

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2009**

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

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Gorrie, Jones and Reid.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB86.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3) Councillors Bob Harris and Kober in respect of item 11 – NDC Succession Arrangements.	HLDMS
CAB87.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4) RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 October 2009 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB88.	DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 5) <u>Association of Tenants Representatives</u> We received a deputation from the Association of Tenants Representatives. The spokesperson, Mr. Paul Burnham addressed our meeting and spoke about proposals to remove elderly tenants from sheltered housing schemes in the borough and the determination of those tenants to remain in their homes. Many of these older people had lived in these properties for many years and considered the community there to be akin to a family. There was deep concern that proposals to move these residents to alternative accommodation would break up this close, mutually supportive group of people. Dignity and respect in old age were considered to be of paramount importance and the deputation considered it unacceptable that the wishes of this group of residents were overlooked. They asked that the issue be looked at again to ensure that every effort was made to find a solution that did not require people to move. Questions were then asked of the deputation and answers given. The Cabinet Member for Housing then responded to the deputation and conceded that one disadvantage of the current proposals if adopted was that some older people would be asked to live in a different place. The Council was concerned that any changes were handled sensitively and had held a number of informal briefings to which the families of residents of sheltered housing schemes had been invited. The Council valued older residents and there were good neighbour schemes and sheltered housing schemes providing supported housing for older people.	

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	<p>With regard to the proposals now under consideration, although 25 of the Council's sheltered housing schemes had already been included in the decent homes programme, 4 schemes (Campbell Court, Larkspur Close, Protheroe House and Stokley Court) had been the subject of an options appraisal. These four schemes had been chosen because they were unsuitable for supported housing, did not have modern facilities or needed a large investment to bring them up to the decent homes standard. In reviewing the future of the 4 schemes, the Council was seeking to improve the quality of supported housing, increase the supply of 'extra care' housing in the borough, provide residents with more choice in how their housing and support needs were met, and help older people to remain independent.</p> <p>While an assessment carried out by the Housing Quality Network (HQN) had set out an 'optimum' solution that would involve the closure of all four schemes, the Cabinet was now being recommended to approve the redevelopment of Protheroe House as 'extra care' supported housing, it was not being recommended that Campbell Court be converted to 'general needs' housing nor, at this stage, that Larkspur Close be disposed of nor that Stokley Court be redeveloped as social rented housing as suggested in the HQN report.</p> <p>Our Chair thanked the deputation for their attendance and invited them to remain for the consideration of item 9 on the agenda – Supported Housing Review (see minute CAB.92 below).</p>	
<p>CAB89.</p>	<p>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE: SEPTEMBER 2009 (PERIOD 6 - QUARTER 2 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 for the year and provided an update on progress against current Council Plan actions for the year to the end of September 2009. The report also asked us to agree the proposed budget virements in accordance with financial regulations.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the progress being made against Council's priorities be noted and approval be granted to the proposed budget virements as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</p>	<p>CFO</p>
<p>CAB90.</p>	<p>FINANCIAL PLANNING 2010/11 – 2012/13 (Joint Report of the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the need to complete necessary consultations. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because approval of the recommendations contained in the report was necessary to release the pre-business reviews for consultation and budget scrutiny.</p>	

