

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2010**

Councillors \*Kober (Chair), \*Reith (Vice Chair), \*Bevan, \*Canver, \*Dogus, \*Goldberg, \*Mallett and \*Vanier.

\*Present

Also Present: Councillor Egan, Gorrie and McNamara

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CAB55.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of Minute CAB.50 (2) – Disposal of Commercial Properties, we were informed that the area of land shown as Site B on Plan No. 0342p which had been attached to the interleaved report was not correct. Plan No. 2395a showed in Site B the land the Council actually owned and would be selling.</p> <p>Having noted that the difference was a very small triangle of completely land locked land which would make no material difference to the sale price achieved and would have no value or future value if retained, we agreed that the land shown in Site B on Plan No. 2395a, a copy of which was to be appended to these Minutes, be the subject of the agreed disposal.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That, subject to the foregoing, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 14 September 2010 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
<b>CAB56.</b>	<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: AUGUST 2010 (PERIOD 5)</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to August 2010 and sought our agreement to budget virements in accordance with financial regulations.</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the performance indicated against NI 135 - % of carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, advice or information, we were informed that although the service had fallen below the profiled target for this point in the year it was felt that the position was recoverable and that the end of year target should still be met.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. That the report and the progress being made against the Council's priorities be noted.</p>	

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	<p>2. That approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</p> <p>3. That Directors be required to take any necessary action to bring current year spending to within their approved budget.</p>	<p>DCR CEMB</p>
<p><b>CAB57.</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2010/11 MID YEAR ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the report updated us on the Council's treasury management activities and performance in the first half of 2010/11 in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and proposed that the Council's lending list be extended to include non UK banks and additional Money Market Funds.</p> <p>Clarification was sought of the differences in rates of interest paid to the Council and we were informed that while the Debt Management Office currently paid about 0.25%, money market rates typically were between 0.4 and 0.6%.</p> <p>Having noted the decisions taken on this matter by the General Purposes Committee on 23 September, we</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the first half of 2010/11 and the performance achieved be noted.</li> <li>2. That the Council be recommended to approve the proposed extension to the lending list to increase the limit for individual money market funds to £20 million each and the group limit to £100 million subject to the controls set out below – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only money market funds recommended by the Council's treasury management advisers are used;</li> <li>• Additional money market funds are only used following a selection procedure involving officers and the Council's treasury management advisers;</li> <li>• No more than 15% of the Council's portfolio is invested in any one money market fund at any time.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>DCR HLDMS</p>
<p><b>CAB58.</b></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES RESOLUTION ON JOINT EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We noted that the report sought our approval to a proposed Addendum to the existing London Local Authority "Gold" resolution. This was intended to improve London-wide arrangements for responding both to exceptional crises and to lower impact emerging disruptive events.</p> <p>We also noted that the Addendum had been approved in principle by the Leaders' Committee of London Councils but that before the new</p>	

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	<p>arrangements could take effect, the Cabinet/Executive of every London local authority had to pass a similar resolution to agree and accept the Addendum.</p> <p>We were advised that, subject to our approval of the amendment, the Constitution Review Working Group and the Council would be recommended to incorporate the new arrangements into the Council's Constitution through amendments to Article 11.07 in Part 2.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the Addendum to the existing London Local Authority "Gold" resolution as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report to take effect only once London Councils had notified that all London local authorities had agreed and accepted the Addendum.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that the Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid between the Boroughs, mentioned at paragraph 9.1 in the report, was to be entered into by the Chief Executive under his delegated powers.</li> <li>3. That the Constitution Review Working Group be requested to recommend the Council to make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution to reflect the new emergency arrangements.</li> </ol>	<p>DCR</p> <p>DCR HLDMS</p>
<p><b>CAB59.</b></p>	<p><b>HARINGEY'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: PROPOSED SUBMISSION CORE STRATEGY - RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that the Council was in the final stages of producing its Core Strategy, a spatial planning document setting out the strategic vision for the borough up to 2026. We also noted that the report sought our approval to suggested minor amendments to the proposed Submission Core Strategy.</p> <p>Approval was also sought to a revision to the affordable housing policy, part of Strategic Policy (SP) 2 Housing to go out to public consultation for four weeks, and to changes to the employment land designations to go out to public consultation for four weeks.</p> <p>We were informed that following the four week public consultation the Core Strategy would be recommended to the Council for approval in January 2011 and, together with other supporting documentation, for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the suggested minor amendments to</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p>

