

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2009**

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

*Present

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB69.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Amin.</p>	
CAB70.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 September 2009 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
CAB71.	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE PERIODS 4 & 5 (JULY AND AUGUST 2009) (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information to the year to August 2009 and sought our agreement to budget virements in accordance with financial regulations.</p> <p>We were pleased to note the Tidy Britain group's external assessment of street and environmental cleanliness for litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting which had confirmed the good performance previously reported.</p> <p>We expressed concern that the levels of recorded offences of serious violent crime and knife crime rates were higher than the targets set and in this respect we were informed that this was in part because of gang related activity and that work was on going in conjunction with the police to map out activities and target individuals providing support where required. Cross boundary work was also being carried in conjunction with Enfield Council. We were reminded that the figures included those related to instances of domestic violence and that it was the Council's policy to encourage the reporting of these cases notwithstanding the adverse effect that had on the figures.</p> <p>With regard to the overall revenue budget monitoring we noted that the general fund was now forecast to over spend by £1.5 million and Cabinet Members and Service directors were asked to exercise all appropriate measures to ensure a balanced budget by year end.</p> <p>Disquiet was voiced about the revised layout of the report and the difficulty in finding targets arising from their new groupings. Officers reported that the performance indicators were now arranged in priority order for the Council Plan. An index/legend would be included in future versions of the report to assist Members in their deliberations.</p>	ACE-PPPC

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report and the progress being made against the Council's priorities be noted. 2. That approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report. 	CFO
CAB72.	<p>CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SUPPORT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE RISK OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out a proposed response together with an Action Plan to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Support to Young Children at Risk of Substance Misuse.</p> <p>We were informed that while all the recommendations made in the Scrutiny Review were supported, it was proposed that the further report requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the delivery of the JAR plan detailing the specific impact on young people for whom substance abuse might be an issue should be changed from Autumn 2009 to Spring 2010 to better fit in with the JAR Safeguarding Plan.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Support to Young People at the Risk of Substance Abuse and to the Action Plan as set out in the interleaved report and the Appendix thereto.</p>	DCYPS/ ACE- PPPC
CAB73.	<p>ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS- APPROVAL TO CONSULT (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the report sought our approval to consultation on the arrangements for admission to community primary and secondary schools and to St. Aidan's Voluntary Controlled School for the 2011/12 school year. Also, to consult on the arrangements for admission to sixth form study at Alexandra Park School, the Highgate/Hornsey Sixth Form Consortium and the Haringey Sixth Form Centre for the 2011/12 school year.</p> <p>Clarification was sought about perceived differences in the criteria used in connection with the admission into schools of vulnerable children including whether or not parents' receipt of income support was considered. Clarification was also sought of the composition of the admissions panel and of whether schools complied with the Council's admission policies.</p> <p>Officers confirmed that the panel consisted of three head teachers, or</p>	

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	<p>their designated representative, with the Head of Admissions as chair and that the quorum was three, with at least two head teachers and one local authority representative. A written response would be provided to all Members of the Cabinet on the other issues raised.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed admission arrangements for all community nursery classes, primary and secondary schools and St. Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School for the 2011/12 school year as outlined in the interleaved report be approved for consultation. 2. That the proposed admission arrangements for students starting sixth form study in Haringey in September 2011 as outlined in the interleaved report be approved for consultation. 	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB74.</p>	<p>BIO-DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We noted that the report asked us to consider the proposed actions put forward within the draft Haringey Biodiversity Action Plan in order to decide upon Council adoption.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the Haringey Biodiversity Action Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.</p>	<p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB75.</p>	<p>TENNIS DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that the Council was well thought of by the Tennis Foundation and Lawn Tennis Association for the work undertaken to date to develop tennis. Through the Council's own investment together with Tennis Foundation and other external sources of funding there was now an opportunity to substantially improve facilities across the Borough thus enabling more people to play tennis in Haringey. We also noted that the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, the community sports development vehicle for the football club, was now the major sports development organisation in Haringey and was providing support to a range of Council service providers in delivering activity programmes including by employing the Tennis Development Officer for the borough a post funded by the Council and the Tennis Foundation.</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of the report, reference was made to the efforts of the Haringey Tennis Forum, Pavilion Tennis and of Mr. Robby Sukhdeo through whose efforts there was a thriving tennis and general sports development programme at Albert Road Recreation Ground with close links to the schools in the area and we asked that our recognition of their efforts be recorded.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed investment in tennis facility improvements across the Borough asset out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report be approved and it be noted that the approach was consistent with the Council's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and would support the achievement of the Council's Local Area Agreement target for increases in sport and physical activity participation. 2. That the indicative priority rating given to the proposed improvement schemes identified in the Tennis Development Plan and summarised in Appendix 2 be endorsed. 3. That, subject to satisfactory agreement around the community programme, approval be granted in principle to the approach recommended in the Tennis Development Plan of seeking to maximise opportunities for private investment. 4. That the development of the relationship with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the interleaved report be endorsed. 	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB76.</p>	<p>CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW OF RECYCLING – SOURCE SEPARATED & CO-MINGLED COLLECTION METHODS IN HARINGEY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We noted that whilst recognising the rationale for the revised recommendations made by the Scrutiny Panel, the report set out how the objectives of these recommendations would be achieved through the procurement of the integrated waste contract through competitive dialogue and through on-going engagement with the North London Waste Authority procurement process for disposal facilities.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the following responses to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Recycling (Source Separated and Commingled Collection methods in Haringey) as indicated - <p>Review Recommendation</p> <p>That the Council commission a report on commingled and source separation collection methods, including separate glass and paper collection, as part of the procurement process for the new Waste Services Contract. The report should consider the costs and benefits, environmental impacts and carbon dioxide emissions of both collection systems. The report should be creative in its approach and explore and provide options that could reduce the need for additional vehicles and staff.</p>	<p>DUE</p>

