



Summons to Attend

Full Council

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To: The Mayor and Councillors of Haringey Council.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Haringey will be held at the The Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8LE on MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2009 at 19:30 HRS, to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature

of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest and if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct and/or if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JULY 2009 (PAGES 1 - 14)**
5. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL**
6. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
7. **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES**
8. **TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
9. **TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM**
10. **TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12**
11. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10**

Public Question to the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Sarah Cope:

I would like to know how well the council is doing on acting on the recommendations made by the London Assembly's Environment Committee in their May 2007 review of London's street trees entitled 'Chainsaw Massacre'.

Oral Question 1 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Dobbie:

Would the Cabinet Member agree with me that our residents can no longer, even if they did in the first place, trust Haringey Labour to secure the safety of vulnerable children within the Borough after failing to do proper CRB checks and allowing a foster child to have regular contact with a terrorist?

Oral Question 2 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Gorrie:

Why did the same Labour Group that now supports a Council Tax Freeze vote only eight months ago against the Liberal Democrat proposal to freeze Council Tax in the current year?

Oral Question 3 - To the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Bull:

Can the Cabinet member for Children and Young People please summarise the outcomes of the Summer Uni in Haringey this year?

Oral Question 4 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Alexander:

Has the Council any plans to lobby Transport for London for funding to install a new pedestrian crossing at the dangerous junction at Green Lanes, Alfoxton Avenue and Frobisher Road?

Oral Question 5 –To the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing from Councillor Catherine Harris:

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing please outline what work is being done to encourage older people to volunteer?

Oral Question 6 – To the Leader of the Council from Councillor Wilson:

Do you believe it is acceptable that the Haringey councillor representative on the Board of Finsbury Park regeneration agency Fin Future never attends any of the meetings?

Oral Question 7 - To the Cabinet Member for Housing Services from Councillor Adje:

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing outline what the situation in Haringey is with regards to gas safety certificates for Council tenants?

Oral Question 8 - To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation from Councillor Oakes:

The prospect of future work needed to make the Bounds Green tube station crossing safer is still uncertain, particularly the enforcement for the no left turn, and pedestrian safety at that crossing continues to be a grave local concern. Could the cabinet member please, as a matter of urgency, inform local residents of the current plans for this crucial junction? What response has the Council received from Transport for London and other agencies regarding funding and changes to this junction and when will work start to make this safer for local residents?

Oral Question 9 - To the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning from Councillor Mallett:

Can the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Life Long Learning let us know how Haringey performed at the annual London in Bloom Awards?

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES (PAGES 15 - 56)

a) Cabinet – Reports 4 & 5 – 2009/10

13. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13

Motion B (2009/10)

Councillor Newton has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

“This Council believes in affordable public transport and in the need to ensure that passengers who use “Pay As You Go” Oyster cards have a fair deal.

This Council notes:

- that in other European capital cities bus passengers have the benefit of a time-limited bus ticket which enables them to use two or three buses within a set time without having to pay again.
- that almost a million car journeys every day in London are less than one mile in length and supports effective ways of encouraging a shift to public transport.
- that the average bus journey length is 3.54km (2.2 miles, 9 stops), and that TfL estimate that 16% of bus journeys on Oyster ‘Pay As You Go’ involve using a second bus within 60 minutes of the first and that Haringey has several interchanges where many people transfer buses to continue their journeys.

This Council is concerned, at this time of economic recession, that even short journeys in London may involve using two or three buses and can cost up to £3.00 if more than one bus is needed.

This Council supports the proposal for a One Hour Bus Ticket to be available on “Pay As You Go” Oyster card, enabling passengers to use more than one bus during a 60-minute period without paying more than £1.00.

Therefore the Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet member for Environment and Conservation to write to the Mayor of London supporting the One Hour Bus Ticket proposal, and calls on the Mayor of London to instruct Transport for London to implement it as soon as possible”.

Motion C (2009/10)

Councillor Jones has given notice that she will move in the following terms:

Reducing our CO₂ Emissions

“This Council:

Notes

- Climate change is one of the most important issues facing our way of life and will have a huge impact on our children and future generations.
- The Council’s hard work to ensure that Muswell Hill was selected as one of the 10 Low Carbon Zones in London
- The Council has already signed up to the 10:10 campaign, and is currently on target to exceed 10% reductions in CO₂ emissions by 2010.
- That Haringey Council is the first major local authority to sign up to the Friends of the Earth ‘Get Serious about CO₂’ campaign that calls for Councils to commit to carbon emission cuts of at least 40% by 2020 and produce an action plan detailing how this target will be achieved.

Believes

- There is much that Councils can and should do to tackle climate change, and that this is an important issue that Haringey should lead on.
- Through taking tough action on CO₂ emissions that it will provide help for local households to slash their household fuel bills, helping residents save money particularly those living in fuel poverty as well as being environmentally friendly.
- That signing up to the Friends of the Earth ‘Get Serious about CO₂’ will create green jobs and form part of the Council’s regeneration agenda.

Resolves to

- Develop an action plan with yearly targets to reduce CO₂ emissions by 40% by 2020 to become a leading member of the ‘Get Serious about CO₂’ Friends of the Earth campaign”.

Motion D (2009/10)

Councillor Bull has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

Bringing Football Home to Haringey:

“This Council:

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- The excellent work that is being done by The Football Association, the England 2018 Board and the Government to bring the FIFA World Cup to England in 2018.
- The bid from London to be one of England’s host cities for the tournament.

- The 150m Euro profit Germany made from hosting the World Cup, the 85,000 jobs it created, and the huge economic and employment potential that the World Cup would create for the host nation.
- That Tottenham Hotspur FC were the first club in the 20th century to achieve the League and FA Cup Double, winning both competitions in the 1960-61 season, were the first British club to win a major European trophy - the European Cup Winners' Cup and that Tottenham have won a trophy in each of the last six decades.

Believes

- Haringey is the home of football and the World Cup would be an excellent opportunity for the residents of the borough to see football's largest and most prestigious tournament up close.
- Tottenham Hotspurs' bid to be one of the hosts of World Cup matches would present an excellent opportunity to showcase Haringey on an international stage, as well as providing further regeneration opportunities and boosting local businesses.
- Hosting this event in London would provide a huge boost to grassroots football in the borough, as well as inspiring the borough as a whole and a young generation of budding talent.
- That hosting this international event would provide an fantastic opportunity to celebrate Haringey's diverse and multicultural community.
- Haringey would be an excellent place to host the World Cup, particularly given it is not an Olympic Borough, and will not receive the same Olympic dividend as those boroughs

Resolves to

- Support the bid to bring the Games to London and Tottenham.
- Work with partners to help bring the Games home to Haringey
- Instruct the leader to write to Lord Triesman of the FA and the Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe, to notify them of our decision to back the 2018 bid
- To begin to work with Tottenham Hotspur FC to identify a legacy that the World Cup will leave behind for Haringey”.

Dr Ita O'Donovan
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Friday, 9 October 2009

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Councillors Vanier (Mayor), Dobbie, Adamou, Adje, Aitken, Alexander, Allison, Amin, Baker, Basu, Beacham, Bevan, Beynon, Bloch, Bull, Canver, Cooke, Davies, Demirci, Diakides, Dodds, Dogus, Edge, Egan, Engert, Goldberg, Gorrie, Griffith, Haley, Hare, B. Harris, C. Harris, Jones, Rahman Khan, Kober, Lister, Mallett, Meehan, Mughal, Newton, Oakes, Oatway, Patel, Peacock, Reid, Reith, Santry, Scott, Stanton, Thompson, Vanier (Mayor), Weber, Whyte and Wilson

Apologies Councillor Butcher, Rainger, Williams and Winskill

| MINUTE NO. | SUBJECT/DECISION | ACTION BY |
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| CNCL19. | <p>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butcher, Rainger, Williams and Winskill and from Councillor Bull for lateness.</p> | |
| CNCL20. | <p>TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972</p> <p>See items 7, 9, 13 and 14d..</p> | |
| CNCL21. | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Aitken declared a personal interest in Item 14b – Draft Housing Strategy as he was a tenant of Homes for Haringey.</p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in item 10 – deputations as she was a Haringey leaseholder.</p> <p>Councillor Santry declared a personal interest in item 10 – deputations as she was a resident in Fortis Green.</p> <p>Councillor Dobbie declared a personal interest in Item 14b – Draft Housing Strategy as he was a tenant of Homes for Haringey.</p> <p>Councillor Thompson declared a personal interest in Item 14b – Draft Housing Strategy as he lived on a Council Estate.</p> <p>The Mayor reported that she had received notification from Alexandra Palace and Park Board members that they had received advice from the Monitoring Officer that they had a conflict of interest in taking part in the debate and decision at agenda item 12 tonight and should therefore treat this as prejudicial interest and absent themselves from the Council chamber during the debate and decision on this item unless they needed</p> | |

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| | <p>to make a statement.</p> <p>Councillors Stanton and Dogus stated that this applied to them.</p> | |
| CNCL22. | <p>TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 MAY 2009 RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2009 be signed as a true record.</p> | |
| CNCL23. | <p>TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mayor was delighted to inform members that a Wood Green resident, Mr Andreas Petinou, has been chosen as this year's winner of our Carer of the Year Award. It's estimated that there were around 16,000 unpaid carers in Haringey. Each one deserved our thanks and support. This award was our way of recognising their hard work and commitment. As a council we acknowledge and thank the tremendous dedication of all the unpaid carers in our borough. 2. Haringey Council announced the winners of the Young Haringey Heroes 2009 at a ceremony at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre on 10 July. This year there were almost 200 nominations for children and young people. There were award categories covering a wide range of achievements by young people, including awards for caring for others, academic and sporting achievements as well as contributions to the environment and music and performing arts. Amongst the guests at the Ceremony were John Obike, Tottenham Hotspur player, and Olympic medallist Leon Taylor. <p>At the event a special plaque commemorating Wood Green soldier Patrick Azimkar, was presented to his family. Patrick gave his life while serving his Country, and the plaque will be a permanent commemoration of his life and the sacrifice he made for his country. It will be displayed in a public building in the borough, following discussion with Patrick's family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Mayor was delighted to announce that 11 Parks and open spaces managed by Haringey Council have this year won the prestigious green flag award. Nine parks have retained the award with 2 open spaces winning the flag for the first time this year, including Coldfall Wood and Wood Green Cemetery. We also congratulated Alexandra Park, Highgate Woods and Tottenham Marshes for retaining their green flags. Well done to all those involved for this outstanding achievements. 4. The Mayor presented Councillor Alan Dobbie with a past Mayor's Certificate, which reads "with sincere thanks and appreciation for the services he rendered to the borough during the past year. | |

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| CNCL24. | <p>TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> <p>No statement was made.</p> | |
| CNCL25. | <p>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report could not be circulated earlier as information was awaited from the Party Groups. The report needed to be admitted in order that the Cabinet and committee changes could be made for the remainder of municipal year 2009/10.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the changes to Political Group composition effective from 8 July 2009 with Councillor Dobbie ceasing to be a member of the Labour Group and becoming a Conservative Councillor be noted. 2. That the membership of the Audit Committee be increased by one Conservative position in order to reflect proportionality in the overall number of seats on the Council. 3. That Councillor Dobbie be offered a seat on the Audit Committee. 4. That Councillor Cooke replace Councillor Bob Harris on the Pensions Committee. 5. That Councillor Dodds replace Councillor Jones on the Standards Committee 6. That the changes to Cabinet portfolios and reduction of one Cabinet member, as detailed in Appendix 1, be agreed. | |
| CNCL26. | <p>TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES</p> <p>There were no matters to report.</p> | |
| CNCL27. | <p>TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>The Mayor agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report could not be circulated earlier as information was awaited from the Party Groups. The report needed to be admitted in order that the vacancies on outside bodies could be filled for the remainder of municipal year 2009/10.</p> | |

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| | <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the appointments to outside bodies as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.</p> | |
| CNCL28. | <p>TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM</p> <p>A deputation was received from Ms Anne Goodhew on behalf of Homes for Haringey Leaseholders concerning the installation of IRS for digital television.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing responded to the deputation.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending.</p> <p>A deputation was received from Martin Page on behalf of Homes for Haringey Leaseholders concerning the proposed extension of the Fortis Green Controlled Parking Zone.</p> <p>Members asked questions of the deputation and received responses thereto.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment responded to the deputation.</p> | |
| CNCL29. | <p>TO CONSIDER OPPOSITION BUSINESS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.12</p> <p>The opposition gave notice of their wish to debate Regeneration in Haringey.</p> <p>Councillors Allison spoke on behalf of the Opposition Group. Councillor Kober responded on behalf of the Majority Group.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Councillors for their contributions.</p> | |
| CNCL30. | <p>TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE BOARD TO FULLY DISCHARGE THE HISTORIC DEBT DUE TO THE COUNCIL.</p> <p>In accordance with the notification read by the Mayor under declarations of interest, the following members left the Council Chamber during the debate on this item: Councillors Dogus, Egan, Hare, C. Harris, Mughal, Oakes, Peacock, Scott, Stanton and Thompson.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> | |

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| | <p>That the Council does not discharge the historic debt owed to it by the Alexandra Park and Palace charitable trust.</p> | |
| <p>CNCL31.</p> | <p>TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, IF ANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NOS. 9 & 10</p> <p>The Mayor agreed to the admission of this report as urgent business. Under Standing Orders, notice of questions was not requested until eight clear days before the meeting, following which matters raised had to be researched and replies prepared in order to be given at the meeting.</p> <p>There were 8 oral questions and 25 for written answer.</p> <p>All Oral Questions were taken.</p> | |
| <p>CNCL32.</p> | <p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES</p> <p>A revised Appendix B was tabled in relation to the registration of gifts and hospitality detailed in the Standards Committee report.</p> <p><u>STANDARDS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT – REPORT NO.1 2009/10</u></p> <p>The Chair of the Standards Committee presented the Annual report of the Committee for 2008/09.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Standards Committee Annual report be endorsed.</p> <p><u>CABINET REPORTS 1, 2 & 3 2009/10</u></p> <p>The Leader gave a brief resume of the reports of Cabinet which were before the meeting for consideration. Members questioned details of the reports and the Leader responded accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Cabinet reports nos. 1, 2 & 3 be received and that the following recommendations be agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft Housing Strategy as set out in the Appendix to report number 2 be approved and authority to make amendments required be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. 2. That the proposed delegation to the Director of the Children and Young People's Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People of authority to agree the final version of the Children and | |

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Young People's Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan
Local Area Agreement for submission to the Department of
Children, Families and Schools be endorsed.

