REPORT OF THE CABINET No. 02/2009-10 COUNCIL 20 JULY 2009

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report covers matters considered by the Cabinet at our meeting on 21 April 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.

ITEM FOR DECISION

Housing

2. HARINGEY HOUSING STRATEGY 2009/19

- 2.1 We considered a report which sought approval for the Housing Strategy 2009/19 and noted that the strategy was a partnership document which would set out our approach to housing over the next ten plans. The Council will be aware that we face a number of challenges in achieving our aspirations for housing. The Borough has high levels of housing need, and a shortfall in affordable housing. 4,815 households live in temporary accommodation (October 2008), 9% of homes are over-crowded, 15.7% of private sector stock is unfit, and the Council and social housing providers are working on significant investment programmes to bring their homes to Decent Homes standards. Responding to these issues is key for the Borough: 26% of residents consider affordable decent housing to be the most important thing in making somewhere a good place to live, and 17% think it is the thing that most needs improving in the local area. Poor housing has also been found to have a negative impact on other areas of life for children and young people, in particular their health and well-being, and educational attainment.
- 2.2 The make-up of the Borough's neighbourhoods is diverse, exhibiting affluence and deprivation, including areas which are successful and areas of potential. Significant regeneration programmes are working to transform neighbourhoods in the borough at Tottenham Hale and Haringey Heartlands. The economic down-turn raises challenges to our work to renew and regenerate the borough's housing at the same time as the introduction of the Homes and Communities Agency and the new Mayor's Draft Housing Strategy provides an opportunity to strengthen our dialogue and partnership with regional and national partners to ensure that we have the best opportunity to achieve our aspirations for Haringey.
- 2.3 We considered a draft Housing Strategy (Appendix A) which identified as its vision the creation of: Neighbourhoods that people choose to live in with a balance of different types of homes which offer quality, affordability and sustainability for current and future generations

In achieving this five main aims were identified:

- To meet housing need through mixed communities / mixed tenures which provided opportunities for our residents
- 2. To ensure housing in the borough was well managed, of high quality, and sustainable
- 3. To provide people with the support and advice they needed
- 4. To make all homes in the borough a part of neighbourhoods of choice
- 5. To contribute to creating the Greenest Borough
- 2.4 Three principles were identified as key components of the way we wished to work in Haringey:
 - Partnership, in our work with local partners
 - Strong relationships with government and national agencies (such as HCA and TSA) that will guarantee the best deal for Haringey's residents
 - Engagement with residents and communities so that decisions and service improvement are shaped by what they want.
- 2.5 The draft strategy identified the key actions together with the key indicators that would be used to measure our progress in achieving our aims. As this would be an over-arching strategy the majority of actions were addressed in more detail through existing delivery mechanisms: the strategy proposed did not replicate these, but would clearly signpost through its implementation plan where responsibility for the detail of implementation lay. Delivery would be overseen by the Haringey Strategic Partnership's Integrated Housing Board through its quarterly monitoring process.
- 2.6 The report also appended a rolling three-year Implementation Plan (Appendix B) which would need to highlight any actions where additional resources might be required for consideration in the Pre-Business Plan Review process. We noted that while there were no particular legal issues which arose out the report, the Council's Legal Services would be expected to play a role in delivering the Implementation Plan and so would be further consulted on issues as they arise.
- 2.7 The Council will be aware that housing impacts on a wide range of outcomes and is associated with a number of equalities issues including relationships between housing tenure and worklessness, between housing need and ethnicity and housing need and disability. Housing quality is also related to health outcomes, and there are links between temporary accommodation and educational attainment, and higher rates of homelessness for young people who are lesbian or gay. We noted that a full Equality Impact Assessment was underway to fully investigate these relationships and to identify issues that needed to be explored further, and those that needed to be addressed in the strategy. The outcomes of this assessment would be taken into account in delivery, through the Implementation Plan. It was anticipated that by working to meet housing need in the Borough and meet residents' aspirations for housing the strategy would reduce disadvantage and inequality in the Borough.
- 2.8 We also noted that consultation had taken place on the draft strategy between January and March 2009 and had involved engaging with a wide range of stakeholders including

residents, partners, community groups and Council staff, using a range of methods and materials.

