

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2008**

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

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull, Butcher and Gorrie.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB65.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (Agenda Item 1):</p> <p>An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Amin.</p>	
CAB66.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> (Agenda Item 3):</p> <p>Councillors Haley and Meehan both declared a personal interest in respect of Item 22 – North London Waste Authority Procurement – Principles for Inter Authority Agreement by virtue of being members of the North London Waste Authority.</p>	HLDMS
CAB67.	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4):</p> <p>We noted that there had been a typographical error in the version minutes of our special meeting held on 28 July which had been submitted to us for confirmation at our meeting on 16 September and that the sixth paragraph of the preamble to Minute 47 - Future Accommodation for Civic and Ceremonial Functions should have read -</p> <p>‘We received a number of comments from Councillor Gorrie in respect of the proposals. Whilst accepting the principle of the proposal to dispose of the current Civic Centre site, was Woodside House the best alternative location; given the current economic climate was this the best time to embark on this course of action; whether the proposed expenditure could be more usefully spent across the Borough and whether there was a need for a static Council meeting place; what had been the level of consultation with residents and more specifically with the existing users of Woodside House’.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 28 July (as amended) and 16 September 2008 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
CAB68.	<p><b>MATTERS, IF ANY, REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b> (Agenda Item 5):</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Review of School Exclusions</u> (Agenda Item 6 (a))</p> <p>We received a presentation from Councillor Bull in place of Councillor</p>	

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	<p>Egan who had chaired the Scrutiny Panel which had reviewed school exclusions. Appreciation and thanks were extended to the Panel members (Councillors Egan (Chair), Cooke, Edge, Oakes, Reid and Vanier and Ms. Felicity Kally (Parent Governor Representative) for their work in carrying out the review.</p> <p>Our Chair thanked the Scrutiny Panel for their Review and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People welcomed the report and advised that a response to the review and its recommendations was currently being finalised.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">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 18 November 2008 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Review of Neighbourhood Management</u> (Agenda Item 6(b))</p> <p>We noted the Scrutiny Panel Review of neighbourhood management and expressed our appreciation and thanks to the Panel members (Councillors Davies (Chair) Bevan and Weber) for their work in carrying out the review.</p> <p>Our Chair thanked the Scrutiny Panel for their Review and the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement welcomed the report and advised that a response to the review and its recommendations was currently being finalised.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">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 18 November 2008 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>ACE-PPPC</p>
<p><b>CAB69.</b></p>	<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 5 - APRIL-AUGUST 2008</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 7):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the report and the progress against Council priorities be noted an approval be granted to the virements as set out in Appendix 3 to the interleaved report.</p>	<p>CFO</p>
<p><b>CAB70.</b></p>	<p><b>ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Agenda Item 8):</p> <p>In introducing the report the Cabinet Member for Resources proposed that recommendation 3.7 of the interleaved report be amended by the</p>	

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addition of the words 'taking into account the decision to put on hold the Woodside House/Civic Centre project'.

Concern having been expressed that the Council might incur penalty costs as a result of the early surrender of one or more of the leased buildings identified in paragraph 3.3 of the interleaved report, we were assured that officers would ensure that no such costs arose. Arising from consideration of paragraph 10.5 - non-office accommodation within existing office buildings proposed for disposal – the proposal to re-provide the Hornsey Customer Service Centre within the Hornsey Library was confirmed.

Arising from the decision to put the Woodside House/Civic Centre project on hold, clarification was sought of whether it was appropriate to proceed with the second phase of the accommodation strategy now and of whether the delivery of sufficient capital receipt from the buildings identified for disposal could be guaranteed given the current market conditions.

