

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2011**

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

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull, Ejiofor, Gorrie and Weber.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB134.	APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1) An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Canver.	
CAB135.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3) Councillor Reith in respect of item 14 - Homes for Haringey Business Plan.	HLDMS
CAB136.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4) RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2011 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB137.	THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: JANUARY 2011 (PERIOD 10) (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 7) We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to January 2011 and sought our approval to budget virements set out in this report in accordance with financial regulations. In response to a question about the projected £2.4 million overspend in the current financial year, it was confirmed that this was a net figure which took account of both one off savings and the use of unallocated Area Based Grant. With reference to the budget position for Looked After Children we were informed that there was a particular pressure in this area because of the increased number of children in care and the difficulty in finding appropriate placements as soon as children were received into care. With specific regard to agency costs we were advised that collaborative measures were in hand through the North London Strategic Alliance and Capital Ambition to address this issue including by way of increasing the number of 'in house' foster carers and to this end a recruitment campaign would be taking place across North London.	

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	RESOLVED: 1. That the report and the progress being made against the Council's priorities be noted and approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report. 2. That Directors, where possible, be required to take necessary action to bring current year spending to within their approved budget.	DCR CEMB
CAB138.	DETERMINED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 8) We noted that Section 88C of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended, required admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements at least every three years and in any year in which variations were being considered. Co-ordinated schemes had been formulated every year. We also noted that the wording and style of the admission arrangements had been simplified and that Information had been included to clarify how tie break situations and applications from families with twins or other multiple births would be addressed. Officers had been asked for future years to provide a breakdown of people's choices to ensure that there was sufficient clarity about the way the system worked. We were informed that the Children and Young People's Service had a duty to monitor the compliance of arrangements from its own admitting authority schools and that accordingly advice would be provided to governing bodies who were the admission authorities for other maintained primary and secondary schools in Haringey. However, these "own admission authorities" were responsible for their own consultation process and their determination. All determined arrangements would be published on the Haringey website for access by the public and the new arrangements would then come into effect from the September 2012 intake. RESOLVED 1. That approval be granted to the proposed admission arrangements for all community nursery classes, primary and secondary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School for the 2012/13 school year as set out in the interleaved report including the proposed reduction of the PAN for Noel Park from 81 to 60 and the proposed increase in the PAN for Alexandra Primary from 30 to 60. 2. That approval be granted to the proposed admission arrangements for students starting sixth form study in Haringey in September 2012 as set out in the interleaved report.	DCYPS DCYPS

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CAB139.	TRANSFORMING SOCIAL CARE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONALISATION AND SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 9) We noted that the report provided us with a final report on the outcomes of the 3 Year Programme of Transformation together with an outline of the changes to the overall organisational and management structure of adult social care and an implementation plan post April 2011 required to deliver personal budgets. Councillor Bevan asked to be supplied outside the meeting with further details of the service users who had opted not to take Direct Payments in terms of those who did not have the capacity to take them and those who had declined so that the Council would have to continue to them. RESOLVED That approval be granted to the changes to the overall organisational and management structure of adult social care as set out in the interleaved report and to the implementation plan post April 2011 required to deliver personal budget.	DACCS DACCS
CAB140.	PROPOSALS FOR THE REDESIGN OF THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S SAVINGS PLANS (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 10) We noted that the Supporting People programme was an invest-to-save strategy which responded to the Prevention Agenda. We also noted that the programme had been externally evaluated as delivering good outcomes within robust governance and had been successfully reviewed in line with reducing income over the past 3 years. We were informed that the programme team enjoyed a mature working relationship with providers, which had allowed for re-modelling and re-negotiated contracts and that this approach was to be taken forward to achieve further savings of £5 million required in response to the current spending cuts. Equality Impact Assessments (EIA's) and full consultation procedures would be followed prior to any final decisions. We were also informed that market shifts indicated that current contract values were "adrift" of benchmarked prices, and this would be used as a mechanism for a further levelling of costs across the programme. In response to a question whether there were any emerging key strands from the EIA's we were further informed that consultation on the proposals including responses to EIA's was continuing and that the conclusions from these would be included in a further report to the Cabinet. With regard to the housing aspirations of the re-designed programme the intention would be to retain the Home Improvement Agency and the Rent Guarantee scheme as well as seeking to develop a Foyer in the borough. These proposals would be developed through closer working arrangements with Strategic Housing and the Childrens'	