- 2.9 The consultation had made use of existing forums, including the Haringey Strategic Partnership and its theme boards, resident engagement mechanisms used by Homes for Haringey, community and voluntary groups, the Youth Council and the Haringey Forum for Older People, and other consultative forums in place for engaging with housing stakeholders. Over 125 people had provided input through attendance at Haringey's Housing Conference on 18 February 2009, and the website, Haringey People, and customer access points in the borough had been used to reach a wider audience. The outcomes of the consultation had been analysed in a Consultation Report which would be used to provide feedback to stakeholders on the outcomes of the consultation, and outlined how these had affected the final Strategy.
- 2.10 Housing had a significant role to play in improving the quality of life in Haringey and contributed to a wide range of outcomes. The draft Strategy set out the strategic direction that the Council and its partners would take over the next ten years in achieving our aspirations for Haringey. It articulated a vision, identified the key priorities, and set out how actions to address our objectives would be taken forward. This was an over-arching strategy, its delivery would be supported by a number of more focused strategies and business plans, and it would be key in communicating to residents and stakeholders, including the new Homes and Communities Agency and GLA, how our work would meet the needs and aspirations for housing in Haringey. Having noted the outcomes of the consultation and the changes proposed to the draft Strategy as a result and that the draft Implementation Plan was nearing completion, we report that we approved the timetable for sign off and

WE RECOMMEND

That the draft Haringey Housing Strategy as set out at Appendix A be approved and authority to make amendments required be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing.

ITEMS OF REPORT

Community Cohesion and Involvement

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

- 3.1 In 2007 the Council was short-listed for its bid for Beacon Status in relation to Citizen Engagement and Empowerment. The conclusion of the assessment panel was that whilst there were excellent examples of citizen engagement, these were not consistent or integrated within a strategic plan. The assessment team specifically highlighted the following relevant areas for development:
 - Developing a shared vision in Haringey to promote citizen engagement and empowerment in a strategic way.

- Embed the systematic use of customer information to design and improve services and support strategic planning across the authority.
- Increase demonstrable evidence of how engagement has been used to transform services.
- 3.2 We considered a report which advised us that community engagement was a central theme within the current legislative and policy framework and underpinned many of the planned improvements in public services. It was not only viewed as a tool for improving public services, but was also recognised as a key process for achieving wider policy goals and aspirations. From April 2009 local authorities would be expected to introduce a new 'duty to involve' which would seek to ensure that local people had greater opportunities to have their say. The aspiration for the new duty was to embed a culture of engagement and empowerment across the authority's functions
- 3.3 We noted the development of Haringey's Community Engagement Framework (CEF) the purpose of which was to provide a good practice partnership approach to engagement which would link to many Council and Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) strategies and initiatives and would provide an approach for partners to use in implementing them. It was a document for HSP organisations which promoted joint working between partners in undertaking engagement. As such, the Framework promoted an approach which had the potential to provide value for money for the Council and its partner organisations.
- 3.5 We also noted that the consultation process was taking place in three phases -
 - Phase 1 January and February 2009
 - Phase 2 March and April 2009
 - Phase 3 Following approval by the HSP Board on 27 April the final CEF document would be made available on partner websites and the multi-agency group would continue to meet for a time-limited period in order to plan the third phase of consultation and to develop the CEF Delivery Plan and accompanying Equality Impact Assessment. The Performance Management Group of the HSP would be responsible for monitoring the development of the Action Plan and its outcomes, and for reviewing progress against the CEF initially one year after it is adopted after the HSP.
- 3.6 We report that we endorsed the Community Engagement Framework prior to its consideration by the HSP Board. In so doing we noted that the CEF might be subject to changes by the HSP Board and following the further consultation proposed. Accordingly, we delegated authority to make any amendments required to the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement.

Leisure, Culture, and Lifelong Learning

4. MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

4.1 We considered a report which advised us that a design master plan had been developed for new play and recreation facilities at Muswell Hill Playing Fields following consultation with local residents and stakeholders and we noted that the total cost of implementing the

master plan had been estimated at £2.65 million including an allowance for professional fees, contingency and fit out cost.