We noted that the second phase of the accommodation strategy would aid the adoption of flexible working and support the SMART working initiative and it was necessary that it proceeded in order to achieve rationalisation of the office estate without the acquisition of additional buildings. While the timing of receipts might be an issue, this could be managed either through reserves or short term borrowing.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That approval be granted to the second phase of the Accommodation Strategy, based on the formal adoption of flexible working practices as set out in paragraph 9.5 of the interleaved report to enable further rationalisation of the accommodation portfolio and improve the Council's value for money and use of resources by releasing £1.45 million of revenue savings.
2. That approval be granted to the release of the following freehold buildings and site from the portfolio in accordance with the Accommodation Plan and authority be granted to the Head of Corporate Property Services to develop/dispose of these sites in an appropriate manner and timescale to optimise capital receipts:
  - 13-27 Station Road, N22
  - Apex House
  - Car park site adjacent to 38 Station Road, N22
3. That approval be granted to the surrender of the following leased buildings from the portfolio in accordance with the Accommodation Plan and the Head of Corporate Property Services be authorised to surrender the leases as appropriate:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95 Western Road</li> <li>• 768 High Road, N17</li> <li>• 782 High Road, N17</li> <li>• 5 St Georges industrial estate, N22</li> <li>• 247 High Road N22</li> </ul> <p>4. That it be noted that some non-office accommodation within existing office buildings proposed for disposal as outlined in paragraph 10.5 of the interleaved report would need to be re-provided alongside temporary decant space to effect the accommodation moves.</p> <p>5. That the major change management plan required by Business Units to operate within a flexible working environment be noted.</p> <p>6. That it be noted that the full detailed accommodation and project plan would be completed once the needs analysis examining space requirements across all business units had been completed.</p> <p>7. That the capital programme be revised in line with the financial implications set out in paragraph 12.3 of the interleaved report taking into account the decision to put on hold the Woodside House/Civic centre project.</p>	CFO
CAB71.	<p><b>COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR HARINGEY</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication) – Agenda Item 9):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the communications principles, key messages and media as outlined in the Strategy set out as an appendix to the interleaved report.</p> <p>2. That the financial investment required be found from within the Council’s existing spend on communications.</p>	ACE-PPPC  ACE-PPPC
CAB72.	<p><b>INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES AND TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT</b> (Report of the Director of the Childrens’ and Young Peoples Service – Agenda Item 10):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That the draft strategy for Integrated Youth Support and Targeted Youth Support as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report be noted.</p> <p>2. That authority to approve the final Integrated Youth Support and Targeted Youth Support and endorse it be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p>	DCYPS

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<p><b>CAB73.</b></p>	<p><b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 11):</p> <p>Confirmation was sought and given that the planning documents listed in paragraphs 12.2 – 12.7 represented the full evidence base required by the Greater London Authority for the purposes of the Local Development Scheme at the present time.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the progress made on the Local Development Scheme (LDS) in light of the changes to the plan making process as set out in Planning Policy Statement 12 ‘Local Spatial Planning’ be noted.</p>	
<p><b>CAB74.</b></p>	<p><b>WOOD GREEN TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 12):</p> <p>Reference was made to developments at 37 Station Road and at the rear of the former Odeon cinema and to difficulties experienced in obtaining information from the Planning Service in relation to the number of units involved and the arrangements for waste collection from these developments. Disquiet having been voiced about the possible impact of these developments on the Wood Green hub we asked that the necessary information be supplied to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation and that officers ensure that all planning conditions in relation to the developments were observed.</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the reference in paragraph 12.4 of the report to ‘the pedestrianisation of the High Road including the consideration of a bus only High Road during daytime shopping hours subject to further investigative modelling work’, we asked that it be placed on record that such a scheme was not under consideration and was not considered feasible given the road pattern in the High Road area.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the work, including extensive initial and statutory consultation, carried out on the Wood Green Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document, as well as the accompanying Statutory Consultation Report, Sustainability Report and Equalities Impact Assessment be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the Wood Green Town Centre SPD and associated documents for adoption within Haringey’s Local Development Framework (LDF).</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB75.</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment– Agenda Item 13):</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the work, including consultation, carried out on the proposed Housing Supplementary Planning Document, and the accompanying Sustainability Report be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the adoption of the Housing Supplementary Planning Document, and the accompanying Sustainability Report .</li> </ol>	DUE
CAB76.	<p><b>COMMISSION FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO COMPLAINT NO. 06/A/12508</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication – Agenda Item 14):</p> <p>We noted that the General Purposes Committee on consideration of the report at their meeting on 29 September had amended recommendation 4.3 of the interleaved report by the addition of the words ‘and that clear-cut good practice guidance be in place at all times’.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the findings of the investigation reports be noted.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that the General Purpose Committee had agreed a payment of £250 to ‘Ms David’ as compensation for her time and trouble in pursuing the complaint.</li> <li>3. That the guidance to officers on the issues raised by the complaint be reviewed in the light of the 2006 Homelessness Code of Guidance, and that clear-cut good practice guidance be in place at all times.</li> <li>4. That any training needs be addressed, particularly in relation to the importance of clear and accurate record keeping.</li> </ol>	ACE-PPPC  ACE-PPPC
CAB77.	<p><b>ADAPTATIONS SERVICE MODERNISATION - NEXT STEPS</b> (Joint Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 15):</p> <p>In response to questions about the achievability of the reduced costs mentioned in paragraph 4.2 and about the possibility of the proposed transfer involving the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 we were advised that the integration of the processes would secure a more efficient adaptations service and that sufficient vacancies existed within the current staffing resource to ensure that there were no surplus members of staff following the transfer.</p> <p>We noted that while the question of the present backlog of cases was not addressed in the report but this was largely due to the time taken to</p>	