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	Service. With regard to the possible impact of the reduced Supporting People programme on the core social care budget, we were informed that financial impact might have to be mitigated against the number of service users. Clarification having been sought of the possible impact on third sector providers, we were advised that there was to be a meeting on 14 April with third sector Supporting People programme providers and that the feedback from this meeting would also be included in the further report. The comment contained in paragraph 5.5 about existing contracts being overpriced related mainly to contracts for mental health support which were yet to be re-negotiated and which would provide an opportunity for a contract value reduction which would achieve some levelling of costs. RESOLVED 1. That approval be granted to the budget commitment to the Supporting People programme being reduced by £5 million from 1 April 2011. 2. That approval be granted to the redesign of the programme in line with the current and future needs of the Borough.	DACCS DACCS
CAB141.	PARKS SERVICE - CHANGE PROPOSALS (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 11) With the consent of our Chair, UNISON comments on the report were tabled. UNISON requested that consideration of the report be deferred and their paper set out their reasons for seeking a deferral. In response to the points raised by UNISON in relation to consultation, it was pointed out that reference to the current report had been made at the last meeting and that the Assistant Director Recreation had been speaking with Branch Officials informally in the meantime. Formal consultation would commence on 28 March. It was accepted that the cuts to the funding of parks services were significant but were considered necessary in the face of reductions in Government funding. We noted that the report reviewed current arrangements for funding and provision of parks services in the Borough and considered a range of options for future service provision and delivery. The report also outlined specific proposals to implement the approved budget reduction and sought our decision on the way forward. In response to a question arising from paragraph 6.5.1 of the report we were informed that that the number of volunteering hours for the British Trust Conservation Volunteers might have to be reduced as a result of the loss of time limited Area Based Grant as well as reductions in the core budget. A longer term agreement was being sought which would tie in to other outside sources of funding. It was confirmed that there was	

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	provision for the funding of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator post. It was also confirmed that devolution of parks functions to Area Committees could be discussed at the meeting of the Members' Delivery Group on the Governance Review on 31 March. RESOLVED 1. That approval be granted in principle to the package of proposals set out in paragraph 8 of the interleaved report, subject to the outcome of statutory consultation with recognised trade unions and taking into account the authority's public sector equality duties, noting that final decisions might not be taken until these matters are considered fully. 2. That approval be granted in principle to the related redirection of funding to voluntary sector and partner led delivery subject to the authority's public sector equality duties and the results of consultation referred to in 1 above being taken into account. 3. That in the event that the relevant decision-maker decided not to proceed with the result that savings were not realised, it be noted that there would be an inquiry as to whether equivalent savings can be found elsewhere and that accordingly approval be granted to the delegation of final decisions on the savings to be adopted to the relevant Directors in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Members, following consideration of the results of any consultation and with due regard to the Council's public sector equality duties. 4. That it be noted that decisions on staffing matters fell within the terms of reference of the General Purposes Committee.	DACCS DACCS DACCS
CAB142.	REVIEW OF PAY AND DISPLAY CHARGES - FEEDBACK TO STATUTORY NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE CHARGES (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 12) We noted that the report informed us of the feedback to the statutory notification of the Council's intention to increase pay and display charges and the outcome of the additional assessment of the likely impact on town centres. We also noted that the report set out officers' response to this feedback (objections) for consideration before making a decision on whether or not to proceed to give statutory notification of the increase in charges for pay and display parking. Cabinet Members complimented officers on the thoroughness of the work and commented that the feedback revealed differing levels of knowledge about the uses to which parking revenues could be put. Reference was made to the comments of the Traders Groups about there being no free on street parking in the Green Lanes area as distinct from the Muswell Hill and Crouch End areas.	