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE REPORT NO 1 2009/10

The Chair moved the report and recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the General Purposes Committee report no. 1 be received
and the following recommendations agreed:

1. That Full Council agree revise the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) to include the Clydesdale Bank as a permitted institution for investment purposes on the same terms as the other institutions already on the approved list, i.e. a maximum exposure of £20m and a duration of up to 12 months.
2. That the proposed use of the following treasury management actions which are already approved or contained within the TMSS be noted:
 - a) The Council's Treasury Management advisors will be asked to identify a minimum of two and a maximum of four AAAM Money Market Funds allowing total investments of up to £10m in accordance with the current TMSS.
 - b) Investments will be made of up to £10m in bonds issued by the European Investment Bank with redemptions due in December 2010 and March 2011.
 - c) The premature repayment of Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) loans of up to £25m will be made on favourable terms as approved by the Chief Financial Officer.
 - d) The use of available cash balances to fund, in the short or medium term, a number of approved capital schemes in 2009/10.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP REPORT NO 2 2009/10

Councillor Reith in moving the report and recommendations spoke to the tabled reasoning for adopting the Leadership model, as follows:

"The indirectly elected Leader model is considered more likely than the alternative to assist in securing continuous improvement in the manner of exercising the local authority's functions having

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| | <p>regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. This option is most likely to maintain the democratic accountability of the Council Administration to the various communities represented by local ward councillors. It is also the option supported by the majority of respondents to the stage one consultation.</p> <p>An indirectly elected Leader would be very likely to share the political priorities and objectives of the majority on the full Council. This would facilitate the adoption and amendment of the budget and policy framework and assist in avoiding undue conflicts between the Cabinet and the non-executive and regulatory bodies of the Council. On the other hand a directly elected Mayor may not share the political priorities and objectives of the majority on the full Council with the consequence that there would be greater risks of disruption to the effective exercise of the local authority's functions."</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Proposals for the Leadership Model, set out in Appendix 3 to Annex A of the report, be approved, subject to the outcome of the second stage of public consultation, and be advertised in accordance with the legislation. 2. That the publicity for the public consultation accords with the proposals contained in paragraph 2.7 of the report. 3. That the outcomes of the public consultation be reported to Members as detailed in paragraph 2.8 of the report. 4. That the reference to there being "9" other Councillors as Cabinet Members in Article 7.02 of the Constitution be suspended until the 14 December meeting of the full Council. | |
| <p>CNCL33.</p> | <p>TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE NO. 13 <u>Motion A (2009/10)</u></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Oakes and seconded by Councillor Scott that:</p> <p>This Council notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the unanimous support from the whole Council for Motion N (2008/09) passed on 19th January 2009 on the Sustainable Communities Act • the specific immediate actions committed to by the Council in that motion • the deadline for submissions to use the Sustainable Communities | |

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Act is 31st July 2009

- That, in the current round, the LGA will be considering proposals from over 117 councils in England, including over one third of London boroughs, but not from Haringey.
- that no further deadline has yet been set by the government for further proposals to be put forward by local authorities

This Council regrets

- that none of the actions committed to in Motion N (2008/09) have been undertaken and that, as such, the administration has failed to follow the clear instructions and wishes of this Council.
- the failure of the administration to take the opportunity of challenging the excessive and ineffective centralisation of government by bringing more responsibility and control back to local residents and communities.

This Council resolves

- to undertake the actions agreed in the January 2009 motion before the end of the year
- to lobby central government and the LGA for an extension to the submission deadline or the establishment of a rolling programme of submissions and to publish full 'spending reports' which have yet to be published.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Amin and seconded by Councillor Cooke that:

'Delete 'all after the second bullet point ' and **insert** "the text in italics"

This Council notes:

- the unanimous support from the whole Council for Motion N (2008/09) passed on 19th January 2009 on the Sustainable Communities Act
- the specific immediate actions committed to by the Council in that motion
- *that Haringey is not alone in believing that there has been a lack of detailed guidance on bidding criteria from the LGA and the promised supporting information from the Department for Communities and Local Government.*
- *that clear, concise and transparent guidance are essential in undertaking the high quality and informed public consultation necessary to produce meaningful submissions from local authorities to LGA and then on to Government*

This Council further notes:

- *the Council's strong track record of on-going engagement and responsiveness to the needs of local residents.*
- *that the measure of a successful submission - by the definition of*

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| | <p><i>the spirit of the Act and as stated by the campaigning organisation 'local works' – is a submission which is based on quality consultation with local people</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Its own policy around the length of time which is needed for basic public consultation by the Council and that the deadline for submissions, given that guidelines for the process were so delayed, made meeting this impossible</i> • <i>that the Council, in preparing and developing its approach for the initial round of the Sustainable Communities Act, is in an excellent position in terms of any second round of submissions, including the planning of a Sustainable Communities Act community engagement programme;</i> • <i>that Haringey has been monitoring proposals from other local authorities and awaiting details of a second tranche from central government</i> • <i>that it appears as though only a handful of local authorities are going to make submissions to the 'selector body' the LGA in the first round</i> <p><i>This Council resolves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>to take the time necessary to get Haringey's submissions right,</i> • <i>to continue planning and publicising the process</i> • <i>that a unilateral submission from the Council, without public consultation would be wrong and against the spirit of the Act</i> • <i>that it would be irresponsible and a potential waste of public money to engage in the first round</i> • <i>to lobby central government for the establishment of a rolling programme of submissions and to publish an implementation timetable.</i> <p>On being put to the vote there were 27 in favour of the amendment and 21 against. The amendment was declared CARRIED.</p> <p>The substantive motion as amended was then put to the vote with 27 in favour and 21 against and therefore declared CARRIED.</p> | |
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COUNCILLOR BERNICE VANIER

Mayor

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Cabinet Portfolios 2009/10

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| <p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance</p> <p>Cllr Claire Kober</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Value and Performance Management (inc. achieving excellence agenda) • Co-ordination within the Cabinet • Communications (strategic) • Corporate policy and strategy • Legal Services • Partnerships and Haringey Strategic Partnership • <u>Key sites</u> • <u>Regeneration programme performance</u> • <u>Planning Policy relating to spatial planning</u> |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing</p> <p>Cllr Dilek Dogus</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Services • Carers • Partnerships and liaison with NHS bodies • Public Health co-ordination across the executive portfolios • Services for Asylum Seekers |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Children & Young People</p> <p>Cllr Lorna Reith</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Families • Children's Centres • Children Education Services • Children Social services • Early Years and Play • Family and Community Involvement • Music Service • School Standards and Inclusion • Youth Services |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement</p> <p>Cllr Kaushika Amin</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equalities • Member Services • Area Assemblies • Corporate Consultation • Corporate Engagement • Neighbourhoods • Voluntary Sector • Communications (operational) • Customer Services and Customer Focus • Complaints |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities</p> <p>Cllr Nilgun Canver</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour • Community Safety • Crime Issues • Crime reduction initiatives • Drug issues; Drug and Alcohol Action Team • Enforcement • Links to Police Service, Probation Service • Prevention of offending and re-offending • Safer Communities (including Domestic Violence & Harassment) • Services provided by the Youth Offending Team • <u>Planning Policy relating to development control and building control</u> |

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| <u>Portfolio</u> | <u>Responsibility</u> |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation</p> <p>Cllr Brian Haley</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Haringey • Conservation • Parking • Waste management • Recycling • Street Scene • Transport • <u>Urban Futures</u> • <u>London 2012</u> |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Housing Services</p> <p>Cllr John Bevan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Management • Housing Strategy and Needs • Technical and Building Services |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Cllr Dhiren Basu</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and Leisure Services including Parks and Open Spaces • Libraries • Museums • Adult Education Services • Lifelong Learning • <u>Cultural Industries</u> |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise</p> <p><i><u>The text in bold & underlined denotes where these portfolio areas are now located.</u></i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Support and employment initiatives • Cultural Industries • Economic Regeneration • External funding • Key sites • Planning Policy • Regeneration programme performance • Urban Futures • London 2012 |
| <p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Cllr Bob Harris</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources • Asset Management • IT Services and E-Government • Organisational Development and Learning • Benefits and Local Taxation • Corporate Finance • Procurement • Property Services • <u>Business Support and employment initiatives</u> • <u>Economic Regeneration</u> • <u>External funding</u> |

Planning Policy has now been split with the policy relating to spatial planning being the responsibility of the Leader and policy relating to development control and building control being the responsibility of Cllr Canver.

Proposed Appointments to Outside Bodies - Revised

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| Body name | No of Reps | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|--|
| Jacksons Lane, The Management Committee | | | | | Category: Community Four reps one from each party to attend meetings |
| <u>14/jlc</u> | | Term of Office: | 1 Year | | |
| <u>Granted Aid: yes</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry</u> | | | | | |
| | Councillor Bob Hare | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |
| | Councillor Rachel Allison | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |
| | Councillor Dhiren Basu | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New Appointment |
| | Councillor Joe Goldberg | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New Appointment |
| Age Concern London, Conference | | | | | Category: Community Need not be a Councillor, term of office 3 years |
| <u>14/acf</u> | 1 | Term of Office: | 3 Years | | |
| <u>Granted Aid: no</u> | 1 LAB | | | | |
| <u>Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry</u> | | | | | |
| | Councillor Charles Adje | 20/07/09 | 31/05/12 | | New appointment |
| Markfield Project, The Management Committee | | | | | Category: Community |
| <u>14/mpr</u> | 2 | Term of Office: | 1 year | | |
| <u>Granted Aid: yes</u> | 2 LAB | | | | |
| <u>Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry</u> | | | | | |
| | Councillor Emma Jones | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |
| | Councillor Joe Goldberg | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment |
| Haringey Community and Police Consultative Group. The Consultative Group | | | | | |
| | 6 | Term of Office: | 1 year | | |
| | 5 LAB, 1 LIB/DEM | | | | |
| | Councillor Ron Aitken | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |
| | Councillor Nilgun Canver | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment - cabinet member |
| | Councillor Catherine Harris | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment - HC&PCC Exec nominee |
| | Councillor Jayanti Patel | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment - HC&PCC Exec nominee |
| | Councillor George Meehan | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment |
| | Councillor Gmmh Rahman Khan | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment |
| Adult Social Care Complaints Panel | | | | | Category: Statutory Members will be drawn each time to form a panel. Must have an understanding of Social Services issues. Weekday morning meetings |
| | 9 | Term of Office: | 1 year | | |
| | 4 LIBDEM, 5 LAB | | | | |
| <u>Granted Aid: no</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry</u> | | | | | |
| | Councillor Laura Edge | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | Councillor Lorna Reith | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | Councillor Alan Stanton | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | LABOUR VACANT - 1 | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | Councillor Liz Santry | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | New appointment |
| | Councillor Catherine Harris | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | New appointment |
| | Councillor Errol Reid | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | Councillor Richard Wilson | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| | Councillor Nigel Scott | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | Pool Member | |
| Haringey Admissions & School Organisation Forum | | | | | Category: Statutory |
| <u>14/saf</u> | 3 | Term of Office: | 1 Year | | |
| <u>Granted Aid: no</u> | 2 LAB, 1 LIBDEM | | | | |
| <u>Retiring Representative (s) / Expiry</u> | | | | | |
| | Councillor Charles Adje | 20/07/09 | 31/05/10 | | New appointment |
| | Councillor Errol Reid | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |
| | Councillor Liz Santry | 18/05/09 | 31/05/10 | | |

Lea Valley Regional Park

Authority, The Authority

14/lvr 2 Term of Office: 4 years Category: Statutory
must be cllrs - 1 rep & 1 deputy

Granted Aid: no 2 LAB

Retiring Representative (s) /

Expiry Councillor John Bevan 30/06/09 30/06/13 **New appointment**

Councillor Sheik G L Thompson 30/06/09 30/06/13 Deputy **New appointment**

**REPORT OF THE CABINET No. 04/2009-10
COUNCIL 19 OCTOBER 2009**

Chair:
Councillor Clare Kober

Deputy Chair:
Councillor Lorna Reith

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report covers matters considered by the Cabinet at our meeting on 21 July 2009. For ease of reference the Report is divided into the Cabinet portfolios.
- 1.2 We trust that this Report will be helpful to Members in their representative role and facilitate a fruitful dialogue between the Cabinet and all groups of Councillors. These reports are a welcome opportunity for the Cabinet on a regular basis to present the priorities and achievements of the Cabinet to Council colleagues for consideration and comment. The Cabinet values and encourages the input of fellow members.