- 4.2 While full implementation of the master plan was not currently viable, officers had examined the total recommended works and broken these down into 3 works packages: play and recreation, buildings and pitches, and landscape. The play and recreation element had been costed at £741,000 and the report recommended the implementation of this element of the works which comprised the following -
 - An equipped children's playground for ages 0-13
 - A floodlit multi use games area (muga)
 - A skate park
 - A trim trail or outdoor gym
- 4.3 This element of the project represented a very significant contribution to addressing the current shortfall in this type of provision in the west of Haringey. The improvements would address the stated needs of local residents discovered during consultation, in particular those views voiced by local children and young people. We report that we approved the construction of new play and recreation facilities at Muswell Hill Playing Fields and noted that further consultation was to be undertaken with the local community on the detailed development of these works. We also noted that officers would be undertaking further work to secure the funding necessary to carry out the remaining phases of the master plan and this would be the subject of a further report to us when the funding had been secured.

Adult Social Care and Wellbeing

5. EXPERIENCE STILL COUNTS

- 5.1 We considered a report which advised us that the Haringey Strategic Partnership's (HSP) Experience Still Counts strategy was the outcome of an extensive review undertaken from September to December 2008 of the original Experience Counts strategy. As before, older people in Haringey had been the key drivers in its development. They had been consulted throughout the process and their input, along with that of the HSP lead officers, had resulted in a set of revised priorities and key initiatives that would move the Strategy forward from 2009 to 2012.
- 5.2 Experience Still Counts 2009-2012 continued to be aimed at:
 - Active and independent older people: some of whom may have completed their career in paid employment or fulfilled their child rearing responsibilities; others may still be working or have caring responsibilities. Some older people remain active and independent into late old age; others may not.
 - Older people who are vulnerable: some of whom may have ill health or long-term conditions such as diabetes and dementia, or social care needs, or a combination of both.
- 5.3 The updated delivery plan retained the ten outcomes chosen by older people as key to improving their quality of life and an updated list of key priorities involving around 55 lead officers from organisations across the HSP. The strategy would continue to be monitored

through the Older People's Partnership Board as part of the HSP and key priorities reviewed annually.

- 5.4 The strategy covered all aspects of older people's lives represented by the ten outcomes set out below. Not all older people would identify with all of the outcomes all of the time but most would identify with at least one of them. Priorities to achieve each of the following outcomes had been identified for 2009-2012 as followed:
 - Being respected
 - Keeping informed
 - Staying healthy
 - Being active
 - Choosing work
 - Feeling safer
 - Having a safe, comfortable and well-maintained home
 - Living with support
 - · Getting out and about
 - Making the most of your income
- 5.5 The ten outcomes contained within the strategy had resulted, as before, in a complex programme of actions for the delivery plan. In order to reduce the quantity and complexity of this plan, many of these actions had been re-aligned to existing and developing strategies in order for them to progress and be monitored in the relevant place. Wherever these overlaps had been identified, the action had been removed from the Experience Still Counts delivery plan and this has been explained under the relevant outcome in the strategy. This had ensured that priorities identified by older people were not overlooked in the development of other strategies and the duplication of initiatives in our delivery plan had been avoided where they were priorities in other Council strategies, such as the Carers Strategy and Housing Strategy (both currently under development).
- We report that we endorsed and approved the revised and updated strategy Experience Still Counts' 2009/12 and its accompanying delivery plan to enable older people and service planners to work together to make an independent life an option for as many people as possible.

Regeneration and Enterprise

6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 6.1 We considered a report which sought our approval to a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Haringey for the preparation of a set of planning policy documents to complement the emerging Core Strategy.
- 6.2 The report set out the Council's project plan for the delivery of the Haringey Local development Framework (LDF). The programme for the delivery of a suite of planning policy had been amended to reflect the work programme and the need to review other documents that should be also be prepared. We noted that the Council was required to review its LDS regularly if changes to the project Plan for preparing planning policy document were envisaged and these should be reported to agreed by the Government Office for London (GoL).

6.3 Details of the progress of the review of the existing Local Development Scheme and the new Development Plan Documents proposed for inclusion in the revised LDS were as follows -

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The SCI set out the standards for involving local communities in the preparation of Local Development Documents and development control decisions. This was adopted in February 2008.

Development Plan Documents (DPD)

Core Strategy

The Core Strategy would help shape the kind of place Haringey would be in 2020, balancing the needs and aspirations of residents and businesses against strategic development needs. Reflecting the changes in new PPS 12 (2008), Core Strategy would include a plan to indicate how community infrastructure would be delivered. The timetable for the preparation of the Core Strategy would include a revised date for consultation stages, submission date to Secretary of State for Examination in Public and the adoption date. This reflected the changes introduced to the process by The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

Joint Waste Development Plan Document

Unitary authorities were required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to produce a Waste Development Plan Document for their area. The Council had agreed to prepare a Joint Waste Development Plan Document plan with six other north London boroughs that make up the North London Waste Authority area. The document would provide waste projections and identify the mix and location of waste facilities needed in the sub-region.