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	<p>Haringey's proposed Submission Core Strategy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to a revision to the Affordable Housing Policy, part of Strategic Policy (SP) 2 Housing, and changes to employment land designations as set out at Appendices 2a and 2b respectively to go out on a further four week public consultation.</p> <p>3. That authority to approve subsequent changes to SP2 Housing, the employment land designations and other minor amendments be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration.</p> <p>4. That Haringey's Core Strategy, a schedule of suggested minor amendments, a revised SP2 Housing, changes to the employment land designations (incorporating changes from the final four week consultation) and other supporting documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Independent Planning Inspector and recommended to the Council for adoption.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE HLDMS</p>
<p><b>CAB60.</b></p>	<p><b>DRAFT SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We noted that the report sought approval to go out to public consultation on a draft 'Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) prepared as part of the Council's Local development. We also noted that the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD did not create new policy but aimed to complement and provide clarity on the implementation of national, regional and local planning policies which promoted sustainable buildings and reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.</p> <p>The SPD would support the implementation of Haringey's decentralised energy initiatives and, once adopted, would form part of the Council's Local Development Framework. It would have to be in conformity with the national, regional and local policies and consequently its full adoption would follow the adoption timeline of the emerging local spatial plan (Haringey's Core Strategy).</p> <p>The SPD, once adopted, would be taken into account in the determination of planning applications for major and minor development proposals and would be utilised in guiding design and construction projects including schemes in Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone and refurbishment programmes.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the draft Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as set</p>	<p>DUE</p>

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	<p>out at Appendix 1 for public consultation between November 2010 and January 2011.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to the utilisation of the draft SPD as an interim guide for planning and regeneration decisions on all planning schemes prior to its full adoption as an SPD.</p> <p>3. That authority to make minor clarifications and amendments to the draft guide which might be necessary prior to the public consultation be agreed by the Assistant Director Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB61.</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSE EXTENSIONS IN SOUTH TOTTENHAM SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>We noted that the report sought our approval to the adoption of the House Extensions in South Tottenham Supplementary Planning Document prepared for house extensions in the South Tottenham area of the borough.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That approval be granted to the adoption of House Extensions South Tottenham Supplementary Planning Document as set out at Appendix 1 as planning guidance as part of the Local Development Framework.</p>	<p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB62.</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNMENT POLICY CHANGES IN HOUSING AND THE IMPACT ON TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSING PROVISION IN THE BOROUGH</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided an update on recent Government policy changes in relation to housing and the likely impact that these changes would have on future housing provision and the Council's medium term financial strategy. Approval was also sought to a series of actions that were needed to minimise the impact of changes to the housing subsidy regime and the Housing Benefit system.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the impact of measures announced by the Government designed to reduce expenditure on Housing Benefit. Particular disquiet was voiced about the outward migration from the Central London Boroughs where rents were significantly higher than the Local Housing Allowance caps which had been set to those boroughs like Haringey where private rented accommodation was less expensive. The outward migration would have a number of serious implications for a number of services including the safeguarding of children and provision of school places which in turn would have budgetary implications for the Council.</p>	

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Reference was made to the forecast deficit on temporary accommodation of between £2.5 - £3 million and clarification was sought of how much of the additional resources agreed for measures to reduce the number of families in emergency accommodation had been spent and with what results. Clarification was also sought of how much of the forecast deficit arose from the failure of the Council to respond sufficiently to the changes announced by the Department for Work and Pensions in 2009 which had come into effect in April 2010 and whether this was the reason for the revised timetable for securing reductions in the number of households in temporary accommodation.

