

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Adamou, Alexander, Dobbie, Engert, Gorrie and Newton

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB48.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)</p> <p>Councillor Reith in respect of item 15 - Review of Decent Homes Programme, Preparing for HfH Audit Inspection and Review of Management Agreement.</p>	HLDMS
CAB49.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 July 2009 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
CAB50.	<p>MATTERS REFERRED BY THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 6)</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Review of Support to Young People at Risk of Substance Abuse</u> (Agenda Item 6a)</p> <p>We noted the Scrutiny Review of Support to Young People at Risk of Substance Abuse and our Chair expressed our appreciation and thanks to the Panel members (Councillors Alexander (Chair) and Allison) for their work in carrying out the review.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a Cabinet response to our meeting on 13 October 2009 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Review of Recycling (Source Separated and Co-mingled)</u> (Agenda Item 6b)</p> <p>We noted the Scrutiny Review of Recycling (Source Separated and Co-mingled) and our Chair expressed our appreciation and thanks to the Panel members (Councillors Adamou (Chair), Dodds, Edge and Weber) for their work in carrying out the review.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	ACE-PPPC

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	<p>That the report is noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a Cabinet response to our meeting on 8 September 2009 including a detailed tabulated implementation action plan.</p>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p>
<p>CAB51.</p>	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: APRIL - JUNE 2009 (PERIOD 3) - QUARTER 1 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to June 2009 and sought our approval to budget virements in accordance with financial regulations. The report also provided an update on progress against current Council Plan actions for the year to the end of June 2009.</p> <p>We also noted that with respect to the projected overspend in the looked after children (LAC) placement budget a number of actions were being taken which targeted specific issues associated with reducing expenditure on LAC including on routes into care.</p> <p>Clarification was sought of the position with regard to the delayed completion of the children centres phase 3 developments and the possible impact this might have on provision in Fortis Green. Having been informed that a further report on the children centres was to be submitted we requested that, in the meantime, a written response to the question asked be supplied to Councillor Engert.</p> <p>Reference was also made to the percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral and we were advised that there had been an improvement in the figure reported up to 59%. We were also advised that there was also a system in place to deal immediately with referrals of an urgent nature.</p> <p>In response to a question about bringing forward DCSF non-ring fenced capital funding of £2.283 million in 2009/10, we noted that this would be used in the main for street lighting and parks schemes and would be repaid to the schools budget in later years.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the number of reported incidents of knife crime and violent crimes and possible linkages to establishments with late night licenses. We noted these were linked to gang activities linked to certain areas and to certain groups and that multi-agency action to address them was underway.</p> <p>We also noted that the viability of strategic developments had been adversely affected by the impact on valuations of a difficult property market. The Council had been seeking, with some success, ways in which to mitigate the impact on major sites schemes.</p> <p>On equal pay, the implementation of the rollout had been running behind schedule but with the allocation of additional resources it was hoped that this could be made up. We asked that Councillor Dobbie be supplied</p>	<p>DCYPS</p>

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	<p>with details of the number of staff involved.</p> <p>In response to a question about the forecast that the general fund would spend £3 million above budget, it was confirmed that the position had now been stabilised.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that NI 192: Percentage of household waste sent for re-use, recycling and composting which was below the stretch target of 32% was included in the Council's Local Area Agreement rather than the Council Plan under all actions under the Greener Haringey priority were reported to be on target.</p> <p>Clarification having been sought and provided about the additional funds to be made available for the Council's capital programme including the use of Major Repairs Reserve and the estimated Decent Homes Leaseholder Contributions, Councillor Gorrie was advised that he could be provided with further details if required outside the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report and the progress being made against Council's priorities be noted and approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</p>	<p>ACE- POD</p> <p>CFO</p>
<p>CAB52.</p>	<p>ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008-09 ON THE HANDLING OF CUSTOMER FEEDBACK , MEMBERS' ENQUIRIES (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We received the annual report on the operation of the Council's handling of customer feedback complaints, compliments and suggestions and members' enquiries. We noted that the report also sought our approval to the introduction of a charge for subject access requests under the Data Protection Act.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the annual report be received and the performance and the key achievements in the year be noted. 2. That the Local Government Ombudsman's annual review and the Council's response as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the interleaved report be noted. 3. That approval be granted to the introduction of a fee of £10 for subject access requests under the Data Protection Act. 	<p>ACE- PPPC</p>
<p>CAB53.</p>	<p>ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL STATUTORY COMPLAINTS REPORT 2008/09 (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out the statutory complaints procedure for Adult Services for the year 2008/09 and made appropriate</p>	