The initial key milestones for the document had been met. However, with agreement with all stakeholders involved in the process, a revised timetable was being prepared to allow more assessment of the waste sites identified so far. The revised LDS would reflect these changes.

Central Leeside Area Action Plan

Central Leeside was the collective name given to the strategic employment areas that lay either side of the boundary between Enfield and Haringey. This was a joint plan with Enfield. The primary challenge for the Area Action Plan would be to identify investment and improvements required to ensure the long term viability of the area as an employment location. The draft Issues and Options Document was the subject of consultation in early 2008. The second stage consultation on preferred options had been delayed to enable both Councils to assess the implications of the emerging options. As a Council we had raised concerns about the size and nature of some of the options in the Meridian Water area which was within the borough of Enfield. Following further

discussions with Enfield and other stakeholders including the GLA, a decision would be made whether this work should continue as a joint work or whether the Area Action Plan boundary was revised for the AAP to focus on solely in Enfield. If the later option was pursued this DPD would not be included in Haringey's revised LDS.

Sites Allocations DPD

This document would set out proposals for major development sites in the Borough and would contain other site specific policies as appropriate.

Development Control Policies (DPD)

This document will contain boroughwide policies against which planning applications could be assessed. The document would not repeat national or regional policies and the guidance provided via the national planning policy statements. It would focus on policies which would reflect conditions specific to Haringey.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

New PPS 12 and the regulations indicated that local authorities did not have to include Supplementary Planning Documents in their LDS. Haringey's 2007 LDS included 5 SPD's – all of which had now been adopted. These were

- Open Space Standards Supplementary Planning Document (adopted in June 2008)
- Housing Supplementary Planning Document (adopted in October 2008)
- Tottenham Hale SPD (adopted Oct 2006)
- Lawrence Road SPD (adopted Oct 2007)
- Wood Green SPD (adopted Oct 2008)
- 6.4 We report that we agreed the submission of Haringey's Local Development Scheme (LDS) to the Greater London Authority and to the Government Office for London and that we delegated authority to make any amendments required to the LDS document to the Assistant Director (Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise before finalising the Local Development Scheme for submission.

7. A NEW PLAN FOR HARINGEY 2011 – 2016: DRAFT CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTIONS

- 7.1 We considered a report which sought our agreement to preferred policy options set out in the above-mentioned document and to approve the document for public consultation which was to take place in May/June 2009.
- 7.2 We noted that a Member working group had been established to oversee the development of the Preferred Options Stage of the Core Strategy and that detailed discussions about the various preferred policy options.

- 7.3 The Core Strategy would set out a vision and key policies for the future development of the Borough up to 2026. It would take forward the priorities of Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy and other plans and strategies to identify a vision for Haringey as a place to live, work and visit and will contain key policies and an implementation framework to deliver the vision.
- 7.4 The Core Strategy would outline how the Council would deliver local and strategic development needs including housing, employment, leisure and retail provision. The Core Strategy would go beyond traditional land use planning and consider other plans and strategies that influence the use of land and the way that places around us look and work. It would cover the physical aspects of location and land use but also address other factors that made places attractive, sustainable and successful, such as social and economic matters. Preparation of policies would be subject to a sustainability appraisal which would promote sustainable strategies and policies through an assessment of their social, environmental and economic impacts.
- 7.5 The Core Strategy would give spatial interpretation to the recently adopted Sustainable Community Strategy's key outcomes:
 - People at the heart of change;
 - An environmentally sustainable future;
 - · Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all;
 - Safer for all:
 - Healthier people with a better quality of life; and
 - People and customer focused.

7.6 It would also:

- Have regard to new and emerging government policy;
- Respond to the alterations to the London Plan;
- · Respond to local issues and priorities facing the borough; and
- Respond to future challenges such as climate change.
- 7.7 We report that we approved the preferred policy options which were set out in an appendix to the report for inclusion in the Core Strategy for the purpose of public consultation from 5 May to 30 June 2009 and we noted that the result of this consultation would be made publicly available and would be used to draft the final document to go before the planning inspector.