ITEMS OF REPORT

Community Cohesion and Involvement

2. TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION STRATEGY

- 2.1 We considered a report which set out our approach to translation and interpretation services and recommended a number of changes to improve the service for users.
- 2.2 We report that we approved the approach outlined in the strategy document and agreed the ten specific recommendations set out below

Haringey Council's New Citizen Welcome Pack -

Develop a simple and inexpensive pack giving detailed information on how to access services, how residents are expected to behave, sign post to community organisations, details on English lessons etc.

Translation and Interpreting Corporate Policy -

Agree, produce and distribute a short and simple policy setting out the types of material that should be translated.

Ensure Staff Training is in Place –

Ensure that all front-line staff trained in equality issues and are made aware of the interpretation and translation service and policy.

Develop an ESOL Strategy -

The Council should engage with all ESOL providers in the Borough and our voluntary and community organisations to develop a medium and long term strategy for learning English in Haringey. This will be lead by the appropriate department.

Review Translated Material -

We should use existing communications networks with other London Boroughs and our partners to review translated material.

Utilise the Web -

Translated key documents and service summaries should be put on the web with the functionality to view them in different languages.

Pilot New Approaches -

The Council will pilot and evaluate a revised approach to translation panels and translation requests.

Work in Partnership –

We will work more closely on delivering and promoting translation and interpretation with partners including Voluntary and Community Organisations, community radio and community newspapers.

Clarify the Role of Interpreters -

Review the published description of the interpreters' role and circulate to interpreters and staff who will commission them. The use and cost of interpretation will be monitored to ensure it is effectively used.

Build in Evaluation -

In order to make sure our approach is effective we will, continue to monitor the requests for the translation of documents, collect feedback from customers through customer feedback forms and end users through the residents' survey.

Enforcement and Safer Communities**3. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF ANIMAL WELFARE**

- 3.1 We noted that the Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare in Haringey had produced a comprehensive report detailing the current arrangements in place. The Review Panel had used new standards issued by the RSPCA (Community Animal Welfare Footprints [CAWF]) as a framework for its review and had taken evidence from a range of key stakeholders to establish how the Council could move forward against Bronze, Silver and Gold standards. This approach had ensured that recommendations were consistent with national good practice and relevant to local issues.
- 3.2 Evidence submitted to the Panel sought a change to a current ban on the use of performing animals by circuses. Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 the Council could act where there was any breach of the 5 animal welfare freedoms provided by the Act. Evidence submitted was that circuses that only used domesticated animals and which had high standards of animal welfare should be allowed.
- 3.3 We considered a report which proposed a response to the recommendations made in a the Review and we noted that welfare in Haringey was delivered by a diverse range of providers. We also noted that while some statutory responsibilities existed it was substantially for a local authority to determine its local approach and service provision. In Haringey there was no single policy or strategy that captured the Council's approach to Animal Welfare and the report and recommendations showed that many services and partners could play a role.

- 3.4 A key recommendation of the report was to develop an Animal Welfare Strategy with supporting policy and emphasis on education and co-ordination. It was proposed that a steering group be developed to develop this strategy and to bring forward proposals for adoption at a later date. The report also identified that current Council policy prevented performing animals on Council owned land and recommended an amendment to this policy that was consistent with the Scrutiny Panel Recommendations.
- 3.5 With regard to the proposed Service Responses to the Review's recommendations that the ALMO team ensure Homes for Haringey develops Service Level Agreement with Community and Strategic Housing Services and Involve Housing Development team to ensure SLA is extended to RSLs through the RSL forum' and that the ALMO team encourage Homes for Haringey to participate in educational initiatives by raising awareness of animal welfare issues in Home Zone newsletter for secured tenants and for new tenants during induction, we asked that consideration be given to them being extended so as to include leaseholders as well as tenants.
- 3.6 We welcomed the Service's Recommendation that the Urban Environment Directorate consult with Homes for Haringey, Registered Social Landlords, Children and Young People Services and Adult Social Services; the RSPCA; Battersea Cats and Dogs Home and Wood Green Animal Shelter to devise appropriate procedures to enable the sharing of information when animal welfare issues, child abuse or domestic violence were brought to their attention, these bodies be alerted to animal abuse as a possible indicator for domestic violence and child abuse' in the light of the frequent link between animal welfare and child abuse cases and we asked that the development of a Strategy Steering Group to implement the proposal be highlighted.
- 3.7 Concern having been expressed about the recommendation that consideration be given to amending the current policy prohibiting the use of performing animals at organised events on Council land in order to allow animal circuses using domestic animals to be held on the Council's open spaces' and the proposed Service Response to it, we asked that this be subject to a trial period of one year and an evaluation.
- 3.8 We report that, subject to the foregoing, we approved the recommendations and actions proposed in the Service's report including approval of an amendment to the Council's policy on animals performing in circuses so that domesticated animals, namely equine (horses ponies and donkeys), dogs, and bird (budgerigars) acts were allowed to perform for a trial period of one year following which an evaluation be carried out.

Housing

4. FORMER HOSTEL UNITS, 20-108 PARKLAND ROAD

- 4.1 We considered a report which proposed the reversal of a decision taken in July 2007 by the then Director of Finance under delegated powers to dispose of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) hostel properties located within the Council owned block at 20 – 108 Parkland Road N22. The report further proposed that the properties be converted back to permanent family homes retained in Council ownership and managed by Homes for Haringey.

- 4.2 We noted that the original decision had been taken on financial grounds of not having sufficient resources to re-furbish the hostel but negotiations for the sale had proved unsuccessful and funding, including external grant which was not available in 2007 had now been identified to allow the hostel units to be retained and converted back to provide 9 units of permanent family accommodation. A reduction in the financial limits of delegated authority since the original decision meant that our approval was necessary.
- 4.3 We report that we agreed to rescind the decision to dispose of the former hostel units at 20-108 Parkland Road, N22 and agreed that the property be retained within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and converted back into permanent family accommodation to be managed by Homes for Haringey.

Environment and Conservation

5. BRUCE GROVE AND WEST GREEN WARDS – PARKING CONSULTATION

- 5.1 We considered a report which informed us of the feedback received from the local community consultation on parking issues carried out in March/April 2009 and proposed a way forward.
- 5.2 We noted that since the introduction of the Wood Green CPZ Outer and the Bruce Grove CPZ in the last two years, a number of residents/traders had highlighted concerns with displacement parking to roads just outside of the zones. Meetings with officers from Sustainable Transport and Neighbourhoods and Ward Councillors of the Bruce Grove and West Green wards had identified consultation boundaries. It was agreed to consult a wide area bounded by Lordship Lane to the north, Philip Lane to the south, High Road Tottenham to the east and the Wood Green CPZ to the west. This afforded residents of the West Green and Bruce Grove Wards the opportunity to inform the Council of any parking issues they were experiencing and to confirm if they would support the introduction of a CPZ for their road.
- 5.3 It was reported that when the results of the consultation were analysed as a whole it was clear that the majority of roads were opposed to parking controls with 59% of respondents stating that there were no problems parking in their road and 72% opposed to the introduction of parking controls. However, when analysed on a road by road basis it was evident that there was support for parking controls in roads that were in closest proximity to the Wood Green CPZ (Outer) and it was recommended to proceed to statutory consultation for an extension of the Wood Green CPZ to cover this area. We noted that the response rate from the roads recommended to proceed to statutory consultation was varied (from 2.5% in Westbury Avenue to 31.7% in Rusper Road) and that as a result of the low response rates from certain roads representations objecting to the proposals might be received during the statutory consultation period. There was a smaller likelihood of objection from those roads where response rates were higher.
- 5.4 When the feedback from the roads recommended to proceed to statutory consultation was considered on its own, a majority of responses were in favour of controls with the single greatest response (34%) in favour of all day controls. An analysis of the same roads regarding which days of the week residents would prefer a CPZ to operate showed that the single greatest response (43%) is for Monday – Friday controls. As the report

recommended this area be an extension of the Wood Green (Outer) CPZ it would operate during the same hours i.e., Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 6:30pm.

- 5.5 We were informed that although the feedback from Walpole Road was opposed to parking controls it was evident that they would experience displacement should an extension of the Wood Green CPZ go forward and it was therefore recommended to provide residents of Walpole Road with a final opportunity to be included in the zone in the knowledge that they would otherwise suffer from displacement parking. If the feedback received during the statutory process did not support inclusion they would be omitted from the final scheme.
- 5.6 The feedback from the rest of the area was opposed to any parking controls for their roads, with the exception of roads just outside of the Bruce Grove CPZ, where there was a mixed response. The report recommended us not to consider the remaining roads for parking controls at the present time and to continue discussions with roads just outside of the Bruce Grove CPZ to identify if any parking measures could address their concerns.
- 5.7 It having been confirmed that Westbury Avenue and Downhills Way formed natural boundaries to the proposed extension and that a majority of the respondents in the roads to be included had supported the proposals we noted the feedback from the consultation and additional comments set out in the report. We also authorized officers to proceed to statutory consultation for an extension of the Wood Green (Outer) CPZ to include:
- Boreham Road
 - Westbury Avenue
 - Boundary Road
 - Sirdar Road
 - Crawley Road
 - Downhills Way
 - Sandringham Road
 - Belmont Road (from the junction with Downhills Park Road to the boundary with Wood Green CPZ (Outer).
 - Walpole Road
 - Downhills Park Road (from the junction of Belmont Road to the back of No. 2 Walpole Road)
 - Colton Gardens
 - Rusper Road
- 5.8 We also authorised officers to distribute a letter to Walpole Road residents requesting them to confirm if they wish to be included in the Wood Green CPZ and to inform all residents/traders of the original consultation of the Council's decision.

Adult Social Care and Wellbeing

6. CARE QUALITY COMMISSION SERVICE INSPECTION REPORT

- 6.1 We received a presentation from officers of the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) service and we considered a report which informed us of the outcome of the CQC service inspection of older people, safeguarding across all adult care groups and the Adult, Culture and Community Services Directorate's ability to continue developments. The report highlighted strengths and areas for improvement as identified by the CQC and it proposed Service Inspection Action Plan for Improvement to respond the CQC's recommendations.
- 6.2 We noted that a service inspection had been carried out and Choices' for older people, safeguarding across all adult care groups and the Directorate's ability to continue developments and move forward. We also noted that CQC was the external inspectorate for Adult Social Care in England. Service inspections provided the Commission with a more detailed view of specific service areas and issues than the Annual Performance Assessment. The judgement following a service inspection contributed to the overall judgment of Adult Social Care within the Annual Performance Assessment process and is a prime component of the Adult Social Care annual judgement and rating.
- 6.3 It was a requirement that the CQC assessment and any action or improvement plan in response was placed before the Council's relevant Executive Committee in open session and that the Council had the opportunity to challenge the results before they were made public. We also considered a Service Inspection Action Plan for Improvement which had been drawn up to ensure that the CQC's recommendations were implemented. We were informed that the judgement reached by CQC had drawn on evidence from a variety of sources, including:
- Reviewing a range of key documents supplied by the council;
 - Assessing information on how the council was delivering and managing outcomes for people;
 - The Council's self assessment of overall performance; and
 - Meeting with older people and their carers, staff and managers from the council and representatives of other organisations.
- 6.4 The Commission rated Council performance using four grades. These were: poor, adequate, good and excellent. The Commission's overall judgements were that:
- Safeguarding of adults was **adequate**,
 Personalised services were **adequate**, and
 Capacity to improve was **promising**.
- 6.5 We report that we noted the content and outcomes of CQC's judgment from the service inspection and we approved the action plan for improvement in response to the CQC's recommendations.

Children and Young People

6. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS

- 6.1 We considered a report which proposed a response to the Scrutiny Review of School Exclusions (Part 2) which considered the provision made for those pupils permanently excluded from school. The recommendations in the Review were:
- That the Children and Young People's service be commended on:-
 - a) the quality of provision currently provided at the Pupil Support Centre and in being recognised nationally as a 'leading edge' authority of such provision;
 - b) being fully compliant with the provisions set out in the Government White Paper 'Back on Track'.
 - That the Director of Children and Young People's Service consider:-
 - a) ways to ensure that quality assurance can be embedded and made stronger;
 - b) ensuring that further work is carried out with partners especially the police and the PCT on the well being agenda;
 - c) how the good practice that has been developed can be further promoted with Haringey seeking Beacon status;
 - (d) ways of ensuring that the Pupil Support Centre had a good and positive image.
 - That Overview and Scrutiny Committee give consideration to a further review on the quality of provision in 2/3 years time after the opening of the new Centre in 2010.
- 6.2 We noted that the Pupil Support Centre had received a 'Good' rating in both the Ofsted inspection of its own provision and in the more recent review into day-6 provision. The secondary Pupil Support Centre was part of the Building Schools for the Future Programme and work was due to start on the Commerce Road site at the end of the summer term. The provision would temporarily relocate to the second site at Coppett's Wood after the Y11 GCSE examinations, with a planned return to Commerce Road early in 2010, at which point the whole provision would be located on a single site.
- 6.3 We also noted that the Keys to Wellbeing Strategy currently in the first phase of implementation was intended, through the BSF programme, at secondary and through the DCSF Back on Track funding at Primary, to enable schools to retain more young people in mainstream as a result of earlier intervention and targeted support nearer to home. This would reduce the number of places needed in the secondary centre. Haringey was one of only 12 local authorities to receive Back on Track funding from the DCSF to enable it to develop and share its good practice with other schools nationally and continued to have reducing numbers of permanent and fixed term exclusions.
- 6.4 We report that we accepted the recommendations contained in the Review and we endorsed the proposed responses which were set out in an action plan appended to the report.