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	<p>recommendations to improve complaint handling and performance. The report also sought our approval of the Adult Services Annual Complaints Report for 2008/09.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Adult Services Annual Complaints Report be received and the performance for 2008/09 be noted. 2. That proposed initiatives for performance improvements as set out in the interleaved report be endorsed. 	DACCS
<p>CAB54.</p>	<p>CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DAY CENTRE TRANSPORT - ADULT SOCIAL CARE (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that report provided a response to the Scrutiny Review which had examined the process whereby a centrally based transport service was delegated to front line services whether that delegation process had proved to be successful in terms of providing an improved service to day centre users and whether the decision to delegate the transport function had provided increased value for money.</p> <p>We also noted that the Review had made 10 recommendations, 9 of which might have financial implications. We were advised that upon completion of these recommendations further reports would be submitted to us for consideration of the outcomes prior to their implementation. These further reports would include a full assessment of the financial implications of the recommendations and options for funding as appropriate.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the response to the Scrutiny Review of Day Centre Transport – Adult Social Care as set out in the interleaved report and the Appendix thereto.</p>	DACCS
<p>CAB55.</p>	<p>LORDSHIP RECREATION GROUND RESTORATION (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided us with an update on the continuing progress of the Lordship Recreation Ground’s Restoration Programme, a major park project in the heart of Tottenham.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the project’s progress to date and the key challenges which remained as outlined in the report be noted.</p>	
<p>CAB56.</p>	<p>FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 12)</p>	

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	<p>We noted that the report sought our approval to the adoption of a revised Football Development Plan and Action Plan and to a programme of investment in upgraded facilities across the Borough.</p> <p>We also noted that discussions had recently taken place between the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and the Council's Recreation Service about moving towards a new commissioning role for football provision arising from which we asked that the Foundation be invited to give a presentation at a future meeting of the Cabinet on their role and the benefits to the Council and local residents particularly children and young people.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the indicative priority rating for the proposed improvement schemes as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report. 2. That approval be granted in principle to the approach recommended in the Football Development Plan of seeking to achieve more effective use of existing assets, particularly school changing provision. 3. That schools be supported to encourage greater community access to on site football and ancillary facilities. 4. That approval be granted to the proposed future development of the relationship with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation as set out in paragraph 7.18 of the interleaved report. 	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB57.</p>	<p>CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided a more detailed breakdown of the Children and Young People Service's capital programme which we agreed in January 2009 as part of the consideration of the Council's overall budget package. We noted that it also included a full update of progress on the delivery of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme together with a description of the projects to be undertaken to support the Primary Strategy for Change, for which full funding approval had been received from the Department for Children Schools and Families in March 2009.</p> <p>In addition, the report considered the key risks in relation to the overall programme and recommended revisions to the programme to mitigate their potential impact.</p> <p>Reference was made to recent media articles concerning the level of payments made to consultants in connection with the Building Schools for the Future programme arising from which we were informed that the actual level of payments made was 3% and was in line with what was</p>	

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	<p>considered best practice.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the re-tendering of the Heartlands school on a single Design and Build basis had secured a substantial price benefit with greater cost certainty and confidence of completion dates but had impacted on budget profiles transferring £14 million from 2009/10 to 2010/11 and 2011/12.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the revised BSF capital programme and associated funding proposals as set out in Appendices B and C to the interleaved report. 2. That approval be granted to the revised Primary and other Children and Young People’s Service capital programme and associated funding proposals as set out in Appendices D and E to the interleaved report. 3. That approval be granted to the programme of works at secondary school sites detailed in Appendix F to the interleaved report. 	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB58.</p>	<p>CHILDREN ACT COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People’s Service - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided information about complaints made under the Children Act procedures between April 2008 and March 2009</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the performance for dealing with complaints made under the Children Act procedures in the year 2008/09 be noted.</p>	
<p>CAB59.</p>	<p>REVIEW OF DECENT HOMES PROGRAMME, PREPARING FOR HfH AUDIT INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being an Homes for Haringey leaseholder.</p> <p>We noted that the report provided a review of Year 1 of the Decent Homes programme, including the summary outturn position against key indicators, lessons learned and how these had been incorporated into the programme for years 2-5. It also requested ratification of the decision made by the Housing Management Board in 2005 to install the full I.R.S system which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky and Sky plus, Hotbird and Turksat.</p> <p>The report also informed us of Homes for Haringey’s arrangements for re-inspection by the Audit Commission in 2010 and of the Management</p>	

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Agreement review, noting that the current agreement expired on 31 March 2011.