8. GROWTH AREA FUNDING 3 AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

8.1 We considered a report which informed us that in December 2008, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) had announced Growth Area Funding (GAF) allocations for 2009/10 and 2010/11 to local authorities with long term plans to increase house building to meet the needs of their communities. The allocations for Haringey were of £3.443 million in 2009/10 and £3.469 in 2010/11 in respect of capital schemes, a total of

£6.912 million to support the delivery of 8,764 new homes by 2016. The funding for 2009/10 was confirmed but that for 2010/11 was provisional.

8.2 We noted that although the funding was not ring-fenced, the capital allocation had to be used for capital expenditure. We report that approved the allocation of the resources as follows:

Project/Proposals	Sum Allocated (£000)		
Tottenham Gyratory and Station Square Marsh Lane Mortuary Garden Marsh Lane Green Link Down Lane Park/Chesnut Road	5,000 1,200 266 300 146		
Total	6.912 million		

8.4 We were also informed that in March 2009 the DCLG had announced Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) allocations for transport projects to support the development of new housing including £4 million in respect of the Tottenham Hale Gyratory. The funding award was conditional on all the external funding sources required for the project being secured by the summer. Together with the proposed GAF allocation, Section 106 contributions and resources from Transport for London (TfL) and the Greater London Authority (GLA) funds of £40.7 million had been identified towards construction estimated at £45.3 million. We report that we asked that officers submit a further report to us on how this shortfall would be met following discussions with TfL and the GLA.

Children and Young People

9. DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDREN'S TRUST WITHIN THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- 9.1 The Council will be aware that the Joint Area Review report into Haringey's Children Services identified the need to improve governance of children safeguarding arrangements. We considered a report which set out proposals for the creation of a Children's Trust within the Haringey Strategic Partnership to replace the Children and Young People's Partnership to strengthen the commitment and focus of strategic partners on the needs of children and the 5 outcomes within Every Child Matters.
- 9.2 We noted that the meeting of the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Board in February 2009 was advised that the model for governance, consultation and participation was being reviewed with a view to transforming the Board into a Children's Trust. As part of the review the Board's Terms of Reference and those of other relevant bodies were being examined to ensure that they were fit for purpose and that there were no areas of duplication. This report set out the current position for the development of the Children's Trust.
- 9.3 We report that having considered the proposals for the creation of a Children's Trust we agreed that further discussion and negotiations be carried out with our Strategic Partners

and that a further report be submitted to our next meeting setting out the detailed governance framework and partnership agreement for the Trust. We will keep the Council informed of developments on this matter.

Resources

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 10.1 We considered a report which sought our approval to the Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP) for 2009 12. We noted that the plan outlined the priorities, actions and projects aimed at improving the performance of all the Council's operational service properties, community buildings and commercial portfolios to ensure these represent good use of resources in making a substantial and positive contribution to the Council's key programmes: Better Haringey, Regeneration and Haringey Forward.
- 10.2 We also noted that the focus of the Plan was to raise the ambition to transform all the Council's property portfolios by setting out clear programmes of investment, disposal and developments to deliver effective asset management. The drive for this higher ambition aligned not only with local priorities and the key programmes referred to above but also with the expectations of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment/Use of Resources framework as evidenced in the Audit Commission guidance on the Key Line of Enquiry relating to asset management.
- 10.3 Whilst seeking a step change in performance, this AMP was also set in the context of the progressive developments of the past two years during which the following changes have been implemented:
 - Corporate Management of Property is now embedded within Haringey
 - Strategic Reviews have been completed of all the property portfolios setting out a clear rationale for retention and future development
 - Asset strategy is integrated with the Council's Capital Strategy
 - Service Asset Management is gradually being integrated within the Council's Business and Financial Planning.
 - Property is playing a full part in delivering the regeneration strategy both through disposals and developments of surplus sites and through working with partners (Residential Social Landlords, developers and landowners)
- 10.4 In order to achieve our objectives of transforming Council assets the following key programmes were being pursued:

Disposals Programme – the removal of under performing, uneconomic, under used, unsuitable and generally surplus properties by challenging the use and utilisation of existing properties to drive through rationalisation strategies.

- Surplus Office Accommodation (arising from the Accommodation Strategy)
- Surplus Housing property & sites (i.e. Hostels, garages and land holdings)

Investment Programme – the maintenance and development of core (retained) properties vital to the service, addressing maintenance backlog and improving condition

and performance in terms of cost, access and environmental impacts. Linking this with the capital strategy and working with partners to maximise funding generated from within the portfolio as well as leveraged in from a variety of sources.