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	<p>deliver the work required and the establishment of a single surveying team for major adaptations regardless of tenure of property should result in improved timescales of service delivery.</p> <p>We also noted that where repairs were required to major adaptations in Council properties those repairs would be funded and carried out by Homes for Haringey while service users living in private property would continue to be responsible for carrying out repairs to their adaptations. The question of imposing a charge on privately owned properties in relation to major adaptations works carried out was to be the subject of further consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the improvements in service delivery created by an extensive revision and streamlining of processes operated by the Adaptations Service and its' partners, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report be noted.</li> <li>2. That the decision of the General Purposes Committee of the 29 June 2006, to agree the establishment of a single surveying team for disabled facilities adaptations for both Council and Non-Council properties be endorsed.</li> <li>3. That approval be granted to Option 1 that all technical design and project management be undertaken by Adults Culture and Community Services, regardless of tenure of property.</li> <li>4. That approval be granted to the necessary changes to the management agreement with Homes for Haringey (HfH) in order to facilitate the transfer of the surveying functions of the adaptations process for Council housing, to the responsibility of the Council under the management of the Adults Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Directorate.</li> </ol>	<p>DACCS/ DUE</p> <p>DACCS/ DUE</p> <p>DACCS/ DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB78.</b></p>	<p><b>HARINGEY COUNCIL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08</b> (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 16):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the Safeguarding Annual Report and its work plan 2008/09 be noted.</p>	
<p><b>CAB79.</b></p>	<p><b>FREE SWIMMING - A 2012 LEGACY FROM DCMS</b> (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 17):</p> <p>We noted that the commitment of the Council and our partners to improving health and wellbeing and, in particular, to an agreed Local Area Agreement Stretch Target to increase adult sport and physical activity participation by 4% by 2010. Extending free swimming to more older people and young people could make a real contribution to</p>	

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	<p>achieving this target and in this connection we were informed of the decision of the Barking and Dagenham Primary Care Trust's decision to make a contribution towards the cost of this initiative in that Borough.</p> <p>We asked that officers approach local partners including the Haringey Primary Care Trust with a view to accessing funds from other sources including the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, Extending Activities and the Big Lottery Fund.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted in principle to the engagement of the Department of Culture Media and Sport's 'Free Swimming' offer as outlined in the options at paragraph 12.5.3 of the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That funding support for the initiative be prioritised through the impending Pre Business Plan Review process.</li> </ol>	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p><b>CAB80.</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Chief Executive – Agenda Item 18):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>CAB81.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 19):</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Procurement Committee – 2 September 2008</li> <li>b) Procurement Committee – 16 September 2008</li> </ol>	
<p><b>CAB82.</b></p>	<p><b>NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY PROCUREMENT: PRINCIPLES FOR INTER-AUTHORITY AGREEMENT</b> (Joint Report of the Director of Urban Environment and the Chief Financial Officer – Agenda Item 22):</p> <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>Councillors Haley and Meehan both declared a personal interest in this item 22 by virtue of being members of the North London Waste Authority.</p> <p>We were informed that as part of North London Waste Authority's (NLWA) procurement process they were required under the Private</p>	



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	<p>Finance Initiative (PFI) to model both the future waste treatment/disposal and waste collection costs over the proposed 30 year contract period from 2012 to 2042. We noted the work carried out by the NLWA and their external technical and financial consultants whom had used their models to predict each constituent boroughs contribution to the overall base cost of the project. In order to help manage the risk of modelling cost over such a long period sensitivity analysis had been undertaken to produce an upper threshold cost. The range of increased cost between the base and upper threshold represented the Council's affordability envelope.</p> <p>We also noted that our agreement was sought to send a letter to the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) which would set out the Council's commitment to finance the project within the estimated affordability envelope.</p> <p>We were also informed of the potential impact of these costs and the modelled scenarios should they be fully financed by Council Tax and our agreement sought to the proposed draft Statement of Principles (2) as attached at Appendix D to the interleaved report as a basis for further discussions with the NLWA.</p> <p>It had been agreed that following our consideration of the report it would be referred to a special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 October and if major concerns were highlighted then a special meeting of the Cabinet would be arranged having regard to the need for an affordability letter to be submitted to Defra by 31 October 2008 in order to meet the deadline for Round 4 of PFI credits.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the base and upper threshold modelled whole life net nominal cost of waste treatment/disposal and waste collection for Haringey over the proposed 30 year contract period as set out in the interleaved report be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the draft affordability letter as set out at Appendix A to the interleaved report.</li> <li>3. That authority to finalise and sign the affordability letter on behalf of Council be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.</li> <li>4. That the second Statement of Principles (2) as set out at Appendix D to the interleaved report be noted and agreed.</li> <li>5. That authority to finalise and sign the Statement of Principles (2) on behalf of the Council be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Leader.</li> </ol>	<p>DUE/ CFO</p> <p>DUE/CE /CFO</p> <p>DUE/ CFO</p> <p>DUE/ CFO</p>
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