We were informed that figures relating to the provision of aids and adaptations suggested that the Service had cleared the backlog of cases.

In response to a question about financial arrangements for the Decent Homes programme we were informed that funding had only been confirmed up to 2009/10 and that subsequent years were indicative only and likely to be considered in the Government's Spending Review for 2010. They were also subject to Homes for Haringey retaining two stars in its inspection in 2010. A Decent Homes Programme Board had now been established to oversee the on-going programme of work within available resources.

Further questions were then posed concerning the conversion of flat roofs to pitched and the provision of IRS systems. We noted that as part of the proposals for Years 2-5 of the Decent Homes Programme it had been agreed that where the possibility of providing a pitched roof in the place of an existing flat roof that needed replacing existed, a whole-life costing benefit analysis should be carried out and funding should be identified as appropriate. DCLG guidance provided sufficient flexibility for local decisions to be made for using Decent Homes resources for converting flat roofs to pitch where appropriate and subject to the availability of resources.

It was confirmed that since 2005 and based on a decision by the former Housing Management Board there had been a policy of replacing existing communal aerials with I.R.S which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky, Sky Plus, and Hotbird and Turksat television channels with the appropriate equipment without installing their own satellite dishes. It was reported that Homes for Haringey had recently re-tendered the work resulting in better value for money for residents.

RESOLVED:

1. That the review of Year 1 of the Decent Homes programme, including the summary outturn position against key indicators, lessons learned and how these had been incorporated into the years 2-5 of the programme be noted.
2. That the decision made by the Housing Management Board in 2005 to install the full I.R.S system which allowed residents to receive Freeview, Sky and Sky plus, Hotbird and Turksat be ratified.
3. That the progress of Homes for Haringey's preparation for re-inspection by the Audit Commission in 2010 be noted.
4. That it be noted that the existing management agreement which would expire on the 31 March 2011 was being reviewed by the

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	<p>Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing with a view to allowing the extension of contract between the Council and Homes for Haringey for a further period of between three and five years.</p> <p>5. That a further report be presented by December to set out the details of the changes/amendments made to the management agreement for our consideration and approval.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB60.</p>	<p>BUILDING BRITAIN'S FUTURE - DEVELOPMENT IN NATIONAL HOUSING POLICY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 16)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided us with an update Members on recent developments in national housing policy which were being delivered via the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) single conversation and the requirement for local authorities to prepare a borough investment plan for the delivery of housing and regeneration objectives leading to a Local Investment Agreement (LIA) between the Council and the HCA for 2010-2014.</p> <p>We also noted that as part of the LIA delivery plan the report recommended that Council officers explore and recommend on options other than the traditional methods for housing supply and regeneration by detailed appraisal of local asset backed vehicles (LABV) as an additional method to deliver the Councils housing and regeneration objectives.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the actions taken in progressing the HCA Single Conversation and the formulation of a borough investment plan for housing and regeneration be noted and a further report be submitted following presentation of a draft plan to the HCA and negotiation of the terms of a Local Investment Agreement (LIA). 2. That the Director of Urban Environment be authorised, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, to carry out a detailed appraisal of the options and benefits of setting up Local Asset Backed Vehicles (LABV) as a method of taking forward the Council's major housing and regeneration objectives. 	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE/ CFO</p>
<p>CAB61.</p>	<p>FIRE SAFETY UPDATE – SCISSOR BLOCKS IN HARINGEY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 17)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to complete necessary fire risk assessments. The report was too urgent to admit of delay because of the health and safety implications involved.</p> <p>We noted that the report advised us on fire safety in Council owned housing stock following assessments carried out in the light of the recent</p>	