We were informed that targets for the numbers of families in temporary accommodation had been set in December 2004. At that time Haringey had 5,206 families in temporary accommodation and that number had increased to 5,861. However, from October 2007 onwards there had been a steady reduction and as a result of the successful implementation of the Temporary Accommodation Reduction Plan and the targeting of Emergency Accommodation good progress had been made in reducing the number of homeless households living in temporary accommodation so that by the end of September 2010 the number stood at 3,341.

Recognising the impact of the changes which came into effect in April 2010 a subsidy mitigation action plan had been implemented to reduce the overall cost of temporary accommodation by cutting management costs, negotiating price reductions and working with Registered Providers and other housing suppliers to generate an alternative supply of less expensive temporary accommodation into which the Council would be able to move homeless households that were living in more expensive temporary accommodation. The Council continued to work very closely with private landlords and rental agents in the borough in order to maximise the number of households prevented from becoming homeless and helped to move out of temporary accommodation. However, even though the number of homeless households living in temporary accommodation had reduced by 40% during the past three years and despite the good progress made in relation to the subsidy mitigation action plan so serious were the impacts of the changes to the housing subsidy regime that it was now forecast that the Council would spend between £2.5 and £3 million above budget in 2010/11.

Clarification was then sought, given the scale of the risks, of what action was being taken by London Councils to ensure a co-ordinated approach to a notified data base and to the movement of vulnerable families from one authority to another in order to mitigate those risks. We were advised that a summit meeting with the other local authorities in the North London Sub Region on temporary accommodation had been held to share ideas and information and agree on a course of action that would help minimise the impact of Housing Benefit changes on the Sub Region. There had been an agreement to share information about out of borough placements and there had been considerable interest in the idea of joint procurement and the setting of standard prices and a common letting standard. It was hoped that through London Councils

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	<p>lobbying of the Government would continue for a redistribution of the homelessness grant in order to mitigate against the consequences of the proposed housing benefit changes to take effect in April 2011 and a rigorous enforcement of standards would be applied.</p> <p>Further analysis of the proposed housing benefit changes was being conducted and another report would be submitted in December 2010.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Government's policy changes and their likely impact on future housing provision and the availability and affordability of private rented accommodation in the borough be noted.</li> <li>2. That the progress made in reducing to 3,341 the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation be noted and approval be granted to revised targets of 3,000 and 2,600 for March 2011 and 2012 respectively.</li> <li>3. That the work being carried out to mitigate the impact of the changes to the housing regime and Housing Benefit system be noted and supported.</li> </ol>	DUE
<p><b>CAB63.</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSING ALLOCATIONS, LETTINGS AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES RE-INSPECTION - FINAL REPORT</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>We noted that the report informed us of the outcome of the Audit Commission's re-inspection of the Council's Housing Allocations, Lettings and Homelessness services and summarised the contents of the final inspection report. Also, that the report sought approval to the approach the Council would take in responding to the Audit Commission's recommendations and findings.</p> <p>We were pleased to note the successful outcome of the re-inspection which indicated that good progress had been made in the Strategic and Community Housing Services since the last inspection in October 2007 and we asked that our thanks to staff for their efforts be placed on record.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Audit Commission's final report and judgements in relation to its re-inspection of the Council's Housing Allocations, Lettings and Homelessness services be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the proposed approach for responding to the Audit Commission's recommendations and findings.</li> </ol>	DUE