7. CHILD CARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT – ACTION PLAN

- 7.1 We considered a report which advised us that with effect from 1 April 2008 local authorities had been required to secure sufficient childcare to enable parents to work, or to undertake education and training leading to work. In fulfilling this duty, local authorities would help to shape the childcare market in response to parents needs.

- 7.2 We noted that a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) had been conducted in Haringey and provided information on the supply and demand for childcare and identified where any potential gaps in provision might be. Annual updates were expected for the CSA, with the next complete Assessment published in 2011. In order to address the identified gaps in Haringey's provision, the Council were required to produce an Action Plan that outlined what actions it proposed to take to shape the Borough's childcare. The production of an Action Plan was a yearly requirement and the actions outlined represented the first stage in addressing the gaps that have been identified. The report sought our approval of the Action Plan.
- 7.3 We also noted that the Action Plan prioritised 5 main objectives for this coming year:
- **Objective 1:** improve the affordability of childcare
 - **Objective 2:** Improve provision for disabled children and those with special educational needs
 - **Objective 3:** improve take-up of before-school and after-school provision
 - **Objective 4:** Increase holiday provision for all ages
 - **Objective 5:** Develop a long term commissioning strategy for childcare
- 7.4 In formulating the 5 objectives, regard had been had to those parts of the Borough where there were less parents/carers employed in work – that is, in the North and the South networks. The type of gaps identified varied within these networks and from ward to ward within each of the two networks, but they generally included affordability as an issue as opposed to the supply of childcare – there is a surfeit of childminders in these Networks (with up to a 70% vacancy rate); After School provision – parents had indicated that they would like to use this facility, but there was little or no spare capacity; and flexibility of childcare was an issue as a regular/weekly slot did not always match demand, and there was an indication that there was a need for a day by day access to childcare as opposed to a fixed access. These gaps in the North and South Networks were addressed by Objectives 1, 3 and 5.
- 7.5 We noted that steps had already taken to support parents in being able to seek work or training, including the provision of 500 free full time nursery places in these networks, and the Families into Work programme based in Northumberland Park which provided a multi agency approach to tackling worklessness and the need for education and/or training for families. The Objectives outlined above would all contribute to supporting families in all of the Networks to secure the childcare that met their needs by tailoring provision to both need and demand. The remit of a Childcare Commissioning Officer and the development of a long term commissioning strategy would focus more closely on the discrete differences in gaps from Ward to Ward, and from Network to Network, and develop a strategy that responded to the differences in the gaps identified from Ward to Ward.
- 7.6 Future Action Plans would continue to address the gaps and help to ensure that the Council were sufficient in our childcare across all provision and that we met the needs of all those that seek childcare in our Borough. The actions in the Plan submitted to us would now evolve into a series of commissioning priorities that would form the basis of a remit for the role of a Childcare Commissioning Officer. Both the CSA and the Action Plan also informed the use of early years quality and access funding which is the subject

of a separate report on the Early Years Quality and Access Capital Grant Programme which appears below.

- 7.7 During the course of our deliberations concern was expressed that four of the five Objectives related to parents only while only one related to children. Also, that there should be an over-arching priority about providing good quality child care. We were informed that the Objectives proposed reflected the emphasis of the legislation which was to secure sufficient child care to enable parents to work while consideration could be given to the inclusion of a reference to 'quality' in the introduction to the Action Plan.
- 7.8 We report that subject to the foregoing the five main objectives of the Childcare Sufficiency Action Plan were endorsed.

8. EARLY YEARS QUALITY AND ACCESS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMME

- 8.1 We considered a report which advised us that in November 2007, the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) had announced that Haringey would receive an Early Years Quality Access (EYQA) Grant of £4.029 million from April 2008 to March 2011. The report detailed the strategy and rationale behind the partitioning of the Grant and its delivery.
- 8.2 We noted that the DCSF had stated that the EYQA Grant should support the delivery of the Government's Ten Year Strategy for Childcare 'Choice for parents: the best start for children' which related to the *Every Child Matters* agenda. It was hoped that the EYQA Grant would assist in overcoming the challenge of reducing the gap in attainment between the lowest achieving children and the rest through securing better results when children were assessed at five.
- 8.3 We also noted that, nationally, the EYQA Grant had three core aims - to improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities; and ICT resources; to ensure all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision; and to enable Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for three and four year olds and to do so flexibly. In the first instance, the EYQA Grant was to be focussed towards, but not limited to, improving the environmental quality of PVI's as these were the providers who had little access to funding in the past. However, spending in the maintained sector was not excluded. Support was to be provided for improved provision of ICT and the EYQA Grant would also be used in accordance with the findings of the Haringey childcare sufficiency assessment.
- 8.4 As stipulated by the DCSF, the EYQA Grant in Haringey was to be focussed towards the PVI sector and thereafter the maintained sector. Throughout the programme there would be an emphasis and focus on:
- Supported self evaluation by settings and schools to ensure the sustainability of the programme and continued use of any developments linked to Early Years training;
 - Supported improvement of settings in areas of high deprivation in order to deliver our Early Years Outcome Duty of narrowing the gap in children's achievement;

- Supported improvements in the PVI and Childminder sectors to encourage a level playing field of provision while continuing to support improvements in the maintained sector; and,
- Effective use of the capital to develop Early Years services (where appropriate, the EYQA Grant will be linked to Children's Centre Phase III proposals). With respect to the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, where under-capacity exists the Council would, where possible, use the fund to support the development/creation of new places; for example by increasing the SEN provision throughout the borough and the number of childcare places in the West of the borough.

8.5 Bid invitations were sent out to all eligible PVI's and maintained sector settings. Bids were graded, evaluated and approvals based on a need priority basis, the criteria of which included the following:

- The need to improve outside learning areas; particularly to support improvement in boys achievement;
- The need for ICT resources and equipment; particularly to support PVI's, and childminders to support children's play and assess their progress, particularly in the most deprived areas of the borough;
- The need for ensuring full access for disabled children and adults and children with Special Educational Needs;
- The further development of the Children's Centre programme to allow all children access to Children's Centre services.

A summary of the proposed allocation of the £4.029 million EYQA Grant was set out in the following table:

| EARLY YEARS SECTOR | 2009 TO 2010 | 2010 TO 2011 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| CHILDMINDERS AND PVI'S | £ 1,133,000 | £ 780,000 | £ 1,913,000 |
| MAINTAINED | £ 393,000 | £ 1,280,000 | £ 1,673,000 |
| PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT | £ 120,000 | £ 123,258 | £ 243,258 |
| PROGRAMME CONTINGENCY | £ - | £ 200,000 | £ 200,000 |
| TOTAL | £ 1,426,000 | £ 2,603,258 | £ 4,029,258 |

8.6 We report that we agreed the EYQA Grant to support the aim of improving the overall early years provision within the Borough and approved the outlined delivery programme as outlined in the report.

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN - 2009/20

9.1 This matter was the subject of a report to the Council meeting on 20 July at which time it was agreed to delegate to the Director of the Children and Young People's Service in

consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People authority to agree the final version of the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan Local Area Agreement for submission to the Department of Children, Families and Schools.

10. ANNUAL SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING REPORT

10.1 We considered a report which informed us of the demand for pupil places in Haringey's primary, secondary and special schools and updated us on action to respond to this demand. We noted that the Government had now made additional resources available for additional primary schools and that a bid was to be formulated to access these funds.

10.3 We report that we approved the working priorities set out below and agreed that the recommendations arising from this work should be presented to us in July 2010 -

- Continued monitoring of the proposed additional provision around Tottenham Hale, and work on consultation;
- Continued monitoring of housing developments and its impact on school rolls and the demand for school places
- Continued monitoring of changes in need for special school provision
- Continue to develop post 16 projections.
- Monitor the demand for secondary school places in light the opening of the new school
- Support London Councils' campaign to secure further funding for primary school places

10.4 We also approved continued work on contingency planning for additional places to reflect the continued high birth rate and across the Service to ensure that post 16 provision met demand. A further annual report on school places would be presented in July 2010.

11. RHODES AVENUE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED EXPANSION

11.1 We reported previously to the Council our approval of the publication of statutory notices on the proposed expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School from 2 to 3 forms of entry.

11.2 We considered a report which advised us that the statutory notices proposing the expansion of Rhodes Avenue had been published in April 2009 with a four week consultation period ending on 22 May 2009. Concurrent with these notices, four weeks of consultation with interested parties had been carried out. As objections had been received to the proposal, a decision had to be made as to whether or not the expansion should go ahead. We also noted that the report recommended that the expansion should go ahead.

11.3 We report that we noted the feedback from the consultation on the issuing of statutory notices and the analysis of other factors influencing the provision of and demand for school places in Haringey and, in particular, in Alexandra ward. We approved the expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School in Alexandra Ward from 2 forms of entry (60 pupils per year) to three forms of entry (90 pupils per year) with effect from

September 2011 and in so doing noted that work on the design of how the additional form of entry would be delivered on-site was ongoing.

Resources

11. TRANSFORMING TOTTENHAM HALE – PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

- 11.1 We considered a report which updated us on the progress in implementing the 'Transforming Tottenham Hale' Urban Centre Master Plan and which summarised the conclusions of a development study of the Greater Ashley Road area, and which recommended approval to a set of development principles to guide the preparation of detailed development and improvement proposals (in addition to overall planning policies) and to approve community consultation on those principles.
- 11.2 We noted that the report also proposed the entering into agreements with the Homes and Communities Agency and Transport for London to change the Tottenham Hale Gyratory system to two-way traffic flow with a new bus interchange at Tottenham Hale. These agreements would cover the Council contributing to funding the works using resources approved in March 2009 and transferring to Transport for London specific areas of Council land currently in service use that first needed to be appropriated to highway purposes.
- 11.3 During the course of our deliberations we were informed that overall costs of the scheme had been reduced and that value engineering was continuing. We were also informed that the Town Hall Approach Road had been part pedestrianised but that some access for emergency vehicles remained and that detailed design work was continuing. Reference was also made to the requirements of the European Water Framework Directive and in this connection we were advised that the development proposed would involve a sustainable drainage system.
- 11.4 We report that we agreed as follows –
- To note the development feasibility assessment for the Greater Ashley Road area of Tottenham undertaken by consultants commissioned by the London Development Agency and involving Design for London, Transport for London and the Council in identifying and selecting options.
 - To approve the Development Principles listed in the report to guide the preparation of a Development and Infrastructure Delivery Plan for the Greater Ashley Road area to be transformed as part of Tottenham Hale Urban Centre.
 - To approve community consultation on those principles and the proposals within the consultant's study of the Tottenham Hale/Greater Ashley Road area to inform the drafting of the Development & Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
 - To approve the appropriation of three areas of Council-owned land indicated on Plan 3 from (variously) community, open space and housing use to public highway.

- To note the new funding proposals for the Gyratory and other infrastructure projects in Tottenham Hale set out in the report.
- To approve the commitment of £1 million as a further Council contribution to the Tottenham Hale Gyratory two-way flow works (in addition to existing approved contributions from the Growth Fund (£5 million), Community Infrastructure Fund (£4 million) and £3.5 million provided for within the Hale Village Section 106 agreement dated 9 October 2007).
- To instruct officers to develop a Section 106 development tariff policy for new homes and commercial floor space in the Tottenham Hale/Gyratory area (as outlined in the report) to support the funding proposals for the Gyratory and other infrastructure projects in the Tottenham Hale area and to report back to us with detailed proposals for approval.
- To authorise the Director of Urban Environment to negotiate and, in consultation with the Head of Corporate Property Services, the Head of Legal Services and the Leader of the Council, to agree the terms of funding/collaboration agreements with the Homes and Communities Agency and with Transport for London for the works needed to change the current Tottenham Hale gyratory system to two-way traffic flow having regards to resolutions 5-7 above, with those agreements also providing for the Council to transfer the areas of land mentioned above to Transport for London as one of the Council's contributions to the project supporting the regeneration of the area subject to appropriate authorities from Government and Valuation.
- To authorise officers to initiate discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency and the London Development Agency on the principles and opportunities for collaboration and partnership to secure the long term regeneration of Tottenham Hale in general and the Greater Ashley Road area in particular.

12. FINANCIAL PLANNING 2010/11 – 2012/13

- 12.1 We considered a report on the Council's financial and business planning period 2010/11 – 2012/13. We noted that there were a number of national policy issues outlined in the report that would need to be considered as part of the Council's business planning process. The national funding position for local government for 2010/11 was informed by the three year settlement following the comprehensive spending review in 2007. For 2011/12 onwards this would be guided by the Budget in May 2009 and would be detailed after the next full Government spending review expected in 2010.
- 12.2 The local strategic context was defined by the manifesto commitments and their incorporation into the Community Strategy and the Council Plan and that these priorities and actions informed the business planning and resource allocation process.
- 12.3 The existing medium term financial strategy was soundly based and provided additional investment in Council priorities whilst delivering significant levels of efficiency savings. We also noted that the report rolled the three year strategy forward one year and noted

the savings target for 2010/11 of £2.0m and a potential significant budget gap of £17.1 million plus a further £3.7 million of target savings to be identified for the later two years.

12.4 We report that we agreed as follows -

- To approve the estimated financial position set out in the report for planning purposes.
- To approve the budget changes and variations as set out in the report.
- To approve the proposed business planning process as set out in the report.
- To approve the additional one-off resource to fund the reduction in emergency temporary accommodation as set out in the interleaved report.