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	<p>We noted that the report provided us with an update on the financial and business planning process and proposed the release of the pre-business plan reviews.</p> <p>Clarification was sought about the rate of rent escalation, the scale of temporary borrowing, of assumptions about the rates of fees and charges and whether these issues were dealt with in the Pre Business Plan Reviews.</p> <p>We were informed that, with regard to the rents issue, the determination by the Government was still awaited. The scale of temporary borrowing would be dependent on the outcome of the scrutiny process and the end budget agreed but was thought to be likely to be in the range of £4 to £8 million. An assumption about inflation in relation to the pay award settlement for 2010/11 had been included but an assumption about other elements would not be made until January 2010.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the national and local updates as set out in the interleaved report be noted and approval granted to the release of the pre-business plan reviews for consultation and budget scrutiny.</p>	CFO
<p>CAB91.</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S CENTRES - PHASE 3 REVIEW (Report of the Director of the Children's Service - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the report provided more details about the intended capital investments to ensure that the Council met their target of delivering two designated centres and a number of children's centre link sites by March 2010. In addition, it provided an overview of the strategic direction of the continued development of Haringey's children's centre services and information about the planned Children's Centre capital and revenue expenditure for 2010/11.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about possible access difficulties arising from the proposed use of the Muswell Hill Community Centre as a children centre link site and we were informed that the potential problem had been anticipated and that Highways staff had been asked to ensure that safety considerations were addressed.</p> <p>Clarification was sought of the suitability of the North Bank Methodist Church for use as a designated main site and of what measures would be put in place in relation to the adequacy of the services to be provided there. We were informed that the building itself was suitable for the use proposed and did not require a major capital investment. Discussions about a service level agreement had already taken place and details of the Church's governance arrangements had been sought.</p> <p>In response to a further question it was confirmed that the Chettle Court community centre referred to and which it was proposed to bring back into use was the Homes for Haringey community centre.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the plans for capital investment to meet the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) target of delivering two new designated children's centres by March 2010 and the additional plans in place to deliver universal access to children's centre services for children under 5 living in Haringey by March 2011 be noted. 2. That the continued strategic development of children's centres and centres services as progression was made towards the mainstream delivery of integrated early childhood services from April 2010 be noted. 3. That a further report be submitted setting out a sustainability strategy for children's centre services following the impending announcement from the DCSF on future funding arrangements for early years and children's centres. 4. That a report be submitted in June 2010 following a review of the fee charging arrangements and funding for childcare places, including targeted provision for disadvantaged and vulnerable children in Haringey. 	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>CAB92.</p>	<p>SUPPORTED HOUSING REVIEW (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We noted that the proposals contained in the report were intended to help to promote sustainable communities by providing older people with greater choice in their housing, housing-related support and social care. 'Extra care' supported housing was under-provided in Haringey, and this severely limited the choices and life chances of particularly vulnerable older people who might find themselves restricted to residential care options.</p> <p>We also noted that any proposals to decommission sheltered housing schemes and to transfer tenants to alternative accommodation would be matters that fell within the requirement on the Council to consult with secure tenants on housing management matters which were likely to affect them. The consultation arrangements would allow the tenants to make their views known within a specified period and the Council had to take those views into consideration before making a final decision on the matter. Although the residents of Campbell Court, Larkspur Close, Protheroe House and Stokley Court had received a number of informal briefings on the progress of the Supported Housing Review and the options appraisal, no formal consultation had yet taken place. We further noted that most residents attending the briefings had expressed understandable concern and anxiety at the prospect of moving from their home and some had wanted to know whether there was scope for them to remain within a friendship group if they needed to transfer to alternative supported housing.</p>	

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Clarification was then sought of how much had been included in the original decent homes bid in respect of the 4 schemes in question. Also, of why decisions were being made at the present time in advance of the proposed Older People's Housing Strategy of which sheltered housing would be a key component. Clarification was also sought of the role of residents in the decision making process and what weighting would be given to their views. It was accepted that difficult decisions had to be made and it was suggested the whole decision making process should be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for review.

We were informed that while the views of the residents would be taken into account before a final decision was made, the Council also had to have regard to wider considerations including the need for the shortage of extra care housing to be addressed and the availability of Council and Government capital funding. The views of the tenants at Campbell Court had been taken into account and it was now being recommended that it be retained as a sheltered housing scheme and included in the decent homes programme.

Officers confirmed that the four schemes had been included in the original decent homes bid and that details of the amounts sought would be provided to Councillor Gorrie and to Cabinet Members. However, the HQN report had set out detailed cost estimates of the various options and had concluded that it was not viable to bring the schemes up to the decent homes standard. There had been resident engagement and involvement in the process to date and a formal consultation process was now proposed.