- Wood Green Hub Administrative Office Buildings
- Libraries
- Building schools for the Future
- Decent Homes Initiative

Regeneration programme – to support the Borough's place shaping priorities by developing assets in priority areas in need of economic assistance so as to provide economic investment, vitality, prosperity and community infrastructure.

- Working with public and private sector partners in support of major regeneration schemes (e.g. acquisitions and disposals essential to site assembly).
- Using Council owned assets, particularly surplus property, to stimulate regeneration schemes
- Releasing value from Council assets to generate capital receipts that can be directed towards other Council investment priorities and regeneration programmes
- Ensuring a supply of commercial premises to support local enterprise, employment and the local economy

Partnerships programme – to lead and participate in a range of geographic (neighbourhoods, borough wide and sub regional) and sector (public, private and voluntary) collaboration opportunities for sharing accommodation and property resources primarily with the aim of improving public services and also the use of public estate.

- Increasing the scope for utilising assets and delivering services in conjunction with partner agencies.
- Working with Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) to address social housing need
- Opportunities to develop assets in conjunction with the private and voluntary sectors
- 10.5 We report that we approved the Asset Management Plan for 2009 2012 and the principles, priorities and action plan contained within it be endorsed.

Leader

11.THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - PERIOD 11 - APRIL 2008 TO FEBRUARY 2009

11.1 We considered the monthly monitoring report for Period 11 (February) which detailed the Council's performance against agreed targets. Financial and performance information was based on the financial monitoring reports prepared for the budget and performance management review meetings for period 11.

- 11.2 Details of performance against monthly reported indicators all linked to the following Council's priorities were set out in an Appendix to the report:
 - Making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs
 - Creating a better Haringey: Cleaner, Greener and Safer
 - Encouraging lifetime well-being
 - Promoting independent living
 - Delivering quality services
- 11.3 The report presented performance highlights under the Council's priorities and also showed on an exception basis indicators where focus was needed.
- 11.4 In terms of finance, the overall revenue budget monitoring, based on the February position, showed that the General fund was forecast to spend £0.9 million above budget. Actions were being taken on the revenue position to bring it back in line with the approved budget for the final outturn.
- 11.5 The aggregate capital projected position in 2008/09 is as shown in Appendix 2 and is projected to under spend by £14.2 million (10.4%). In net terms Children & Young People are projected to under spend by £3.8 million, Urban Environment by £2.4 million, Corporate Resources by £1.6 million, Adults, Culture & Community by £1.8 million and Housing by £4.6 million.
- 11.6 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 inyear of a change in the level of external funding such as grants or supplementary credit approval.
- 11.7 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.

11.8 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
11	PP	Rev	125	125	Corrective budget realignment	Allocation of Circular Funding to Voluntary Sector Groups
11	Various	Rev	162		Corrective budget realignment	Apportionment of Project Officer cost across a number of Projects
11	PP	Rev	105		New funding allocations	Extra funding (2008/09) to support the Youth Offending Service
Capital Virements						
Period Service Key Amount Full year Reason for budget Description						
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11	ACCS	Cap	127		New funding allocations	New LSC capital funding 2008/09 to establish Haringey Adult learning and library facilities and equipment.
11	ACCS	Сар	39		Additional DFG grant allocation 2008/09	Government office for London confirmed an extra £39k DFG funding for 2008/09.
11	UE	Cap	15		New Project	New Tfl funding for Pedestrian Accessibility improvement scheme.
11	UE	Сар	(66)		Corrective budget realignment	Re-alignment of the London Bus Priority Network Programme
11	UE	Сар	65		New S.106 Funding	Additional funding for the Street scene S.106 Schemes

12. DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

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

Director of Children and Young People's Services

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) – Payment to 5 providers for a targeted programme of holiday activities for young people aged 8-19 who were at risk of social exclusion and/or community crime

Director of Corporate Resources

Childcare Litigation Service – In accordance with Contract Standing Order 13.03 approval to the existing contract with Islington Council for the provision of legal services

13. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

13.1 We were informed of the following action taken by Directors under urgency procedures -

Director of Corporate Resources

Approval to charges for Local Land Charges and Related Fees for 2009/10.