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	Reference was also made to a meeting which had taken place with all 3 Trader groups at which support had been expressed for an increase in parking charges to the Mid Band, but there was strong objection to being moved onto the High Band for charging purposes. The 3 town centres comprised local shops which attracted customers whose length of stay would vary. A new Controlled Parking Zone was to become operational in Crouch End in early April which coupled with a large increase in parking charges might result in many shoppers going elsewhere which would have serious consequences for these small businesses. We were informed that the Council's aim was to set charges at a level that encouraged a turnover of parking spaces which was especially beneficial for short stay visits by shoppers and visitors. While improvements had been made in parking provision in Muswell Hill, and Crouch End with further work underway in Green Lanes the main concern still raised in relation to parking was the availability of parking spaces. With limited kerb space and as such limited capacity to further increase parking provision the only means of meeting demand was by managing turnover. Charging would play a key role in managing this and an impact review would be conducted in 12 months time. RESOLVED That following due consideration of the feedback to proposals to increase pay and display parking charges approval be granted to a) The implementation of the proposed increase to pay and display charges detailed in the interleaved report; and b) Charges being moved to the higher band in the town centres of Crouch End, Muswell Hill and Green Lanes.	DUE
CAB143.	FEEDBACK FROM REVIEWS OF THE FINSBURY PARK AND FINSBURY PARK A CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 13) We noted that the report advised us of the feedback received during informal consultation for a review of the Finsbury Park and Finsbury Park A Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ's) and sought our approval to proceed. Attention was drawn to the specific comments in relation to Arsenal match day controls which might warrant a review of them and to the concerns expressed about allocation of residents bays in Ennis/Woodstock/Perth/Oxford Roads and in particular to the number of essential user service permits issued to the teachers of Stroud Green Primary School. With regard to essential permits, we were informed that these were normally restricted to one or two roads near the school and the areas where the essential permit holder might be permitted to park would be further investigated. RESOLVED	

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	1. That the feedback from the consultation and additional comments set out in the interleaved report be noted. 2. That officers be authorised to proceed to statutory notification for the creation of a new CPZ operating Monday – Friday between 12 noon and 2:00 which would incorporate the existing Finsbury Park ‘A’ CPZ and the following roads. • Stapleton Hall Road (between Oakfield Road and Mount View Road) • Elyne Road • Addington Road • Quernmore Road • Mount View Road • Ridge Road • Albany Road • Ferme Park Road • Granville Road • Oakfield Road 3. That officers be authorised to proceed to statutory notification for the creation of three sub zones within the existing Finsbury Park CPZ to operate at the existing hours, Monday – Saturday, 8.30am – 6.30pm and 12pm – 4.30pm on Sundays and bank holidays on match days and event days and that the three zones be split as follows: Finsbury Park: Woodstock Road, Perth Road, Ennis Road, and Oxford Road Finsbury Park B: Connaught Road, Dagmar Road, Oakfield Road, Cornwall Road, Carlton Road, Beatrice Road, Lancaster Road, Upper Tollington Park (between Oakfield Road and half-way between its junctions with Lancaster Road and Florence Road), Scarborough Road and Carlisle Road. Finsbury Park C: Stapleton Hall Road (between Stroud Green Road and Lancaster Road), Mount Pleasant Crescent, Albert Road, Lorne Road, Marquis Road, Osborne Road, Upper Tollington Park (between Stroud Green Road and half-way between its junctions with Lancaster Road and Florence Road), Florence Road, Victoria Road, Victoria Terrace. 4. That officers be authorised to modify / relocate business, pay and display, and shared use bays within the Finsbury Park CPZ to better meet the needs of the local community. 5. That officers inform all residents/traders of the original consultation of the foregoing decisions.	DUE DUE DUE DUE
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CAB144.	HOMES FOR HARINGEY BUSINESS PLAN 2011-16 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 14) Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Homes for Haringey leaseholder. We noted that under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Homes for Haringey Business Plan was required to set out how the organisation supported delivery of the key strategic priorities of the Council, and met the expected key performance standards and requirements for the service. Homes for Haringey was also required to provide details of the resources which would support the organisation in providing the required levels of service. We were advised that Homes for Haringey had submitted its Business Plan for 2011–16 to meet the requirements of the Council’s business planning framework and that the Plan had been developed in consultation with the Strategic and Community Housing Service and the Cabinet Member for Housing and included their suggestions and amendments. We also noted that the Business Plan set out how Homes for Haringey was acting upon the recommendations made by Audit Commission inspectors which were set out in Section 11 and that the Strategic and Community Housing Service believed the plan supported the strategic objectives of both the Council Plan and the Haringey Housing strategy, as well as taking into account the requirements of the wider national, regional and sub-regional policy context. We were also advised that Homes for Haringey’s performance team were consulting the Council’s client team and the Cabinet Member for Housing on performance indicator suite targets and these would be included in the Plan following agreement. RESOLVED 1. That approval be granted to the Homes for Haringey Business Plan 2011-16 as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report. 2. That authority to approve the performance indicator targets for inclusion in the Plan be delegated to the Interim Director of Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing.	DUE DUE
CAB145.	HARINGEY OLDER PEOPLE'S HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2021 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15) We noted that the Older People’s Housing Strategy was a sub-strategy of Haringey’s Overarching Housing Strategy for 2009-19 and had been developed to address the particular issues relating to housing for this group. We also noted that the strategy had been developed through a multi-partnership approach involving statutory and third sector	