RESOLVED:

That the key outcomes of the Supported Housing Review be noted and approval be granted in principle to the following recommendations in relation to the sheltered housing schemes at Campbell Court, Protheroe House, Larkspur Close and Stokley Court:

1. That Campbell Court be maintained as a sheltered housing scheme and included within Haringey's decent homes programme;
2. That, subject to formal consultation with the tenants and completion of a detailed financial appraisal, Protheroe House be closed and the site redeveloped as a mixed tenure 'extra care' supported housing scheme;
3. That Larkspur Close continue as a sheltered housing scheme but not be included in the decent homes programme until completion of a comprehensive options appraisal and financial assessment, including the feasibility and cost of completing remedial works converting Larkspur Close to a 'good neighbour' scheme and redeveloping the site and pending a decision being

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	<p>made on its future use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That Stokley Court continue as a sheltered housing scheme but will not yet be included in the decent homes programme until December 2010 when a decision will be made on its future use. 5. That formal consultation take place with the residents of Protheroe House on the future of their homes, and that the results of that consultation and the Equalities Impact Assessment be reported back to a future meeting. 6. That, with immediate effect and until further notice, properties that become vacant at Protheroe House must not be re-let. 	
<p>CAB93.</p>	<p>OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON THE REVISION OF THE STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY(Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy for the exercise of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005 had been published in December 2006 and that the Council was required to update this policy document every three years. Consultation had taken place on a revised document and a decision was now required to agree the revised policy which would need to be formally adopted by the Full Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the background details in Section 5 of the interleaved report and the consultation responses and analysis in Appendix 1 thereto be noted. 2. That the revised policy as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report be approved recommended to the Council for adoption. 	<p>DUE/ HLDMS</p>
<p>CAB94.</p>	<p>NDC SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>Councillor Bob Harris and our Chair both declared personal interests in respect of this item by virtue of being members of the Board off the Bridge NDC.</p> <p>We noted that there was a legal requirement for approval to be sought for the New Deal for Communities (NDC) succession and legacy arrangements to ensure that the successful outcomes were sustained beyond the end of the programme in 2011 in line with Government requirements.</p> <p>We also noted that the report introduced the NDC Succession and legacy arrangements beyond March 2011 which included the setting up of a company limited by guarantee with charitable status as a successor body.</p>	

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The report sought our approval to proposals for asset/funding support for the Bridge Renewal Trust and to the NDC succession arrangements ahead of the required submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government by 27 November 2009.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be granted to the Bridge NDC succession and legacy arrangements as set out in paragraph 7.4 of the interleaved report to ensure that the successful outcomes were sustained beyond the end of the programme in 2011 in line with Government requirements and noting that the new entity was to be called The Bridge Renewal Trust (“the Trust”).
2. That it be noted that the succession and legacy arrangements would be subject to approval by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and Government Office for London (GOL) before any claw back on the NDC grants was removed.
3. That approval be granted to the assignment of the Council’s sub under lease of part of the Laurels Healthy Living Centre to the Trust as detailed in paragraph 7.3.3 of the interleaved report.
4. That approval be granted to :
 - a. The payment of the annual rent received under the Under lease currently equivalent to £285,000 annual rent to the Trust for a period of 10 years as detailed in paragraph 7.3.6. of the interleaved report on the understanding that this rental income from the Laurels Healthy Living Centre might go up or down as it was subject to 5 yearly rent reviews and would be used by the Trust to meet the rent, proportional maintenance costs, insurance and service charges and other charges under the Sub Under lease, the remainder of the rental income to provide core funding for the successor body and ensure it developed into a viable and sustainable charitable organisation.
 - b. A one-off grant funding from the unspent Laurels income to the Trust subject to CLG approval of the NDC succession strategies and the provision of a robust and viable business plan for the successor body.
5. That approval also be granted to:
 - a. Any future repayments of the £1.5 million (plus any interest) interim Gap Funding paid back under the Development Agreement dated 2 August 2007 for the Wards Corner redevelopment being ring fenced in a special Council escrow