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Response

The procurement of the integrated waste management contract is utilising the competitive dialogue process. This will involve engaging with short-listed bidders to identify detailed solutions for the provision of recycling services with the objective of delivering the most cost-effective and environmentally beneficial service possible within the Council's affordability envelope.

The competitive dialogue process will therefore achieve the objectives of this recommendation, and by its nature, facilitate detailed and critical analysis and evaluation of the merits of different collection systems, taking into account cost benefits (including through the rationalisation of waste services), carbon footprint, and wider environmental objectives related to the sustainable management of waste.

Progress of the dialogue will be reported through quarterly Procurement Committee meetings and to the cross-party member steering group in place to oversee the procurement process.

Review Recommendation

That a report is produced on the impact of the North London Waste Authority's procurement process on Haringey, with regard to commingled and source separated collection methods. The report should include analysis of the impact of a crash in the recycle markets owing to the global economic crisis.

Response

The NLWA's procurement strategy (i.e. the Reference Project that forms part of the Outline Business Case for PFI funding) sets out that the current mix of collection systems employed by the constituent boroughs will be retained into the future, especially with regards to boroughs' preference for either the source separated or commingled collection of dry recyclates.

As a result, the disposal arrangements available to Haringey will be capable of catering for the collection method opted for as a result of Haringey's own waste services procurement.

In addition the NLWA procurement will employ competitive dialogue with the objective of enabling the market to present the most effective solutions in terms of both price, including the risk on price related to material values, and environmental and place shaping objectives.

The Council, and our own waste management procurement, will remain fully informed of the progress of NLWA's competitive dialogue through the existing NLWA governance and liaison arrangements, and would seek to achieve the objectives of this recommendation through these means.

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	<p>2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be kept apprised of the progress of both procurements in relation to the issue of recycling collection systems at appropriate points in the course of the procurement projects.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB77.</p>	<p>DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR SOUTH TOTTENHAM HOUSE EXTENSIONS (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>We noted that our approval was sought for draft design guidance prepared for house extensions in the South Tottenham area of the Borough for the purposes of public consultation and that until the guidance was formally adopted by the Council to the principles set out in the report guiding the basis for decisions on house extension planning applications by the Development Management Service.</p> <p>We also noted that these matters had been the subject of discussions between local residents and Ward Councillors and a public meeting held in May 2009 followed by a meeting with designated leaders in June 2009. Draft illustrations of roof extensions had been considered and it had been agreed that three types should be commended for approval and be the subject of formal policy public consultations.</p> <p>Arising from consideration of paragraph 7.3.3, clarification was sought of the legal basis for the informal planning guidance drafted in 2007 setting out where extensions might be acceptable and used for development control purposes. Officers present at the meeting were not able to provide an answer and it was agreed that a written response be supplied to all Members of the Cabinet.</p> <p>In response to a further question, it was confirmed that the draft design guidance now proposed would be the subject of a full equality impact assessment.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That the Draft Design Guidance for South Tottenham House Extensions, as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the interleaved report be issued for public consultation for a period of eight weeks.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to the principle for house extension as set out in the Draft Design Guidance for South Tottenham House Extensions forming the basis for assessing the house extensions planning applications by the Development Management Service pending formal adoption of the Guidance by the Council.</p>	<p>HoLS</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB78.</p>	<p>AUTHORISATION TO OFFICERS OF TOWER HAMLETS ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING TEAM TO ENFORCE PARTS OF THE CONSUMER</p>	