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	organisations as well as older people themselves. We were advised that the consultation process had followed the Council's consultation framework and had covered a 3 month period using a wide range of methods to ensure that as many organisations and individuals as possible were able to give their views. We were also advised that the main priorities of the Strategy were to – • Improve partnership working to provide joined up services; • Housing options that enabled people to live independently for as long as possible; • Ensure specialist housing and support was targeted to those most in need; • Ensure this strategy supported the wider Council agenda for older people. We further noted that while the key actions supporting these priorities had been developed through consultation it was recognised that because of the rapidly changing political agenda the action would need to be reviewed after a year to ensure it captured this and the implications for older people's housing in Haringey. RESOLVED That approval be granted to the Older People's Housing Strategy 2011-21 as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.	DUE
CAB146.	UPDATE ON TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 16) We were advised that changes to the Housing Benefit Subsidy Regulations affecting Temporary Accommodation (TA), implemented in April 2010, had placed considerable pressure on the Council's TA budget. At our meeting on 12 October 2010 (vide Minute CAB 62) on consideration of a detailed report which set out the circumstances which had led to the current deficit situation we asked that a further update be provided which set out the actions being undertaken to reduce the deficit and to minimise the impact on the Council's overall financial position and we noted that the purpose of the report now submitted was to provide that update. Clarification was sought of what steps could be taken to improve the performance of housing associations providing temporary accommodation and if there was any factual evidence to confirm the suggestion that Central London boroughs were intending to place an increasing number of homeless households in Outer London boroughs where the rents were more affordable. We were informed that the evidence about the placement of homeless	

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	households was not entirely anecdotal and that constituent members of London Councils had agreed to sign up to a pledge about such placements. If the voluntary code did not prove sufficient then consideration would be given to putting it on a statutory basis. With regard to the funding of new housing, as a consequence of the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) had its grant programme cut by 75% and the remainder was largely restricted to contractual obligations. The Government's approach was predicated on social landlords being able to charge a higher rent, up to 80% of the market rent for an area as the basis for securing some grant from the HCA. The Government also assumed that social landlords would borrow more and use their reserves to fund new housing which while giving the social landlords greater freedoms and, potentially, access to higher rents required them to take greater risk in their borrowing and lowering of reserves. Also, in areas of exceptionally high rent, the 80% model would be unsustainable the more so with the benefit cap in place. Councillor Gorrie asked to be supplied with information about the number of homeless households thought likely to be placed in Haringey. RESOLVED 1. That the action taken by officers in order to reduce the cost of procuring and managing temporary accommodation and minimise the Council's financial exposure be noted and supported. 2. That additional measures be put in place by the Council and its partners to further mitigate the impact of the Housing Subsidy Regulations on the Council's finances.	DUE DUE
CAB147.	COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER - 22 WIMBOURNE ROAD N17 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 17) 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. We noted that the report provided us with details of an empty property in Wimbourne Road which was causing a serious nuisance to the residents of neighbouring properties and recommended that the compulsory purchase of the property be pursued in order to bring it back into use. Arising from consideration of this item we asked that an update report be brought forward to a future meeting with details of the progress of other Compulsory Purchase Orders which we had previously agreed. RESOLVED 1. That the action taken by officers in an attempt to bring 22 Wimborne Road back into use be noted and supported.	DUE

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	aid further the parallel working of the Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee and the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, it was proposed that there should be an annual joint meeting between them and that both Committees should also share information on their continuing work on safeguarding and corporate parenting by considering the minutes from each other's meetings. RESOLVED: . That approval be granted to the proposals for the reconstitution of the Children Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee including its membership, quorum and terms of reference as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the interleaved report.	HLDMS
CAB149.	MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 19) RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved – a. Corporate Parenting Committee – 24 January 2011 b. Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee – 24 January 2011; c. Procurement Committee – 3 February 2011; d. Procurement Committee – 24 February 2011; e. Cabinet Member Signing – 24 February 2011.	
CAB150.	URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 7) RESOLVED: That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
CAB151.	DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 7) 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. . RESOLVED: That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	

The meeting ended at 20.40 hours.

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CLAIRE KOBER
Chair