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	<p>account and used to address housing needs in the NDC area, the Council to ensure that both the Trust and CLG were consulted on the use of the funds;</p> <p>b. Any future repayments arising out of the Wards Corner overage arrangements being ring fenced in the Council escrow account and used to address housing needs in the NDC area.</p> <p>6. That, In line with Government requirements, an assurance be given that all the assets funded wholly or substantially through NDC grant including the Laurels Healthy Living Centre, Triangle Children’s Centre and St Ann’s Library Hall which were owned by the Council would continue to be used to benefit NDC area residents into the long term.</p> <p>7. That it be noted that the Council had been invited to nominate two representatives to serve as Trustees on the Board of the Trust.</p> <p>8. That approval be granted to the Council entering into a Funding Agreement with the Bridge Renewal Trust to give effect to 4a and 4b above and to the delegation of authority to sign off of the final Funding Agreement between the Council and the Trust to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB95.</p>	<p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>We noted that approval was sought for the revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Haringey for the preparation of a set of planning policy documents to complement the emerging Core Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That Haringey’s Local Development Scheme be submitted to the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the Government Office for London (GoL) for approval.</p> <p>2. That any amendments which needed to be made to the Local Development Scheme document be approved by the Director Urban Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council before finalising the Local Development Scheme for submission and, following submission to and comments from the GLA and GoL, the Director in consultation with the Leader be authorised to make any further amendments to the LDS prior to submission to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p>CAB96.</p>	<p>MEMBERS’ PANEL - SAFEGUARDING ADULTS (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that the Independence, Well-being and Choice Service</p>	

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	<p>Inspection, January 2009, had suggested that aspects of performance monitoring needed to be further enhanced and the Advisory Committee now proposed would provide additional overview and scrutiny by Members in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be granted to the establishment of an Adult Safeguarding Members' Panel (Adult Protection) as an advisory committee of the Cabinet. 2. The approval be granted to the proposed membership and terms of reference as set out in paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 of the interleaved report and it be noted that the quorum of the Committee would be 2. 	<p>DACCS</p> <p>DACCS</p>
<p>CAB97.</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TO SERVE ON THE HORNSEY TOWN HALL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>We noted that the report proposed the appointment of a replacement Member to serve on the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Councillor Goldberg be appointed to serve as a member of the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board in place of Councillor Cooke.</p>	<p>ACE- POD</p>
<p>CAB98.</p>	<p>RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING POLICY & PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>We noted that the purpose of the report was to consider the recommendations of the Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee (SPPAC) and the response to those recommendations from the Director of the Children and Young People's Service.</p> <p>At this juncture our Chair welcomed to the meeting Councillor Jones as Chair and Hilary Corrick as the independent member of the Advisory Committee. SPPAC had been established as a response to the Joint Area Review report which had highlighted the need for Members to become more involved in the quality and nature of the safeguarding services provided by the Council. The Advisory Committee had been meeting since April 2009 and since August had been tracking a number of cases being dealt with by the First Response part of the Children and Families Service. The recommendations contained in the report derived from those case analyses.</p>	

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	<p>The Advisory Committee had been supported by an independent social worker, the Assistant Director (Interim) Safeguarding and the Head of Service for First Response and this had allowed for some initial response to the recommendations set out in the report. Officers had also been able to liaise with their officer colleagues in health to provide more detail about safeguarding in their services especially in relation to GPs which had been a concern of the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the responses to the recommendations made by the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Advisory Committee as set out in Section 4 of the interleaved report be approved.</p>	DCYPS
CAB99.	<p>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 16)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Children's Safeguarding Policy & Practice Advisory Committee – 8 September 2009; b) Haringey Strategic Partnership Board – 23 September 2009; c) Procurement Committee – 2 October 2009; d) Corporate Parenting Committee – 20 October 2009; e) Procurement Committee – 27 October 2009 	
CAB100.	<p>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 17)</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>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
CAB101.	<p>EXEMPT MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 20)</p> <p>The minutes were the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they 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 20 October 2009 be noted and any necessary</p>	

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The meeting ended at

CLAIRE KOBER
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