

Agenda item:

**[No.]**

**Cabinet**

**16 December 2008**

Report Title. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS TO SERVE ON CABINET COMMITTEES AND HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of Chief Executive

Signed :

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Wards(s) affected: **Not applicable**

Report for: **Non Key Decision**

**1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 To appoint Cabinet Members to serve on the Procurement Committee and on the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) Board, the HSP Performance Management Group and the HSP Children & Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Board for the remainder of the 2008/09 municipal year.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member**

2.1. The Cabinet Procurement Committee plays an important part in enabling the Cabinet to undertake our responsibilities in relation to contract and procurement decisions. Good procurement decisions are central to sound financial management and our continued commitment to achieving value for money and the delivery of excellent services to Haringey's communities.

2.2. One of this administration's priorities is to continue to work constructively with stakeholders and partners and to build on the successes of recent years. The Haringey Strategic Partnership aims to improve the lives of all Haringey residents

through effective partnership working between all the service providers across the borough. The role of the Haringey Strategic Partnership Theme Boards is to manage and develop the key objectives of the partnership

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

3.1. These are contained in the individual reports considered by the bodies concerned.

**4. Recommendations**

4.1. That the Cabinet appoint two of its Members to serve on the Procurement Committee for the remainder of the current municipal year.

4.2. That the Cabinet appoint Members to fill the vacancies on the Haringey Strategic Partnership Board, the HSP Performance Management Group and the two vacancies on the HSP Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board.

**5. Reason for recommendation(s)**

5.1. Vacancies need to be filled on the bodies identified to ensure that they function effectively.

**6. Other options considered**

6.1. Not applicable

**7. Summary**

7.1 The Cabinet at a meeting held on 17 June 2008 appointed two decision making Committees for the 2007/08 municipal year one of which, the Procurement Committee, included in its membership the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member Children and Young People.

7.2 At the same meeting the Cabinet noted that the Leader of the Council was ex-officio Chair of the Haringey Strategic Partnership Board and also of the HSP Board Performance Management Group. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was also appointed as Chair and the Leader as a member of the HSP Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board.

7.3 Following the resignation of Councillor Meehan and Councillor Santry as Leader and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People respectively there are consequential vacancies on the bodies named in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 above. The Council will be meeting on 9 December 2008 to make appointments to the 2 vacant Cabinet posts and the outcome of those appointments will be reported orally.

7.4 The Cabinet is asked to make appointments to fill the vacancies on the Procurement Committee and on the HSP Board and other HSP bodies in the light of the outcome of the Council meeting.

## **8. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

8.1. The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report and has no comments to add.

## **9. Head of Legal Services Comments**

9.1. The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that the Cabinet may establish decision making committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory Committees, the 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. Unless changed or abolished, the two decision-making Committees continue in operation without the need for formal renewal each year.

9.2. There are no specific legal implications but there are strong arguments for appointing the relevant Cabinet Member(s) to the Theme Boards that match their portfolios. The role of the HSP and theme boards will increase in importance with the Local Area Agreement and the new statutory duty for the Cabinet/Committees to have regard to local improvement targets in the LAA when exercising their functions.

## **10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]**

10.1. Not applicable

## **11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments**

11.1. The appointment of members to serve on these bodies is not, of itself, thought to have any significant implications.

## **12. Consultation**

12.1. Not applicable.

## **13. Service Financial Comments**

13.1. Not applicable.

## **14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs**

14.1. Not applicable

## **15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### 15.1 Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report;

Appointment of the Procurement Committee and the Voluntary Sector Committee (Report to Cabinet on 17 June 2008)

Appointment of Representatives to Serve on the Haringey Strategic Partnership and its Theme Boards (Report to Cabinet on 17 June 2008).

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Richard Burbidge on 020 8489 2923.