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<p><b>CAB64.</b></p>	<p><b>WITHDRAWAL OF THE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION WORKER'S REBATE SCHEME</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to review the transitional protection arrangements affecting households that were currently in receipt of Workers Rebate.</p> <p>Although the report was duly amended to reflect the changes made to the transitional protection arrangements following that review, there was not enough time to assess the financial implications (for the Council and service users) of those late changes.</p> <p>The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because the Council was required to give 2 months' notice of the withdrawal of the Workers Rebate and any delay in making and implementing this decision would result in a substantial loss of income to the Council.</p> <p>We noted that the Haringey's Workers Rebate Scheme was introduced in 1989 to limit the amount of rent that working households were required to pay for the temporary accommodation provided for them under the homelessness legislation. We also noted that the report described the purpose of the Scheme, how it operated, who benefited from the 'capping' of rents and the unintended consequences for the Council and residents of operating such a Scheme and recommended its withdrawal.</p> <p>Clarification was sought of whether there had been an analysis of the effectiveness of the Scheme, when it had last been reviewed, what tangible benefits there had been and what it had cost to administer. Clarification was also sought of whether there was any record of how long individual households had been in the Scheme and of the transitional arrangements. Officers indicated that they would provide Councillor Gorrie with details of the Scheme and the cost of its administration. With regard to timescales, it was proposed that the Scheme would be withdrawn with immediate effect for all new applicants, while existing recipients would receive 2 months' written notice of the change to their accommodation charges. They would continue to receive a rebate until 31 December 2010, or if they were currently receiving a rebate of more than £50 per week, they would continue to receive the Workers Rebate at a reduced amount until 31 March 2011. In cases of real hardship other options such as non secure tenancies with Homes for Haringey or cheaper temporary accommodation might be considered.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That approval be granted to the withdrawal of the Workers Rebate Scheme with immediate effect.</li></ol>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
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	<p>2. That approval be granted to a £50 reduction in the weekly Workers Rebate awarded to all existing recipients with effect from 1 January 2011.</p> <p>3. That approval be granted to the withdrawal of the weekly Workers Rebate for all existing recipients with effect from 31 March 2011.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB65.</b></p>	<p><b>WINTER SERVICE PLAN</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 16)</p> <p>We noted that the Council as a highways authority had an obligation to keep highways free of snow and ice as far as reasonably practicable. We also noted that the report sought approval for the 2010/11 Winter Service Plan which detailed the Council's policies and operational procedures for dealing with snow and ice on the highway.</p> <p>We also noted that the report had been considered by the Overview and scrutiny Committee and that their comments had been incorporated into it. We were pleased to hear that the Government would be issuing a 'Snow Code' which clarified the position in respect of the residents and businesses clearing snow from outside their own premises.</p> <p>In response to a question about the unauthorised removal of grit from bins we were informed that while these could not be policed community wardens/volunteers would be asked to keep them under observation.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That approval be granted to the adoption of the Winter Service Operational Plan 2010/11 for the coming winter as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report including the policies that determine when gritting would be undertaken and the prioritisation of locations for gritting activity.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to the extension of the grit bin network to include 44 new sites of high and medium priority at a cost of £15,000.</p> <p>3. That approval be granted to the maintenance of medium grit stock levels throughout the winter and where stock falls below these minimum levels then in-season grit top up orders be placed to bring the stock back up to at least the minimum levels.</p> <p>4. That the Winter Service Operation Plan be reviewed annually.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB66.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 17)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p>	

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	<p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved –</p> <p>a. Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 13 September 2010;</p> <p>b. Procurement Committee – 16 September 2010.</p>	
<p><b>CAB67.</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 18)</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.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>CAB68.</b></p>	<p><b>ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSURANCE LONDON CONSORTIUM (ILC) UNDER AN S.101 AGREEMENT</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 22)</p> <p>The interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under a particular contract for the supply of goods and services.</p> <p>We noted that the report informed us of a proposal to establish an Insurance London Consortium (ILC) on a formal basis under a Section 101 agreement and sought our approval for the Council's participation.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the Leader or a nominated Cabinet Member authorising the conclusion of an agreement under Section 101 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 by the Council with the London Boroughs of Camden, Croydon, Harrow, Islington, Lambeth and Tower Hamlets, and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, in order to set up the Insurance London Consortium with the London Borough of Croydon as the Accountable Body.</li> <li>2. That authority to make payments and to agree financial arrangements, within the limits of financial delegation, for the purposes of the proposed ILC agreement be delegated to the Director of Corporate Resources.</li> <li>3. That authority to act on behalf of the Council as 'Representative' be delegated to the Risk and Insurance Manager and as 'Alternate' to the Head of Audit and Risk</li> </ol>	<p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p>