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	<p>fire at Lakanal House in Camberwell.</p> <p>In response to a question we were informed that registered Social Landlords were being asked to carry out checks on their housing stock in the Borough.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the immediate release of an initial allocation of £500,000 for the current financial year to be funded from the HRA general balance and it be noted that officers would be developing a comprehensive programme for consideration in November 2009. 2. That officers be authorised to undertake a comprehensive review of the remainder of the stock and report back in November 2009 to cover any maisonette properties.. 	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB62.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT PROPOSALS FOR 2010/11 - SUBMISSION TO TfL FOR FUNDING (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 18)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out the Council's transport proposals for 2010/11 based on the reforms to the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding system, provided details of those reforms and sought our approval to the Council's submission to Transport for London (TfL) for funding for 2010/11.</p> <p>We were informed of the following changes to the table setting out the Council's submission to Transport for London at Appendix 3 to the interleaved report consequent on discussions at the Transport Forum –</p> <p>Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornsey Park (£150,000 - minus £20,000) • Local safety schemes (£100,000 - minus £65,000) • Cycle training (£65,000) • Cycle parking (£20,000) • Shop mobility (£42,000 – moved from Corridors) • Sub total (£1,302,000 – increase of £42,000) • Reserve scheme Bounds Green (£260,000 – increase of £8,000) <p>Corridors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop mobility (£42,000 – moved to Neighbourhoods) • Sub total (£1,031,000 – minus £42,000) • Reserve scheme Muswell Hill to Turnpike Lane (£206,000 minus £9,000) <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the new funding system for LIP submissions be noted and</p>	<p>DUE</p>

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	<p>approval be granted to the Council's submission to Transport for London as set out in Appendix III to the interleaved report subject to the amendments outlined above.</p>	
<p>CAB63.</p>	<p>NORTH LONDON WASTE PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 19)</p> <p>We noted that the first stage of the North London Waste Plan - <i>Issues and Options</i> – had been the subject of consultation in early 2008 and the preferred options report was now ready for ratification by each constituent borough before going to public consultation during October/November for a minimum of six weeks. The preferred options report set out a preferred approach on site allocation and established a policy and monitoring framework for the Plan.</p> <p>We also noted that the Mayor of London had allocated to each borough an amount of waste, referred to as the apportionment, for which boroughs had to make site provision. The preferred approach was to meet the apportionment by safeguarding and where appropriate intensifying existing waste management sites; by re-orientating existing transfer stations into waste management sites and by identifying a small number of additional sites that might be used if the existing sites proved unsuitable.</p> <p>We were informed that the completion date given for the Plan in 2008 was December 2010 but it was now likely to be November 2011. As a consequence of this change, the timetable had been provisionally revised and would extend further into the 2011 financial year with small additional associated programme manager costs. There might also be extra cost for the consultants commissioned to develop the Plan but this had not been confirmed at this stage. Appropriate approval for additional expenditure would be sought as necessary. The Plan complemented but was different in scope to the North London Joint Waste Strategy drawn up by the seven boroughs and the North London Waste Authority.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the Preferred Options report of the North London Waste Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report for the purpose of consultation. 2. That the Assistant Director - Planning and Regeneration be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Safer Communities, to agree any consequent minor changes prior to consultation. 3. That approval be granted to the supplemental Memorandum of Understanding as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report. 	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB64.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 20)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	<p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <p>a) Procurement Committee – 7 July 2009; b) Procurement Committee – 28 July 2009.</p>	
CAB65.	<p>URGENT ACTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 21)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB66.	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 22)</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. We asked that in future the figures contained in the exempt Appendices be linked back to the relevant items set out in the part of the report which was open to the public</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB67.	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW UPDATE (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 23)</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>We noted that the report highlighted the progress made on the recommended actions arising from the review reported to us in February 2009. We were advised that these actions had all been implemented and that, additionally, the recommendations from the national review carried out by the Audit Commission had also been included in the action plan.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the progress against the action plan arising from the recommendations of the previous review be noted.</p>	
CAB68.	<p>THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS (Report of the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 24)</p> <p>The Appendix to the interleaved report was the subject of a motion to</p>	

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	<p>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>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the following be noted – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the legal challenge to the London Authorities Mutual Limited (LAML); • The claims brought against Haringey Council by Risk Management Partners. • That short term temporary insurance cover was in place to 30 September 2009. 2. That approval be granted to a waiver of Contract Standing Orders and to the delegation of authority to the Chief Financial Officer to agree the detailed arrangements for the extension of temporary insurance cover from 1 October 2009 until the commencement of the replacement longer term contract. 3. That approval be granted to the long term procurement of Insurance Services via a purchasing Consortium. 4. That approval be granted to the delegation of authority to the Chief Financial Officer to agree the detailed arrangements for participation in a purchasing Consortium and the procurement of replacement insurance cover, including the award of the contract(s). 	<p>CFO</p> <p>CFO</p> <p>CFO</p>
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The meeting ended at 21.10 hours.

CLAIRE KOBER
Chair