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	<p>CREDIT ACT WITHIN LB HARINGEY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that Central Government had funded a special London wide enforcement project to combat illegal money lending. The project was operated on behalf of London by Tower Hamlets Council and the report sought our agreement to the authorisation of the officers concerned to exercise powers under the Consumer Credit Act within Haringey thereby enabling the project to function more efficiently and benefit consumers across London.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the Protocol between the London Boroughs of Haringey and Tower Hamlets as set out in Appendix 1 to the interleaved report in relation to Cross Border Working in connection with money lending or the activities of money lenders and/or their agents and associates and the laundering of the proceeds of illegal money lending. 2. That the Director of Urban Environment be authorised to sign the Instrument of Delegation as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report on behalf of the Council in order to delegate to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets the enforcement of provisions in the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and powers to prosecute relating to money-lending as described in the Protocol referred to in 1 above. 	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB79.</p>	<p>AFFORDABLE WARMTH STRATEGY 2009-10 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>We noted that the Haringey Strategic Partnership's Integrated Housing Board had led on the delivery of this multi-agency strategy and agreed the final version in September for submission to us for approval and adoption.</p> <p>We also noted that four key priorities identified the Strategy were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with people to improve awareness and understanding of fuel poverty • Increase the energy efficiency of housing across Haringey • Maximise resources and opportunities for tackling fuel poverty • Make the links to other related strategies such as the Greenest Borough Strategy. <p>We also noted that the Action Plan had been developed by the Strategy Working Group and had been completed at a meeting of the Implementation Group meeting in October.</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of paragraph 8.2 we asked that if the planned initiatives and improvements required extra investment then a report should be brought back to us at the earliest opportunity. Officers</p>	

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	<p>were also asked to ensure that materials used for insulation and draught proofing were consistent with the delivery of measures to provide reduced carbon emissions.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the adoption of the Affordable Warmth Strategy 2009-19 as set out at Appendix A to the interleaved report as the Council's approach to combating fuel poverty in the Borough.</p>	DUE
<p>CAB80.</p>	<p>TENANCY TERMINATION INCENTIVE SCHEME (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>We noted that the purpose of the scheme was to encourage tenants who were moving out to leave the property in good condition and to allow an inspection and viewings to be held while they were still in occupation. In this way it was intended to decrease void turnaround times and costs.</p> <p>We also noted that the Audit Commission had highly praised the incentive scheme run by Homes for Islington (a 3 star ALMO) on which Homes for Haringey's proposed incentive scheme was based.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the new tenancy termination incentive scheme as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report. 2. That it be noted that the new incentive scheme would be reviewed in January 2011 and that the information from this review would be used to make a further decision on whether a rechargeable repairs policy should be introduced for leaseholders and tenants in residence. 3. That the following actions also be noted - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recharging for work would continue to be publicised in the Tenancy Agreement, Repairs Handbook and Charters. • A new guide to tenants' responsibilities would be produced clearly stating repair responsibilities and giving advice about home contents insurance. • That all Contact Centre, Repairs and Tenancy Management staff were fully aware of tenants' repairs responsibilities. • That tenants' responsibilities and the tenancy termination incentive scheme be publicised regularly in Homes Zone and on Homes for Haringey's website. • That a new leaflet be produced detailing the new incentive scheme. 	DUE
<p>CAB81.</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SUPPLIER</p>	

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	<p>MANAGED PRIVATE SECTOR LEASED SCHEME SERVICES (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 16)</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 our approval was sought to enter into a framework agreement with six providers of supplier managed private sector leased accommodation following the completion of a successful competitive tender process.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That approval be granted to the Council entering into a Framework Agreement with each of the following six providers of supplier-managed private sector leased properties –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic Lodge Ltd. • Dabora Conway Property Management Ltd. • Finefair Consultancy Ltd. • Grovehome Residential • Omega Lettings Ltd. • The Property Company London Ltd. 	DUE
CAB82.	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 17)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Corporate Parenting Committee – 7 September 2009; b) Cabinet Member (Environment & Conservation) Signing – 9 September 2009; c) Procurement Committee – 15 September.</p>	
CAB83.	<p>URGENT ACTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People & Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 18)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB84.	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People & Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 19)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
CAB85.	<p>EXEMPT MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 23)</p> <p>The minutes were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information likely to reveal the identity of an individual and information relating to an individual.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the exempt minutes of the Corporate Parenting Committee meeting held on 7 September 2009 be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	

The meeting ended at 20.15 hours

CLAIRE KOBER
Chair