

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2010**

Councillors \*Kober (Chair), \*Amin, \*Basu, \*Bevan, Canver, \*Dogus, \*B. Harris and \*Reith.

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors White and Wilson

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CAB128.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (Agenda Item 1)  An apology for absence was received from Councillor Canver. An apology for lateness was submitted on behalf of Councillor Bevan.	
<b>CAB129.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> (Agenda Item 3)  Councillor Reith in respect of item 10 – Integrated Reception Systems (Digital TV) and item 11 – Enhancements to Leaseholder Payment Options.	HLDMS
<b>CAB130.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4)  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 January 2010 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
<b>CAB131.</b>	<b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: DECEMBER 2009 (PERIOD 9) - QUARTER 3</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 7)  We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to December 2009. It also sought agreement to a number of budget virements in accordance with financial regulations and provided an update on progress against current Council Plan actions for the year to the end of December 2009.  Our Chair reported that Ofsted and the other inspectorates had now published the findings from their recent inspection of the progress the Council and its partners had made to improve children's safeguarding in the borough. The report was very positive overall and Inspectors had found 'extensive and consistent evidence of good progress' and a 'good capacity for further improvement.' They had also highlighted the 'significant improvements' in the quality of practice and management, partnership working, capacity, quality assurance and performance management processes.  We were pleased to note this good news for children's services in Haringey and we recognised the dedication of officers at all levels in the Council and its partner organisations to ensure that high standards of	

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	<p>child protection services were provided.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People having echoed our Chair's comments, we asked that our thanks be placed on record to officers in the Children and Young Peoples Directorate for their efforts to rebuild the children's service after the death of Baby Peter.</p> <p>Clarification having been sought about the current performance with regard to National Indicators 59 (Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 days of referral) and 60 (Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement) it was confirmed that the low percentage of assessments completed in timescale was largely a result of an increased focus on ensuring that the quality of assessments being completed was to a high standard and the completion of a number of out of timescale, outstanding assessments. It was also confirmed that while it was anticipated that once outstanding work in the service was dealt with a more accurate measure of future performance would be arrived at with recent trends beginning to show some cautious improvements. However, as the Ofsted report had noted the main issue was one of risk management and in this respect the report had commented favourably on the strategies which were in place to mitigate against these targets being missed.</p> <p>Reference was made to the projected over spend in the Children and Young Peoples Directorate in the current financial year and clarification was sought of whether the level of resources available to the service was sufficient going forward. We noted that additional provision of more than £4 million had been made in the current financial year and that the Council had now approved a budget for 2010/11 which included a further additional £4.3 million to fund the service to the level required and to drive up quality.</p> <p>Clarification was also sought of the position with regard to the project to reduce the use of emergency accommodation and we were informed that the number of households in temporary accommodation had continued to reduce. Further measures would be implemented in the last quarter of the financial year to secure cost reductions and the financial risks would be closely monitored as part of the reduction process.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and the progress being made against the Council's priorities be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</li> </ol>	CFO
<b>CAB132.</b>	<b>2008/09-2010/11 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT YEAR 2 REFRESH</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications) - Agenda Item 8)	

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We noted that Haringey's Local Area Agreement (LAA) was subject to annual review and that while the review process focused on delivery it also provided an opportunity to refresh certain targets.

We also noted that the report invited us to consider the LAA refresh and in so doing to note that the deadline for local authority adoption of the refreshed LAA was 12 March 2010 with Ministerial approval of refreshed LAAs expected on 31 March 2010. For Government purposes, the 'refresh' was concerned with the designated 35 improvement indicators.

We were informed that the Council on 22 February had authorised the Leader (who was also Chair of the Haringey Strategic Partnership) to agree any final revisions required by Government Office for London to the LAA refresh following our approval of it.

**RESOLVED**

1. That approval be granted to the refreshed (year 2) 2008/09 - 2010/11 Local Area Agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report for local adoption and submission to Government Office for London on 12 March 2010 and subsequent ministerial sign off in late March.

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2. That the following proposed changes to the targets within the LAA be endorsed:

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Revision of targets for the economic indicators which were 'frozen' last year as a result of the economic downturn, including:

- NI 116 - Proportion of children in poverty;
- NI 153 - Working age people claiming out of work benefits;
- NI 154 – Net additional homes provided; and
- NI 171 – New business registration rate.

Setting of targets for the two nationally deferred indicators:

- NI 125 Achieving independence for older people
- NI 149 Adults in contact with secondary mental health services

Removal of NI 112 Teenage conception rate from the overall reward calculation.

Technical revisions to targets where data was confirmed post ministerial approval in April 2009; including six place survey targets and two other targets:

Place survey targets

- NI 1 - People from different back grounds who get on well together;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI 4 - People who feel they influence decisions locally;</li> <li>• NI 6 - Participation in volunteering;</li> <li>• NI 21 - Dealing with local concerns about ASB;</li> <li>• NI 119 - Self reported measure of peoples health/ wellbeing;</li> <li>• NI 140 - Fair treatment by local services;</li> </ul> <p><u>Other targets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI 15 – Serious violent crime rate;</li> <li>• NI 186 - Per capita CO2 omissions.</li> </ul> <p>Setting of local targets for NI 175 – Access to services and facilities by public transport; and the two local skills targets for the final year of the LAA.</p> <p>Inclusion of attainment targets for 2010/11. These would be confirmed by DCSF post ministerial sign off.</p>	
<p><b>CAB133.</b></p>	<p><b>PLAYBUILDER PROJECT YEAR 2</b> (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We noted that the report sought our agreement to the investment of the Play builder funding for the development of a further eleven new or existing play sites/spaces in the Borough for Year 2 and to a waiver of leaseholder consultation requirements with reference to funding contributions on the basis that if this was not agreed any external funding for improving play facilities on estates would be lost, as this would not comply with the Play builder funding criteria.</p> <p>In response to a question concerning the proposals for the site in Stationers Park we were informed that if the proposals for the investment of the Play builder funding being proposed were approved then there would be extensive consultation during April/May. In the case of the Stationers Park project this would include the Friends of the Park group.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to following eleven sites for Year 2 Play Builder investment in 2010/11 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down Lane Park - Tottenham Hale</li> <li>• The Sandlings Estate (HfH site) – Noel Park</li> <li>• Wood Green Common – Noel Park</li> <li>• Partridge Way Estate (HfH site) – Bounds Green</li> <li>• Bailey Close (MHT – RSL) – Bounds Green</li> <li>• Thetford Close (HfH site) - White Hart Lane</li> <li>• Markfield Project (Community Organisation) – Seven Sisters</li> <li>• Stamford Close (HfH site) – Tottenham Green</li> <li>• Ducketts Common - Harringay</li> <li>• Carlton Lodge (HfH site) – Stroud Green</li> <li>• Stationers Park – Stroud Green</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>DACCS</p>

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	<p>2. That development on all the above sites to be dependant on consultation and local support and against the possibility that any of them is not fully supported the following two sites be approved as reserve sites -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downhills Park</li> <li>• Finsbury Park</li> </ul> <p>3. That it be agreed that leaseholders should not be asked to make a contribution towards the capital costs of the improvement works on housing estates for the reasons outlined in the interleaved report.</p>	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p><b>CAB134.</b></p>	<p><b>INTEGRATED RECEPTION SYSTEMS (IRS) - DIGITAL TV</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Homes for Haringey leaseholder.</p> <p>We noted that the report provided details of the cost on installing Integrated Reception Systems (IRS), summarised the payment options, recommended new charging arrangements and sought approval of a draft satellite dish policy. We also noted that a comprehensive review of the IRS programme had been completed and a range of alternative options considered by the Decent Homes Board.</p> <p>We noted that full IRS would be the maximum system offered and that the system to be installed would be determined on a block by block basis following consultation with residents. It was confirmed that the tenants' service charge would be 80 pence per week and that in the light of advice received this was not considered 'excessive' for the purpose of housing benefit calculation. If the proposals were agreed then Homes for Haringey would carry out the necessary statutory consultation on the introduction of the new service charge with all residents affected.</p> <p>With regard to the question of blocks which might already have access to cable TV and might wish to opt out of the proposals now under consideration, we were informed that it was not clear that all residents of these blocks had access to that facility and that the Council was under a statutory obligation to ensure that its housing stock was ready for the digital switchover in 2012.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to an aerials and satellite dish policy as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That Homes for Haringey undertake a block by block consultation to determine which IRS system residents wish to have installed.</li> <li>3. That Homes for Haringey offer residents, on a block by block basis, a choice of an aerial which will receive Freeview and Sky Plus or an aerial which will receive Freeview, Sky plus, Hotbird</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>

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	<p>and Turksat.</p> <p>4. That Leaseholders be charged their share of the cost of installing IRS, up to a maximum of £400 per property.</p> <p>5. That tenants be charged their share of the cost of installing IRS, up to a maximum of £400 per property</p> <p>6. That Council policy be changed in respect of IRS installations only to allow the tenant service charge to be recovered over a 10 year period, rather than the current one year period.</p> <p>7. That a retrospective cap of £400 be applied to the amount charged to leaseholders for IRS installation work that has already been completed.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB135.</b></p>	<p><b>ENHANCEMENTS TO LEASEHOLDER PAYMENT OPTIONS</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Homes for Haringey leaseholder.</p> <p>We noted that the report made recommendations regarding leaseholders' payment options for major works and proposed some enhancements to the payment options agreed by us on the 15 July 2008, as well as providing estimates of the likely cost of introducing the new policies.</p> <p>In response to a question it was confirmed that there had not been separate consultation with leaseholders who sub-let their properties.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the following enhancements to the payment options, in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase the maximum loan period regarding invoices for works from 3 years to 6 years;</li> <li>• introduce further periods for leaseholders to pay their bills with interest (in addition to the interest free period).</li> </ul> <p>2. That the above-mentioned options to only be open to leaseholders whose property is their home and their only property in order to differentiate between resident leaseholders and leaseholders who sub-let by not offering payment options to sub-let landlords.</p> <p>3. That in both options the period to pay the invoice will only apply to invoices over £5,000 and be dependent on the invoice amount as detailed in paragraphs 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 of the interleaved report.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>

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<p><b>CAB136.</b></p>	<p><b>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>CAB137.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of Minute CSPPAC.37 of the Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 January, we noted the views of the Committee regarding its continuation, its proposed future areas of work and its suggestion that in order to give the Committee more influence, it should report direct to Council. In this respect we were reminded that when the Advisory Committee had been established it had been agreed that its terms of would be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People following the Council Elections in 2010 and we agreed that the views expressed by the Advisory Committee could be taken on board as part of that review.</p> <p>The Committee had also requested that approval be sought to a presentation being given to the full Council on its work and its suggested proposals for its future and we agreed to recommend the Council accordingly.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cabinet Member (Enforcement and Safer Communities) – 7 December 2009;</li> <li>b) Procurement Committee – 12 January 2010;</li> <li>c) Haringey Strategic Partnership Board – 21 January 2010;</li> <li>d) Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 25 January 2010;</li> <li>e) Children’s Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee – 25 January 2010;</li> </ul>	<p>HLDMS</p>
<p><b>CAB138.</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>The Appendix to the interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	