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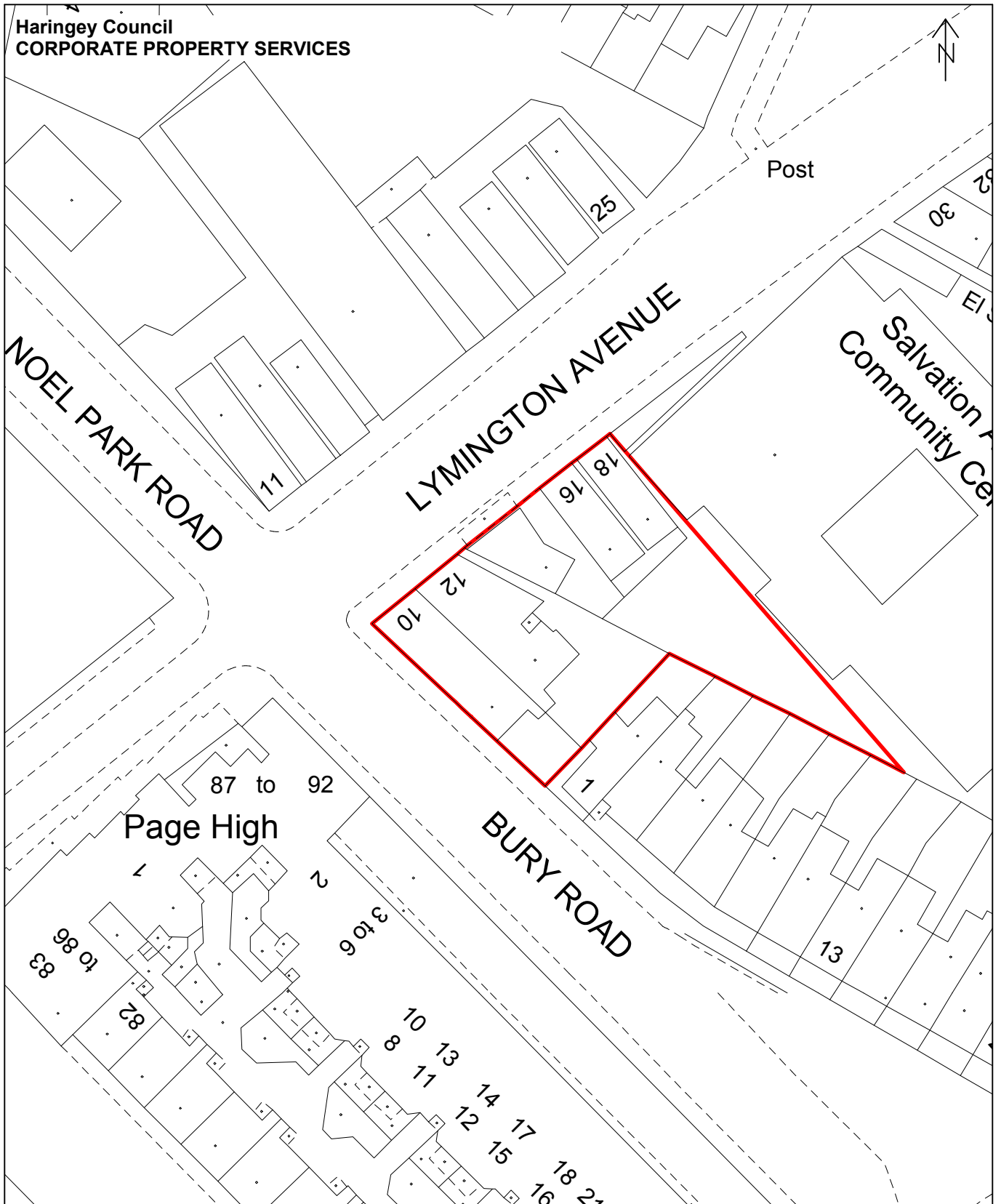
	Management for the purposes of the proposed ILC agreement.	
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The meeting ended at 20.35 hours.

CLAIRE KOBER  
Chair

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