13. HORNSEY TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

13.1 We considered a report which followed the outcome of the feasibility report prepared by the design team working on the Hornsey Town Hall project and the market appraisal report undertaken for this site by specialist consultant surveyors. The Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board (CPB) had considered the feasibility study and were recommending a specific option to be taken forward. The report confirmed that the option could be taken forward and on what basis. The option evaluation currently highlighted a capital and revenue funding gap and consequently the recommendation was for a phased implementation in order to safeguard the Council's position.

13.2 We noted that the project had reached the first gateway and the report sought key decisions following completion of the feasibility study to restore and convert Hornsey Town Hall (Grade 2* listed building) with the aim of transferring it to community use. In summary, the decisions required to enable the project to proceed to the next gateway related to the selection of the site development option, agreement to increase the level of the forward funding by the Council and approval for the submission of the application for planning consent. This decision would, in effect, determine the extent of the site and buildings to be retained for transfer to community use and the extent of the site disposed of to generate the enabling development to provide capital value for re-investment in the project.

13.3 We also noted that the report outlined the forthcoming milestones of this project and set out the future key decisions that would be required prior to works commencing on site. In summary, the decisions required at the next gateway would be after granting of planning consent and would relate to making contractual commitments for the restoration of the Town Hall, marketing and disposal of the remainder site for enabling development and approving the transfer of the Town Hall and retained parts to the Hornsey Town Hall Creative Trust (HTHCT).

13.4 We report that we agreed as follows -

- To the implementation of the site development option 2b (Retain and refurbish Town Hall building and Broadway Annex, excluding East Wing) as set out in the report.

- To approve the continued preparation and submission of the application for planning consent for option 2b including the whole development, taking account of the feedback from the public consultation recently undertaken.
- To approve an increase in the extent of the Council's forward funding from £6 million to £7.1 million to accommodate the revised timescale for the marketing and building of the enabling development.
- To approve the additional preparatory costs of £450,000 required to support the preparation of the full planning application for the proposed development and the sale of the land (noting the 'at risk' nature of the costs and mitigation being undertaken to manage the risks).

14. WELBOURNE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- 14.1 The Welbourne Community Centre (the site) was occupied by the Caribbean Senior Citizens Association (CSCA) on a tenancy at will. The building was in poor condition, under-utilised and offered a medium to long term redevelopment opportunity. At our meeting on 17 June 2008, (vide Minute CAB23 2008/09) we approved the marketing and disposal of the site and to engage the CSCA and other stakeholders on the proposal.
- 14.2 We considered a report which advised us the site had not been put on the market due to outstanding issues with the existing incumbent tenants. In view of the factors above, the down turn in the residential property market and an emerging regeneration strategy for the Greater Ashley Road area, the report sought our approval to defer action on the previous decision until market conditions were more favourable and any impact of the Greater Ashley Road master plan had been considered.
- 14.3 We report that we agreed to defer our decision of 17 June 2008 and we instructed the Head of Corporate Property to monitor the property market with a view to reporting to us when there was an upward change in the residential property market that warranted implementation of the decision, taking into account regeneration issues.

15. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SALTRAM CLOSE

- 15.1 We considered a report which sought approval to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in Saltram Close Playground site (the site) on the open market having secured the planning status of the site.
- 15.2 We noted that the site in its present use was an underused resource and that certainty of the development potential with the benefit of planning permission would reduce any perceived risks by developers, expedite disposal once advertised and optimise the capital receipts. The capital receipts generated would enable the Council to carry out some of the necessary and long overdue regeneration works required at Saltram Close Housing Estate, as the net capital receipts after deduction of all costs associated with securing the planning permission would be ring fenced to fund the estate regeneration works.

- 15.3 The estate regeneration works would see the re-provision of a secure and overlooked under 5's playground, elsewhere on the Saltram Close Housing Estate as designed in consultation with residents. The redevelopment of the site would see the creation of new housing (private and affordable) enabling the Council to achieve its goal in line with Government targets to meet housing needs whilst improving the local environment, regularising the overall site, and allowing for an aesthetically pleasing scheme to be developed.
- 15.4 The scheme for the regeneration of the site, which was developed following consultation in the form of workshops and meetings with local residents and community groups would enhance and make a better environment for the residents.
- 15.5 The report recommended that option 4 (secure planning status for the site prior to marketing) be progressed with Corporate Property Services in consultation with the Head of Housing Strategy Development and Partnerships preparing and submitting a planning application for planning permission prior to marketing the site. This would give developers some certainty and reduce risk, which would save time and optimise the capital receipts.
- 15.6 During the course of our deliberations we noted that the report sought our approval for the disposal of the Council's freehold interest and we asked that further consideration be given to the disposal being on the basis of a long leasehold. It was also confirmed that planning permission would be sought for the development of the site prior to its disposal and that the site would be improved by the proposals contained in the 'Transforming Tottenham Hale' Urban Centre Master Plan (see Item 11 above).
- 15.6 We report that we agreed as follows -
- Having considered the options outlined in the report, and in view of the current property market, to pursue the Council's regeneration and financial objectives by securing appropriate planning status for the site through a planning permission.
 - To the disposal of the site on the open market for the best consideration reasonably obtainable once the planning status had been secured through either a Development Brief endorsed by the Planning Committee or by securing planning permission.
 - To the ring fencing and re-investment in the regeneration of Saltram Close Estate in line with the Executive (Cabinet) decision of 23 January 2007 of the net capital receipts after deduction of all costs associated with securing the planning permission.

Leader

16. THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: APRIL – MAY 2009 (PERIODS 1 AND 2)

- 16.1 We considered a report which presented on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to May 2009 and asked us to agree budget virements in accordance with financial regulations.
- 16.2 We noted a summary of performance for the reporting period as follows -

- Burglaries and thefts of motor vehicles were below target but violent crime and knife crime rates were above target.
- Performance on initial and core assessments for children's social care were below target.
- Sport and leisure usage continued to be better than last year.
- The percentage of young people not in education, training or employment in April was 7.6 against a stretch target of 10.4%.
- Delayed transfers of care at 16.1 per 100,000 population had improved slightly from April but were still significantly above the ambitious target of 9 for 2009/10.
- The number of working days lost to sickness is 8.92 in the rolling year. This was a slight increase from 8.88 days last year.
- Processing of both minor and other planning applications was above targets set for 2009/10.
- Average re-let times for local authority dwellings in the year to May was 41.5 days against a target of 31 days.
- Average time for processing new benefit claims and change events had increased to 32 days in May against a target of 17 days for 2009/10.
- Call centre telephone answering indicators showed a decline in performance levels.

16.3 We were informed that the overall revenue budget monitoring, based on the May position, showed that the general fund was forecast to spend £3 million above budget with the Children and Young People's Service, Adult Culture and Community Services and Corporate Resources each projected to overspend. The reasons for the projected variations were detailed in this report. The report also outlined some budget pressures that services were seeking to contain within the budget. We were also informed that the dedicated schools budget (DSB) element of the overall Children and Young People's Service budget was projected to spend at budget and that the net revenue projection with respect to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is to achieve the budgeted surplus of £0.7 million.

16.4 We also noted that the aggregate capital projected position in 2009/10 was to under spend by £6.3 million (3.1%), the reasons for this projected variation were detailed in the report, and that this excluded the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) forecast as significant re-profiling was to be identified and reported to us in September.

16.5 Financial regulations require that proposed budget changes be approved by the Cabinet. These are shown in the table below and fall into one of two categories:

- Budget virements, where it was proposed that budget provision be transferred between one service budget and another. Explanations are provided where this is the case;

- Increases or decreases in budget, generally where notification has been received in-year of a change in the level of external funding such as grants or supplementary credit approval.

16.6 Under the Constitution, certain virements are key decisions. Key decisions are:

- For revenue, any virement which results in change in a directorate cash limit of more than £250,000; and
- For capital, any virement which results in the change of a programme area of more than £250,000.

Key decisions are highlighted by an asterisk in the table.

16.7 The following table sets out the proposed changes. There are two figures shown in each line of the table. The first amount column relates to changes in the current year's budgets and the second to changes in future years' budgets (full year). Differences between the two occur when, for example, the budget variation required relates to an immediate but not ongoing need or where the variation takes effect for a part of the current year but will be in effect for the whole of future years. Proposed virements are set out in the following table –

| Revenue Virements | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Period | Service | Key | Amount current year (£'000) | Full year Amount (£'000) | Reason for budget changes | Description |
| 1 | All | Rev* | 3,250 | | Corrective budget realignment | Transfer of pay/other inflation budget from services to Non Service Revenue. |
| 1 | CY | Rev* | 17,203 | | Corrective budget realignment | Allocation of DSG income to income budgets at Business Unit level following initial allocation to Directors Budget. |
| 2 | All | Rev* | 372 | | Corrective budget realignment | Additional 0.25% pay award agreed for 2008/09. |
| 2 | PP | Rev | 155 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | Home office grant for Priorities for Pioneer Areas and Youth Justice Board grant for Prevention of violent extremism. |
| 2 | PP/CR | Rev | 125 | | Corrective budget realignment | Allocation of Circular Funding to Voluntary Sector Groups |
| 2 | All | Rev* | 24,049 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | 2009/10 Area Based Grant (ABG) Allocation. |
| 2 | CY | Rev* | 25,637 | | Corrective budget realignment | Budgets updated to reflect increased government grant levels and corresponding expenditure. Also to reflect realignment of budgets at individual Children's Centres following review of funding formula. |
| 2 | AC | Rev* | 586 | | Corrective budget realignment | To re-align Wolves Lane budget as approved by Cabinet on the 24th February 2009 |
| 2 | AC | Rev | 151 | | Corrective budget realignment | Parks constabulary closed as per Cabinet Report Nov 2008 |
| 2 | AC | Rev* | 1,525 | | Corrective budget realignment | To re-align Sports & Leisure DSO budget |
| 2 | AC | Rev* | 304 | | Corrective budget | Energy budget re-distributed within service areas |

| | | | | | realignment | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 2 | AC | Rev* | 339 | | Corrective budget realignment | Correction of previous virement for Mental Health which should have been processed on a one off basis rather than permanently |
| 2 | CY | Rec* | 1,888 | | Corrective budget realignment | To reflect 2008/09 Standard Fund carry forward allocations in 2009/10 budget as they can be spent over an 18 months period |
| 2 | CY | Rev* | 220 | | Corrective budget realignment | Re allocation of budgets to reflect lower inflation provision |
| 2 | CY | Rev | 122 | | Corrective budget realignment | This change reflects the aggregation of corporate overheads against the cost centre for external provision following the cessation of internal transport provision. |
| 2 | PP | Rev* | 1,447 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | 2009/10 Grant Allocations for Youth Justice Board and Department for Children, Schools and Families |
| 2 | CR | Rev* | 513 | | Corrective budget realignment | Corporate Procurement savings target correctly re-aligned to an expenditure code to reflect that the saving will be achieved via reduced cost rather than increased income. |
| 2 | CR | Rev | 154 | | Corrective budget realignment | Budget re-alignment to reflect the reductions in both the costs and demand for IT change requests following infrastructure investment |
| 2 | CR | Rev* | 310 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | Department of Work & Pension additional one off grant to deal with higher workloads on benefit claims. |
| 2 | CY/PP/UE/AC | Rev* | 516 | | 2009/10 Pump Priming Grant allocations | Funding from Communities & Local Government for work carried out towards Stretched Targets from Haringey's first local area agreement |
| 2 | All | Rev* | 1,274 | | Corrective budget realignment | Revised allocation of Insurance recharge 2009/10 |
| 2 | PP | Rev* | 278 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | 2009/10 Financial Contributions from Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust to the Joint Healthy Alliance HIV Prevention Programme. |
| | | | | | | |
| Capital Virements | | | | | | |
| Period | Service | Key | Amount current year (£'000) | Full year Amount (£'000) | Reason for budget changes | Description |
| | PP | Cap | 121 | | 2009/10 Grant allocations | Home Office Safer Stronger Communities Fund Capital Grant |

17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND ITS THEME BOARDS

17.1 We reported to the Council on 20 July 2009 on the appointments we had made to the Haringey Strategic Partnership Board and its Theme Boards.

17.2 We now report for information that consequent on Councillor Cooke's resignation as a Cabinet Member we have appointed Councillor Amin (Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation (Councillor Haley) to serve as Council representatives on the Haringey Strategic

Partnership Board and the Enterprise Partnership Board respectively for the remainder of the 2009/10 municipal year.

18. BROADWATER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

18.1 The Council will be aware that the Broadwater Farm Community Centre has been subject to a number of reviews and option appraisals to determine its future. We considered a report which drew together all of the previous work, developed the most viable options and factored in the outcomes of a consultation and engagement exercise carried out with the local community and stakeholders.

18.2 Prior to the consultation, three options had been under consideration:

- a. Transform to a predominantly leisure centre.
- b. Close the Centre and re-provide community facilities within the inclusive learning centre.
- c. Review current policies and practice at the Centre, to improve the offer, increase usage, deliver better value for money by creating a campus approach integrating with the development of Lordship Recreation Ground, and the opportunities arising from the building of the Integrated Learning Centre.

18.3 The consultation pointed towards developing a detailed plan to implement option 3 and we report that we approved this option which would require a full project for the remodelling of services based at the community centre noting that the project would form part of an overall programme to implement the regeneration of Lordship Recreation Ground and encompassing a bid for an all weather football pitch and changing facilities.

19. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEES

12.1 We report that we appointed the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee and the Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee with the memberships, quorums and terms of reference indicated below -

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Membership

Councillors Reith (Chair)
 Adamou
 Alexander
 Allison
 Engert
 C. Harris
 Patel

The Advisory Committee will also be supported by officer representatives from:

- Strategic and Community Housing Service
- Health Service

- Children and Young People Service

Quorum

The quorum will be 2 members.

Proposed Terms of Reference

- a. To be responsible for the Council's role as Corporate parent for those children and young people who are in care.
- b. To ensure the views of children in care are heard.
- c. To seek to ensure that the life chances of children in care are maximized in terms of health, educational attainment and access to training and employment to aid the transition to a secure and fulfilling adulthood.
- d. To ensure that the voice and needs of disabled children are identified and provided for.
- e. To provide an advocacy function within the Children's Trust and the Council on behalf of children in care.
- f. To monitor the quality of care provided by the Council to Children in Care
- g. To ensure that children leaving care have sustainable arrangements for their future wellbeing.

(These terms of reference will be subject to a review in April 2010).

The Advisory Committee will report to the Cabinet on a twice yearly basis and to the Council annually.

Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee

Membership

Councillors: Jones (Chair)
Davies
Lister
Mallett
Oatway
Hilary Corrick (Non-Councillor Member - appointed by the Committee)

Quorum

The quorum will be three members.

Proposed Terms of Reference

The terms of reference are set out below:

- a. To examine and consider the effectiveness of the Council's policies and practice, including policies and practices in schools, children's homes and children's centres, relating to the safeguarding of children.

- b. To examine and consider the effectiveness of the arrangements for co-operation on child protection matters between partner agencies.
- c. To consider the Council's policies and performance relating to safeguarding through observing practice in Haringey and obtaining the views of key stakeholders (staff, families and children /young people) to attain a qualitative understanding of safeguarding practice.
- d. To make recommendations on these matters to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Director of Children and Young People's Service in taking forward improvements to safeguarding of children.

The Chair will determine the Committee's procedures and the means for conveying the Committee's views to the Cabinet but, in the event of any dispute, the outcome will be determined by the majority vote of the Committee's membership with the Chair having a casting vote.

The terms of reference for the Committee will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People following the Council Elections in 2010.

Note by the Head of Local Democracy & Member Services

Section 2 of Part Three - Section D of the Constitution (Terms of Reference: The Cabinet and Cabinet Bodies) provides that the Cabinet may establish advisory committees, membership of which need not be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them or create further ones, at its own discretion.

Committees established by the Cabinet are empowered to perform their functions with immediate effect unless the Cabinet imposes any express restriction when they are established. Unless stated otherwise, all Advisory or Consultative Committees continue in operation only until the first meeting of the Cabinet in the next municipal year following their establishment when they must be expressly renewed or they cease to exist.

The establishment, abolition or cessation of Committees and the amendment of their terms of reference will be reported to full Council for noting in the Council's Constitution.

16. DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

- 16.1 We were informed of the following significant actions taken by Directors under delegated powers -

Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services

Parks Services – Apprenticeship Establishment.

Director of Children and Young People's Services

Building Schools for the Future Programme – Park View Academy Kitchen Design and Installation

Provision of Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People.

Client Caseload Information System (CCIS)

Rhodes Avenue Expansion Project – Procurement of NPS Design Consultants

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Chair:
 Councillor Clare Kober

Deputy Chair:
 Councillor Lorna Reith

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report covers matters considered by the Cabinet at our meeting on 8 September 2009. For ease of reference the Report is divided into the Cabinet portfolios.
- 1.2 We trust that this Report will be helpful to Members in their representative role and facilitate a fruitful dialogue between the Cabinet and all groups of Councillors. These reports are a welcome opportunity for the Cabinet on a regular basis to present the priorities and achievements of the Cabinet to Council colleagues for consideration and comment. The Cabinet values and encourages the input of fellow members.

ITEMS OF REPORT

Community Cohesion and Involvement

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008-09 ON THE HANDLING OF CUSTOMER FEEDBACK, COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS AND MEMBERS' ENQUIRIES

- 2.1 We considered the annual report on the operation of the Council's corporate feedback and members' enquiries procedures which detailed the Council's performance, key achievements and developments in 2008-09. The report included the Local Government Ombudsman's annual review, which summarised the complaints received against the Council in the year, and any lessons learned. It also included the Council's response to the issues which the Ombudsman had raised. We noted that with regard to subject access requests the Council did not charge individuals for processing requests for access to the information held about them and it was proposed that a charge of £10 be made as permitted by the Data Protection Act.
- 2.2 We report that key achievements in corporate feed back and Members' enquiries over the last year included -
 - Improved performance to timescale at all complaints stages: target achieved for completion of stage 1 and exceeded for stages 2 and 3;
 - Improved and above target performance for completion of members' enquiries to timescale;
 - Fewer new complaints at stage 1 for the second successive year;
 - A 2% increase in satisfaction with complaint handling compared with 2007-08;
 - Improvement on already excellent response times to Ombudsman first enquiries;
 - A 12% increase in the number of compliments to staff from services users;
 - Receiving one WOW nomination/compliment for good customer service for every 1.4 complaints, a significant improvement on the 1.8 recorded in 2007-08;
 - Staff winning 165 national WOW! awards, a 211% increase on the 49 won the previous year.

3.3 Key points in the Ombudsman's annual review were:

- Highest numbers of the 235 enquiries and complaints received were Housing, including Homes for Haringey (90), and transport and highways (33 – all but one of which concerned parking)
- There was one finding of maladministration in a homelessness case, and in 53 of 119 investigation decisions (52%), the Council took action in response
- The Council's average of 17.2 days to respond to the Ombudsman's enquiries was 'an improvement on your already excellent response times...' (This was the best in London, the overall average being 31.3 days.)

While there were a number of significant improvements made during the year, the report also highlighted some issues that need to be addressed.

- 3.4 With regard to subject access requests under the Data Protection Act, individuals have the statutory right, subject to some exemptions, to access information that organisations hold about them (this applied to CCTV images as well as paper files and computer records). Last year the Council processed just over 200 subject access requests (SARs). Hitherto, the Council have not charged for processing SARs even though the Data Protection Act specified that organisations can charge up to £10. We report that we approved the recommendation that a charge of £10 be introduced for processing SARs in order to recoup some the postage and copying costs in processing them.

Enforcement and Safer Communities

3. NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Council will be aware that the North London Waste Plan is a joint waste development plan document being drawn up by Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. We considered a report which advised us that the first stage - *Issues and Options* – had been the subject of consultation in early 2008 and the preferred options report was now ready for ratification by each borough before going to public consultation during October/November for a minimum of six weeks. The preferred options report set out a preferred approach on site allocation and established a policy and monitoring framework for the Plan.
- 3.2 We were informed that the Mayor of London had allocated to each borough an amount of waste, referred to as the apportionment, for which boroughs had to make site provision. The preferred approach was to meet the apportionment by safeguarding and, where appropriate, by intensifying existing waste management sites, re-orientating existing transfer stations into waste management sites and by identifying a small number of additional sites that might be used if the existing sites proved unsuitable.
- 3.3 The completion date given in 2008 for the Plan was December 2010. However, it was now likely to be November 2011 and as a consequence of this change the timetable had been provisionally revised and extended further into the 2011 financial year with small additional associated programme manager costs. There might be extra cost for the consultants commissioned to develop the Plan but this had not been confirmed at this stage. It was confirmed that appropriate approval for any additional expenditure would be sought.

- 3.4 Having noted that the Plan complemented but was different in scope to the North London Joint Waste Strategy drawn up by the seven boroughs and the North London Waste Authority, we report that we approved the Preferred Options report of the North London Waste Plan for the purpose of consultation and authorised the Assistant Director - Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities, to agree any consequent minor changes prior to consultation. We also approved the supplemental Memorandum of Understanding which was set out as an Appendix to the report.

Housing

4. REVIEW OF DECENT HOMES PROGRAMME, PREPARING FOR HOMES FOR HARINGEY AUDIT INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

- 4.1 We considered a report which provided a review of Year 1 of the Decent Homes programme, including the summary outturn position against key indicators, lessons learned and how these had been incorporated into the programme for years 2-5. It also sought ratification of a decision to install the full I.R.S system which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky and Sky plus, Hotbird and Turksat. The report also informed us of Homes for Haringey's arrangements for re-inspection by the Audit Commission in 2010 and of the Management Agreement review, noting that the current agreement expired on 31 March 2011.
- 4.2 We noted that with regard to the Decent Homes Programme the success of Year 1 programme could be measured by performance against the following key indicators -
- 1,555 tenanted homes had been brought up to the Decent Homes Standard and works carried out to 367 leasehold units. This equated to 99% against the programmed target.
 - As at 31 March 2009, the overall level of non-decency had been reduced to 36.4% against the CLG agreed target of 36%.
 - Total expenditure in Year 1 was £29 million against a year end profile of £29.5 million or 98%.
 - Resident satisfaction averaged at 97% across the 4 contract areas. This could be broken down as follows: Hornsey 94%, Wood Green 97%, South Tottenham 100% and North Tottenham 98%.
 - The number of residents who had declined works in Year 1 was 63. These were defined as cases where contractors had been able to carry out essential works, such as double glazing and re-wiring, or where the tenant had declined kitchen and/or bathroom improvements; or cases where no essential works had been identified but the tenant had declined kitchen/bathroom improvements. Residents who had refused works had been written to in order to confirm their reasons for refusal. When refusal was due to difficult personal circumstances they had the option to ask to be re-instated in the programme at a later date.

- The number of 'no access' was 62. This included cases where no access had been provided for either surveys or works. Dedicated staff in the Asset Management team were working with local Tenancy Management officers, the contractors and residents on an individual basis to try to resolve 'no access' cases where possible. We had a legal right of access, and Tenancy Management were instructed to instigate appropriate legal action on the basis of breach of tenancy where appropriate.
 - Against the total number of units where access has been gained (over 5,000) the no access concerns were comparatively low and being managed.
 - The number of complaints received during Year 1 was 92, 47 of which were stage 0 complaints, 41 stage 1, and 3 stage 2. The majority of complaints were not about the actual works being undertaken as part of the Decent Homes programme. In many instances residents were complaining about repairs issues or when they were to be included in the programme. This low figure is testimony to the efforts made by the various site teams to resolve residents concerns before they felt a need to complain.
 - To date there had been one health and safety reportable incident. The contractors, and not the Council, were responsible for the health and safety of their work force and operated under the relevant regulatory requirements.
- 4.3 We also noted that Homes for Haringey were due to be re-inspected by the Audit Commission in May or June 2010 and the report outlined the preparation and plans to achieve at least a two star outcome which would in turn facilitate the continued release of Decent Homes funding. Homes for Haringey had commissioned an advice and assistance inspection of the cross-cutting Key Lines of Enquiries by the Audit Commission for October 2009.
- 4.4 A project management team had been established in June 2009, a project plan was in place and the project team was meeting monthly to review progress and ensure the project remained on track. The high level milestones for this project were detailed in the report as was the progress to date. During Quarter 3 (October – December 2009) evidence collection and updating of the Self Assessment would take place and improvement plans would be reviewed. During this period internal communications and a reality checking programme would be enhanced and from January 2010 external communications would commence and arrangements for getting staff and key delivery partners inspection-ready stepped up.
- 4.5 In April 2006, the Council had entered into a 5 year Management Agreement with Homes for Haringey under which the Council retained responsibility for strategic issues and delegated to Homes for Haringey the responsibility for the Housing Revenue Account, the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock (for which a management fee was paid - to deliver improvement to all Council homes and to meet the 'Decent Homes' standard in Haringey). This agreement had secured Government funding of £198 million, for the purpose of delivering decent homes. Homes for Haringey have entered the fourth year of the agreement and a review is on going.

- 4.6 The Agreement would expire on 31 March 2011 and the 12 months notice that was required to extend or end the contract, fell on 31 March 2010. Provision existed for extensions of further periods of between three to 5 years, but not so as to extend the Term by more than five years in total. We were informed that the review of the Management Agreement with Homes for Haringey was timely for a number of reasons. Homes for Haringey had achieved 2* rating when last inspected in May 2007 and re-inspection was due next year. We were informed that Homes for Haringey was well placed to play a significant role in delivering the Council's housing strategy and to continue to deliver housing management to tenants and leaseholders.
- 4.7 We were also informed that the Council and since 2006 Homes for Haringey had been replacing existing communal aerials with I.R.S which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky, Sky Plus, and Hotbird and Turksat television channels with the appropriate equipment without installing their own satellite dishes. Homes for Haringey had recently re-tendered the work resulting in better value for money for residents and we were asked to ratify the initial in this respect so that the replacement work could continue.
- 4.8 We report that we noted the review of Year 1 of the Decent Homes programme, including the summary outturn position against key indicators, lessons learned and how these had been incorporated into the years 2-5 of the programme and the progress of Homes for Haringey's preparation for re-inspection by the Audit Commission in 2010. We also noted that it be noted that the existing management agreement which would expire on the 31 March 2011 was being reviewed by the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing with a view to allowing the extension of contract between the Council and Homes for Haringey for a further period of between three and five years.
- 4.9 We agreed that a further report be presented to us by December 2009 setting out the details of the changes/amendments made to the management agreement for our consideration and approval and we endorsed the decision to install the full I.R.S system which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky and Sky plus, Hotbird and Turksat be ratified.

