):  We received a deputation the spokesperson of which, Colin Marr, addressed our meeting and welcomed the new guidance notes and criteria to promote sustainable design and construction of future crossovers. However, he referred to continuing problems where residents had existing crossovers and he also urged the Council to consider making greater use of Article 4 Directions to require planning permission to be obtained for works normally deemed to be permitted development in order to prevent front garden parking in conservation areas. Concern was also expressed about developers constructing crossovers at new developments.  The Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation responded and referred to the rapid review of a policy and the implementation of revisions for which he thanked the officers concerned. He also referred to the effectiveness of the new guidelines in reducing the number of crossovers constructed in the six month period covered by the report which also contributed to the Council's green borough strategy. Because some crossovers had been approved months in advance of construction some of those constructed during the period had been approved before the new guidance came into effect.	

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	<p>In response to a question by a Member we were informed that the new guidelines required adequate provision for drainage of the hard standing within the property although this requirement might need to be further tightened to ensure use of permeable materials if the current guidelines did not prove to be sufficient.</p> <p>We were also informed that while it was possible to use Article 4 Directions to prevent front garden parking in conservation areas as requested by the deputation there were a number of limitations to such a use and, as the new procedures were successfully reducing the number of new crossovers, it was not recommended that this method of control be utilised at this stage.</p> <p>Our Chair thanked Mr. Marr for his attendance and we added our thanks to the cross borough resident group who had met with officers from the Street Scene Division as part of the progress review of the new technical guidance.</p>	
<p><b>CAB85.</b></p>	<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - SEPTEMBER 2007</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 7):</p> <p>We noted that this was the fourth report in the current municipal year monitoring progress against Council priorities and that 90% of indicators were achieving or close to achieving target as at the end of September 2007. Our Chair also updated us on correspondence he had conducted and was conducting with Government Departments and with Ministers including on the subjects of the Dedicated Schools Grant, asylum and immigration issues, the Area Cost Adjustment and the Formula Grant Settlement. We also that additional PFI credits had been agreed for waste management and that a national concessionary fare scheme was now in place.</p> <p>Disquiet was voiced about the performance of the Call Centre which had been below target for sometime and clarification was sought of whether a long term strategy had been considered to address this. In this connection reference was also made to the rapid improvement plan and to the recommendations made as part of the Scrutiny Review of Customer Services.</p> <p>We were advised that part of the Rapid Improvement Plan would be to delivering the Customer Services performance targets and to address the concerns now raised. There had been some improvements in performance since the implementation of the Plan and officers were looking to imbed those improvements as well as to incorporate the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review.</p> <p>With regard to the overall revenue budget monitoring as at the end of September position, shows a forecast net overspend of £0.5 million. This was made up of a number of budget pressures that largely related to Asylum and Adult Social Care and was partly offset by a projected under spend on the Housing general fund, an earmarked reserve for asylum and additional investment income.</p>	

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	<p>Arising from consideration of the reported budget pressures in respect of Council costs regarding Alexandra Palace, reference was made to figures provided at the Council meeting on 15 October and clarification was sought of the purpose of the estimated additional money in 2007/08 now reported and, in particular, whether it was a fixed cost or on-going additional spending. Clarification was also sought of the reason for any increase in the variable costs on a monthly basis.</p> <p>We were informed that the Council provided a subvention to the Alexandra Palace and that it had been hoped that with the transfer of the lease to Firoka Ltd this subvention would reduce. However, as a result of a recent Court decision to quash the Charity Commission's order the loss would continue at least until a new order was composed by the Commission and consulted upon in accordance with the Court judgement. No notice of the question having been given, a further explanation would be provided to Members.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and the progress against Council priorities as shown in the Appendix thereto be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the virements as set out in Section 21.5 of the interleaved report.</li> </ol>	<p>CFO</p> <p>CFO</p>
<p><b>CAB86.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL PLANNING 2008/9-2010/11</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 8):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the national and local be noted.</li> <li>2. That the pre-business plan reviews be released for consultation and budget scrutiny.</li> </ol>	<p>DCS/ CFO</p>
<p><b>CAB87.</b></p>	<p><b>NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN - ISSUES AND OPTIONS</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 9):</p> <p>Councillor Haley declared a prejudicial interest by virtue of being Chair of the North London Waste Authority and withdrew from the room during the consideration of this item.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted for public consultation to the Issues and Options report for the North London Waste Plan.</li> <li>2. That the consultation arrangements as set out in the interleaved report be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p>

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	<p>3. That authority be granted to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Regeneration to make any necessary minor changes to the Issues and Options report prior to public consultation.</p>	DUE
<b>CAB88.</b>	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE NEW TECHNICAL GUIDANCE FOR CROSSOVER APPLICATIONS</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 10):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the impact of the stringent criteria on crossover applications since adoption of the new guidance notes be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the continued use of the new crossover guidance notes to determine current and future applications for crossover construction.</li> </ol>	DUE
<b>CAB89.</b>	<p><b>80 BEACONSFIELD ROAD N15 - COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 11):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire the property known as 80 Beaconsfield Road, Haringey, N15 (shown edged red on Drawing No. BVES A4 2507)) compulsorily under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. That upon confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order to proceed with the acquisition.</li> <li>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 be made by way of auction with covenants applied to bring the property back into use as soon as possible.</li> <li>5. That approval be granted to the re-cycling of the receipt from the disposal back to the capital programme budget.</li> <li>6. That indemnification of the financial costs of the compulsory purchase order be approved through the capital programme.</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p> <p>HLS</p> <p>DUE/ HLS</p> <p>DUE/ HLS</p> <p>DUE/ CFO</p> <p>DUE/ CFO</p>

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<b>CAB90.</b>	<b>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS</b> (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 12):  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
<b>CAB91.</b>	<b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 13):  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
<b>CAB92.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 14):  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That the minutes of the Procurement Committee held on 23 October 2007 be noted and any necessary action approved.	

GEORGE MEEHAN  
Chair