5. BUILDING BRITAIN'S FUTURE – DEVELOPMENT IN NATIONAL HOUSING POLICY

- 5.1 We considered a report which updated us on recent developments in national housing policy being delivered via the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) single conversation and the requirement for local authorities to prepare a borough investment plan for the delivery of housing and regeneration objectives leading to a Local Investment Agreement (LIA) between the Council and the HCA for 2010- 2014.
- 5.2 We noted that as part of the LIA delivery plan it was recommended that Council officers explore and recommend on options other than the traditional methods for housing supply and regeneration by detailed appraisal of local asset backed vehicles (LABV) as an additional method to deliver the Councils housing and regeneration objectives.
- 5.3 We noted the actions taken in progressing the HCA Single Conversation and the formulation of a borough investment plan for housing and regeneration and agreed that a further report be submitted following presentation of a draft plan to the HCA and

negotiation of the terms of a Local Investment Agreement (LIA). We also granted approval to the Director of Urban Environment, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, to carry out a detailed appraisal of the options and benefits of setting up Local Asset Backed Vehicles (LABV) as a method of taking forward the Council's major housing and regeneration objectives.

6. FIRE SAFETY UPDATE – SCISSOR BLOCKS IN HARINGEY

- 6.1 We considered a report which advised us that Homes for Haringey had an on-going programme for Fire Risk Assessments and had completed all assessments for the blocks of greatest concern to the Fire Brigade (high rise and sheltered stock). However, following the fire at Lakanal House in Camberwell, the Department for Communities and Local Government had asked all local authorities to provide them with additional information about a construction style described as scissor blocks. In gathering this information officers had reached a number of conclusions regarding work required in some of the Council's stock.
- 6.2 The fire at Camberwell had focussed attention upon the risk of fire spread in buildings of scissor construction, where the entry point to the dwelling lay on one side of the building, but the upper storey sat on the other side. Homes for Haringey were visiting maisonette blocks across the Borough to verify in which locations this type of design existed and at the time of our meeting officers had identified two estates where action was required:
- Broadwater Farm, 378 homes (42 in each of the nine blocks)
 - Campsbourne Estate, where there are 40 homes in Koblenz and Rhein Houses.
- 6.3 During the course of our deliberations it was confirmed that registered social landlords were being asked to carry out checks on their housing stock in the Borough. We report that we granted approval to the immediate release of an initial allocation of £500,000 for the current financial year to be funded from the HRA general balance and noted that officers would be developing a comprehensive programme for consideration in November 2009. We also authorised officers to undertake a comprehensive review of the remainder of the stock and report back to us in November 2009 to cover any maisonette properties.

Environment and Conservation

6. TRANSPORT PROPOSALS FOR 2010/11 – SUBMISSION TO TRANSPORT FOR LONDON FOR FUNDING

- 6.1 We considered a report which set out proposals for the Council's funding bid to Transport for London (TfL) for transport schemes for 2010/11. We noted that there had been significant changes to the way that TfL allocated its funding and this provided much more freedom to the Council to determine its transport priorities for expenditure. The report sets out the prioritisation process which had been followed, identified the key issues and the proposals for expenditure.
- 6.2 We also noted that our bid needed to be submitted by 21 September 2009 and the outcome of the discussion on the proposals which had taken place at the Haringey

Transport Forum was reported verbally at our meeting. TfL would assess our proposals to ensure that they were in general conformity with the Mayor's Transport Strategy and they would confirm allocations for all the programmes in November/December 2009.

6.3 We noted the new funding system for LIP submissions and we approved the submission to TfL as set out in the table below which reflects changes made at our meeting -

| | Proposed Allocation | Comments |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Neighbourhoods | | |
| A406 Palace Gates area | £360,000 | Continuing programme of traffic management/calming projects |
| A406 Bidwell Gardens area | £250,000 | Continuing programme of traffic management/calming projects |
| Wightman Road | £100,000 | Implementation of 20mph zone; completion of 2009/10 scheme |
| Tottenham Hale | £100,000 | 20mph zone |
| Hornsey Park | £150,000 | 20mph zone |
| Local safety schemes | £100,000 | Comprising £100,000 funding switched from Corridors allocation |
| DIY streets | £85,000 | Sustrans led initiative to enhance residential streetscapes. Project aimed at Carlingford Road and Langham Road in Turnpike Lane area |
| Electric charging points | £30,000 | Including £27,000 funding switched from Corridors allocation |
| Cycle training | £65,000 | Comprising £65,000 funding switched from Corridors allocation |
| Cycle parking | £20,000 | |
| Shop mobility | £42,000 | Comprising £42,000 funding switched from Corridors |
| Sub total | £1,302,000 | |
| Reserve scheme | | |
| Bounds Green | £260,000 | |
| Corridors | | |
| Tottenham High Road north of Bruce Grove | £420,000 | Completion of town centre scheme inc. footway resurfacing, decluttering, replacement of guard rails, cycle stands |
| Wood Green High Road north of Wood Green station | £561,000 | Inc. footway resurfacing, bus stop accessibility improvements, pedestrian accessibility improvements, street lighting, decluttering |
| Studies for High Road/Green Lanes | £50,000 | |
| Sub total | £1,031,000 | |
| Reserve scheme | | |
| Muswell Hill to Turnpike Lane | £206,000 | Including Muswell Hill roundabout |
| Smarter Travel | | |
| School travel plans | £215,000 | Inc. travel advisor post, newsletter, walk on Wednesday project, education projects, signage and lineage, school transition packs |

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|---|-------------------|--|
| Road safety ETP | £149,000 | Road safety awareness project, child pedestrian trainer, road safety officer post, junior and senior citizen schemes |
| Workplace travel planning | £10,000 | |
| Sub total | £374,000 | Includes £76,000 switched from Corridors allocation |
| Reserve scheme | | |
| School travel plans | £75,000 | Including small scale engineering measures |
| Total [Corridors, Neighbourhoods, Smarter Travel] excluding reserve schemes | £2,707,000 | |
| Local Transport Funding | £100,000 | Including community transport |
| Total | £2,807,000 | |

Maintenance [Principal Roads and Bridges]

The table below provides indicative funding bids for maintenance.

| Bridges | Indicative funding submission | Comments |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Buckingham Road over rail | £900,000 | Strengthening |
| Leeside Road over rail | £30,000 | Waterproofing |
| Wightman Road over rail | £110,000 | Strengthening |
| Muswell Hill Road over disused rail | £30,000 | Replace deck and water proofing |
| Ferry Lane bridge over private access road | £8,000 | Assessment |
| Ferry Lane bridge | £8,000 | Assessment |
| Total | £1,086,000 | |
| Principal Roads | | |
| Park Road, N8 [Wolseley Road to clocktower] | £172,000 | |
| High Road, N17 [Brantwood Road to Lordship Lane] | £150,000 | |
| High Road, N22 [Civic Centre to Truro Road] | £150,000 | |
| Total | £472,000 | |

Adult Social Care and Wellbeing

7. ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL STATUTORY COMPLAINTS REPORT 2008/09

7.1 We considered a report which advised us that in line with the Local Authority Social Services Complaints (England) Regulation, 2006, the Council was legally obliged to produce an annual report reviewing its complaints handling performance.

7.2 We were pleased to note that it had been an excellent year in terms of performance. 99% stage 1 responses had been completed within the 10 day timescale and 100% for both stage 2 and 3 whereas the performance target for 2008/09 had been set at 92%. The quality of responses had improved and many complaints had been responded to well within the 10 day requirement. This was central to continuing to improve 'service perception' and improve customer care practices. We were informed that monthly performance reports were submitted to the Directorate Management Team (DMT) and cascaded down to management meetings.

- 7.3 We were also informed that In order to ensure that we were responding to enquiries within timescale, weekly reports on outstanding complaints were submitted to the Service Leads and Service Managers to ensure effective closure of cases at early resolution stage and that efforts would continue to raise awareness of the Council's Feedback Scheme through publicity information.
- 7.4 We received the Annual Complaints Report and noted the performance for 2008/09 as well as the proposed initiatives for performance improvements.

8. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DAY CENTRE TRANSPORT – ADULT SOCIAL CARE

- 8.1 We considered a report which proposed a response to the Scrutiny Review of Day Centre Transport (Adult Social Care). The review had examined the process whereby a centrally-based transport service had been delegated to front line services and whether that process had been successful, whether the outcome had provided improved service to day centre users and whether the decision to delegate the transport function had provided increased value for money.
- 8.2 We noted that while the Adult, Culture and Community Service had accepted the 10 recommendations in the Scrutiny Review without reservation 9 of these recommendations, might have financial implications. We report that in approving the response to the Scrutiny Review (which was set out in an Appendix to the report) we agreed that upon completion of these recommendations further reports should be submitted to us for consideration including a full assessment of the financial implications of the recommendations and options for funding as appropriate.

Children and Young People

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 9.1 The Council will be aware that the Children and Young People Service's (CYPS) capital programme was agreed as part of the consideration of the overall budget package. We considered a report which provided us with a more detailed breakdown of the programme, including a full update of progress on the delivery of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, and a description of the projects to be undertaken to support the Primary Strategy for Change, for which full funding approval was received from the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) in March 2009. In addition, the report considered the key risks in relation to the overall programme and recommended revisions to the programme to mitigate their potential impact.
- 9.2 We noted that the CYPS Capital Programme comprised the BSF programme which was delivering strategic investment in the secondary school estate, and the Primary and other CYPS capital programme, which covered investment in the Council's primary schools, Children's Centres and other Early Years provision, Youth Centres, and planned asset maintenance across the CYPS estate.
- 9.3 The Council's Capital Strategy for 2006-2011 identified a total capital investment need in relation to Children's Services of £317 million which included an assessment based on

the condition, suitability and sufficiency of the asset base employed in raising educational achievement, and covered all Secondary, Special and Primary Schools, nurseries and Children's Centres. The Council's Asset Management Plan was a key document which was informed by the strategy and underpinned this review of the capital programme.

- 9.4 Investment under the BSF programme totalling £214m was expected to address the majority of key suitability, sufficiency and condition issues within the secondary estate. Where additional condition works were recommended to be carried out alongside this programme to secure value for money and minimise disruption to service delivery, these had been included in the proposed programme for approval to proceed. At the time of our meeting, further work was required to determine whether the individual elements of these works should properly fall to be financed from the BSF programme contingency, the existing PFI lifecycle fund or direct school resources.
- 9.5 The Primary Strategy for Change submission provided an updated assessment of investment need in 2008 for the primary sector with a total proposed investment programme of over £100 million. However, the forecast resources available to address this need and set out in the proposed programme totalled just over £60 million. It also needed to be recognised that a significant proportion of these resources, and potential future funding was necessarily being used to contribute to the provision of sufficient of primary school places. This limited our ability to address existing backlog condition issues on the remainder of the primary school estate, with the consequence that the cost of remedying defects and bringing the assets back up to standard was likely to escalate. An updated estimate of the shortfall in relation to the need to invest in the primary sector alone of up to £40 million would therefore be a reasonable assessment of the current position.
- 9.6 We also noted that whilst at present some limited funding for the maintenance of Children's Centres was being supplied by DCSF Early Years Sure Start Grant, there was considerable uncertainty as to whether this funding would be sustained in the future. The maintenance costs of these assets were likely to form a future pressure on Council budgets for which a funding strategy needed to be developed.
- 9.7 An updated condition survey was being undertaken of the primary school and children's centre estate as part of the proposed programme to further inform asset management planning and prioritisation in the future. Updated condition surveys were to be undertaken of the secondary school estate in 2012 following completion of the BSF programme to inform future proposals for life cycle and facilities management of the estate post 2012.
- 9.8 An integrated team for the delivery of the BSF and CYPS capital programmes was established in January 2009 and programme delivery was managed using Prince 2 methodologies and was subject to robust governance and review processes, including Lead Member representation. The programmes were currently managed under the direction of separate programme Boards, with the BSF Board managing the BSF Programme, and the Pre School and Primary Capital Commissioning Board (PPS Board) dealing with all major non BSF related investment programmes. Delivery was also supported by a comprehensive programme support team, and the costs of delivery were fully included within the proposed programme.

- 9.9 The BSF capital programme was time limited programme covering the projects identified in the Outline Business Case submitted to DCSF in autumn 2006. The Primary and other CYPS capital programme was a rolling 3 year programme which covered a portfolio of projects which were individually commissioned in response to the strategic objectives of the Children and Young Peoples Plan and to specific initiatives as required. The PPS Board was developing a robust commissioning process to ensure that all relevant capital funding streams, project definition, and project management resources were co-ordinated to focus on the delivery of key objectives within the overall Children's plan, and that projects were properly scoped before being put forward for inclusion in the approved programme.
- 9.10 We report that we approved a revised BSF capital programme and associated funding proposals. We also granted approval to the revised Primary and other Children and Young People's Service capital programme and associated funding proposals and to a programme of works at secondary school sites.

10. CHILDREN ACT COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT

- 10.1 We considered a report under the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act Representations Procedure which covered complaints made about social services provided under the Act such as the delivery of services, care and supervision, social work court reports, adoption and decision making. Complaints might be made by children and young people, their parents or those with parental responsibility, foster carers, special guardians and prospective adopters.
- 10.2 The report outlined the three stages of the Children Act complaints process. It covered -
- the numbers and types of complaints;
 - the outcomes of complaints and stage of the process reached;
 - the timescales they were completed in;
 - a summary of the data available on complainants, such as age, gender and ethnicity;
 - learning or service improvements that have taken place following a complaint;
 - information about expenditure;
 - information about advocacy services provided under the regulations.
- 10.3 Information about complaints made to the Children and Young People's Service which were dealt with under the Council's corporate procedures had been included in the Annual Report on Customer Feedback and Members Enquiries reported at item 2 above. We report that we noted the performance for dealing with complaints made under the Children Act procedures in the year 2008/09.

Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning

11. LORDSHIP RECREATION GROUND RESTORATION

- 11.1 We considered a report which provided us with an update on the continuing progress of the Lordship Recreation Ground Restoration Programme.

11.2 We noted that the total cost of this project as at 23 June was projected as £6,820,000 and that funding secured to date totalled £1,546,000 as detailed below -

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| • LBH PBPR agreed funding | £665k |
| • LBH (Parks improvement programme capital allocation) | £46k |
| • Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) | £235k |
| • GLA | £400k |
| • Environment Agency | £200k |
| • Total secured funding relating to HLF eligible works | £1,546k |

11.3 Bids were to be submitted or final notification received in the coming months for the following funding streams:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Interreg (bid to be submitted) | £1,115k |
| • LDA (awaiting confirmation) | £50k |
| • SITA (bid to be submitted) | £50k |
| • Veolia (bid to be submitted) | £150k |
| • BIFF Award (bid to be submitted) | £50k |
| • HLF Stage 2 (see below) | £3,859k |
| • Total | £5,274k |

11.4 Heritage Lottery Funding was dependent on a successful assessment of progress made to date. HLF had been involved in the project throughout the design phase and it was considered unlikely that funding would not be agreed. However, in order for this funding to be secured HLF would require the full value of the project to be funded. The unfunded gap at the time of our meeting, based on costs at 30 June 2009, was £1,415k, i.e. those items listed above as awaiting confirmation or bid submission.

11.5 In order to secure HLF funding all bids must be confirmed and the remaining £1,415k funding gap secured. This would result in a delay to the project of approximately 6 months. HLF were thought unlikely to rescind their offer during this period assuming all other project milestones had been met. The alternative would be for the Council to underwrite the funding shortfall in this period, pending confirmation of external funding.

11.6 We report that we noted the Programme's progress to date and the key challenges which remained.

12. FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12.1 We considered a report which sought our approval to the adoption of a revised Football Development Plan and Action Plan and to a programme of investment in upgraded facilities across the Borough.

12.2 We also noted that discussions had recently taken place between the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and the Council's Recreation Service about moving towards a new commissioning role for football provision arising from which we asked that the Foundation be invited to give a presentation at a future meeting of the Cabinet on their role and the benefits to the Council and local residents particularly children and young people.

- 12.3 We report that we approved indicative priority ratings for the proposed improvement schemes detailed in the report and we approved in principle an approach recommended in the Football Development Plan of seeking to achieve more effective use of existing assets, particularly school changing provision. We also agreed that schools should be supported to encourage greater community access to on site football and ancillary facilities as well as to the future development of the relationship with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation as proposed in the report.

Resources

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW UPDATE

- 13.1 We reported to the Council on 30 March 2009 that we had agreed to accept all of the recommendations from the Price Waterhouse Coopers review of the Council's treasury management functions in respect of investments and particularly in relation to the investment of funds in Icelandic banks and that a report on progress would be prepared to update us in six months time.
- 13.2 We considered a report which informed us that subsequently the Audit Commission had also carried out a review looking at the 127 English local authorities with deposits of nearly £1 billion in Icelandic banks. The Audit commission themselves had £10 million of deposits in two Icelandic banks. A number of recommendations were made for Central Government, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and for Local Authorities themselves. The recommendations for local authorities closely followed the work PWC had done at Haringey and all of these actions were to be reported separately to the General Purposes Committee. The full set of recommendations was reported to the Audit Committee and these were being followed up as part of the normal quarterly monitoring process.
- 13.3 The Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton, had reviewed the treasury management arrangements as part of the Use of Resources assessment after October 2008 in accordance with instructions from the Audit Commission. Although no specific recommendations were made as a result of this review it was highlighted as a key action area in the Council's Annual Audit and Inspection letter and says:
- In light of the Icelandic banking crisis, the Council needs to ensure its Treasury Management strategy continues to form a robust member led process for protecting the Council's financial assets
- 13.4 This issue was highlighted in the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2008/09 as a significant issue for action going forward. The AGS, signed by the Chief Executive and the Leader, formed part of the Council's Statement of Accounts and was agreed by the General Purposes Committee on 25 June 2009.
- 13.5 We report that we noted the progress against the action plan arising from the recommendations of the previous review all of which had been implemented.

14. THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- 14.1 We considered a report which outlined recent developments regarding the cessation of operation by the London Authorities Mutual Limited (LAML) following the outcome of litigation, along with the background, objectives and timeline for the placing of alternative insurance arrangements via a consortium purchasing arrangement.
- 14.2 The original decision to participate in LAML had been made in October 2006 but following its cessation the Council needed to obtain further interim and longer term insurance cover in order to ensure its risks and liabilities were appropriately managed. It would not be possible to procure suitable replacement longer term insurance cover for 1 October 2009, based on the time requirements of EU procurement regulations, and therefore an extension of the existing temporary cover, previously agreed via LAML and Charles Taylor Consulting, was required.
- 14.3 We were informed that procurement of insurance services via a purchasing consortium with other London boroughs was considered to represent the most effective means of securing longer term value for money for the Council since the cessation of LAML. The procurement of corporate insurance cover was a key decision as the costs of such contract(s) would exceed £500,000. If a standard procurement approach was being undertaken, the approval and award of any contracts would be within the remit of our Procurement Committee. However, the report was brought to us in order to seek approval for a variation to the standard procurement procedures and a waiver of current standing orders and Contract Procedure Rules. Under Contract Procedure Rules 7.02 (a), the Cabinet may approve the waiver.
- 14.4 We noted the outcome of the legal challenge to LAML together and the claims brought against the Council by Risk Management Partners. We also noted that short term temporary insurance cover was in place up to 30 September. We report that we agreed to a waiver of Contract Standing Orders and to the delegation to the Chief Financial Officer of authority to approve the detailed arrangements for the extension of temporary insurance cover from 1 October 2009 until the commencement of the replacement longer term contract. We also granted approval to the long term procurement of Insurance Services via a purchasing consortium and to the delegation to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources of authority to agree the detailed arrangements for participation in a purchasing consortium and the procurement of replacement insurance cover, including the award of the contracts.

Leader**15. THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: APRIL – JUNE 2009 (PERIODS 3 – QUARTER 1)**

- 15.1 We considered a report which presented on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to May 2009 and asked us to agree budget virements in accordance with financial regulations.
- 15.2 We noted some highlights against targets were as follows -

- Local monitoring shows good performance on street and environmental cleanliness for litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting.
- The percentage of young people not in education, training or employment in June is 7.5 against a stretch target of 10.4%.
- The number of carers receiving needs assessment and a specific carer's service or advice and information is better than the target.
- Sport and leisure and library usage continues to exceed target.
- Average re-let times for local authority dwellings improved to 31.6 days in June against a target of 31 days.

15.3 We also noted areas where targets were not being met were:

- Levels of recorded offences of serious violent crime and knife crime rates were higher than targets set.
- Performance on initial assessments in time for children's social care were below target.
- Household waste sent for recycling remained below the 32% target.
- Average time for processing new benefit claims and change events improved to 26.7 days in June but remained above the 17 day target for 2009/10.
- The number of working days lost to sickness improved slightly to 8.74 in the rolling year. This remained short of the 8.5 day target.

15.4 With regard to the Council Plan we were informed that good progress had been reported against activities in the current Council Plan. Of 149 actions detailed in the Council Plan, at the end of the first quarter (April-June 2009), 119 (79%) were reported as on target, 30 (20%) were reported to have some minor issues but the reported due date would still be met. Only one project reported major issues that were likely to affect completion by the original reported due date. This was completion of children centre phase 3 developments. A revision had been made to the location of the new main site which would require further consultation. Project plans were being amended to reflect this and bring delivery back on profile. This programme should be back at Amber status by next quarter.

15.5 The overall revenue budget monitoring, based on the June position, showed that the General Fund was forecast to spend £3 million above budget, after taking into account the possible use of £1 million of the general contingency. Children and Young People Services (CYPS), Adults, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) and Corporate Resources were each projected to overspend and the reasons for the projected variations were detailed in the report. The increase of £1 million from last month was in the Children's Services and was related to increased numbers of looked after children. The possible use of the contingency was flagged up and therefore the net overspend remained at £3 million. There were also some budget pressures outlined in the report that services were seeking to contain within the budget. The position at period four (at the end of July) has been taken into account in the financial projections.

15.6 We were informed that the dedicated schools budget (DSB) element of the overall Children & Young People's Service budget was projected to spend at budget while the

net revenue projection with respect to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was to achieve the budgeted surplus of £0.7 million. The aggregate capital projected position in 2009/10 was to under spend by £1.9m (1%). The reasons for this projected variation the majority of which was in ACCS were detailed in the report. This projection included the recommended re-profiling of the capital programme in CYPS including Building Schools for the Future (BSF) as set out in item 9 above.

15.7 Financial regulations require that proposed budget changes be approved by the Cabinet. These are shown in the table below and fall into one of two categories:

- Budget virements, where it was proposed that budget provision be transferred between one service budget and another. Explanations are provided where this is the case;
- Increases or decreases in budget, generally where notification has been received in-year of a change in the level of external funding such as grants or supplementary credit approval.

15.8 Under the Constitution, certain virements are key decisions. Key decisions are:

- For revenue, any virement which results in change in a directorate cash limit of more than £250,000; and
- For capital, any virement which results in the change of a programme area of more than £250,000.

Key decisions are highlighted by an asterisk in the table.

15.9 The following table sets out the proposed changes. There are two figures shown in each line of the table. The first amount column relates to changes in the current year's budgets and the second to changes in future years' budgets (full year). Differences between the two occur when, for example, the budget variation required relates to an immediate but not ongoing need or where the variation takes effect for a part of the current year but will be in effect for the whole of future years. Proposed virements are set out in the following table –

| <i>Revenue Virements</i> | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Period | Service | Key | Amount current year (£'000) | Full year Amount (£'000) | Reason for budget changes | Description |
| 4 | CR | Rev* | 790 | | Corrective Budget Realignment | £170K to be achieved from increased chargeable hours. £620k Restructuring of Corporate Legal Services. |
| 4 | PP | Rev* | 800 | | Corrective Budget Realignment | Haringey Forward budget funded centrally. |
| 4 | PP | Rev* | 1,710 | | Various 2009/10 Grant Allocations | Government Office for London awarding £165K share of funding from the Migration Impacts Fund. Home Office grant allocation of £1262K for the Drug Intervention Programme. Youth Justice Board funding of £30k for Keeping Young People Engaged. Youth Justice Board |

| 4 | PP | Rev* | 620 | | 2009/10 Grant Allocations | Funding arrangement between NHS Haringey and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team as per section 256 of the National Health Act. |
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| 4 | UE | Rev* | 1,557 | | 2009/10 Project Allocations | Allocation of NDC funding to Succession and Legacy arrangements (£579k), Management and Administration (£400) and 24 individual projects (£578k). |
| 4 | UE | Rev* | 1,045 | | Corrective Budget Realignment | Loss of Housing and Planning Development Grant (£450k), Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (£100k), planning income (£215k) and other spending pressures (£280k). |
| 4 | UE | Rev* | (1,045) | | Corrective Budget Realignment | Freeze on recruitment (£691k), reduction in project money in Business Enterprise and Regeneration (£211k) and other reductions (£143k). |
| 4 | HRA | Rev* | 125 | | Corrective Budget Realignment | Reduction in Hostel income due to a number being converted to general needs accommodation. |
| 4 | HRA | Rev* | (125) | | Corrective Budget Realignment | Increase in income for General needs accommodation. |
| Capital Virements | | | | | | |
| Period | Service | Key | Amount current year (£'000) | Full year Amount (£'000) | Reason for budget changes | Description |
| 4 | UE. | | 446 | | Detailed allocation of GAF Round 3 funding | Marsh Lane Green Park - Ferry Lane Towpath (£50k), Stonebridge Lock feasibility (£150k), Stonebridge Lock Car Park (£50k), and Marsh Lane Green Route (£50k). Green Link - contribution to LDA scheme (£60k). Down Lane Park to be managed by ACCS (£86k). |
| 4 | UE. | | (397) | | Funds not needed in the current financial year | Capital carry forward requests from 2008/09 agreed by Cabinet relating to a number of schemes where the Planning, Regeneration and Economy Service now advise that these funds are not needed in the current year: Tottenham High Road - funding deadline is March 2012 (£260k); Myddleton Road - funding deadline is March 2013 (£100k); Bruce Grove - funding deadline is June 2010 (£37k). |

16. URGENT ACTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS

17.1 We were informed of the following actions taken by Directors in consultation with Cabinet Members under urgency procedures -

Director of Urban Environment

Changes to Strategic and Community Housing Service's Lettings – Approval to a change of policy by the introduction of auto-bidding for households living in temporary accommodation in order to facilitate the rapid reduction in the use of temporary accommodation.

Draft London Housing Strategy: Formal Consultation – To approve the formal response to the Draft London Housing Strategy.

16. DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

16.1 We were informed of the following significant actions taken by Directors under delegated powers -

Director of Children and Young People's Services

Haringey Sixth Form Centre – Re-modelling of Accommodation

Lancastrian and Vale School – Boiler Replacement

Gladesmore School – Boiler Replacement

Building Schools for the Future – Fortismere School – Advanced Works Package

Connexions Haringey Service – Extension of Contract

Director of Corporate Resources

E-Payment Project – Civica Licence Upgrade