

FINANCIAL PLANNING 2010/11 – 2012/13

Cabinet responses to the recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meetings on 23 November, 7 December and 16 December 2009

	Recommendation of Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet response
Children and Young People		
1.	The Cabinet re-affirm that the C&YP budget growth bid of £2,644k is essential to aid the recovery of services and that everything is being done to achieve a balanced budget as soon as possible.	Agreed. The Cabinet are satisfied that this growth bid is essential at this time and will ensure that work will be done to develop a more sustainable budget position for the medium term.
2.	The Cabinet reconsider the proposal to achieve £160k efficiencies from the Leaving Care & Asylum Services.	Not agreed. The Cabinet are content that the proposed efficiency saving can be made without detriment to the service provided by the Leaving Care and Asylum Services.
Enforcement and Safer Communities		
3.	The Cabinet reconsider the proposals to achieve efficiencies of £38k in Town Centre Management and of £46k in funding of Wood Green Town Centre.	Not agreed. The Cabinet consider that these proposed efficiency savings can be made without adversely affecting the service provided to the Wood Green town centre.
Leader of the Council		
	No recommendations.	N/A
Community Cohesion & Involvement		
4.	The Cabinet consider raising the income from advertising target for Haringey People.	Agreed. The income target will be increased by a further 5% from 1 April 2010, an additional £8k.
5.	The Cabinet commissions an in depth review of all Council internal and external printing.	Agreed. A project is already underway initially started through the value for money programme in Haringey Forward and will be completed early in the new financial year.
Adult, Social Care & Wellbeing		

6.	The Committee was concerned by the proposed saving of £150k from the OPS residential care budget and recommend that the Cabinet give an assurance that carers and clients would not be disadvantaged by this proposal and that there would be alternative methods of support provided, including extra home care, to ensure independent living.	Agreed. The Cabinet is satisfied that the proposed budget saving will not disadvantage carers and clients.
7.	The Cabinet confirm that the proposal will not take services away from those who need it and that adequate access to advice and funding will be maintained.	Agreed. The Cabinet can confirm that the proposal will not take services away from those in need and that adequate access to advice and funding will be maintained.
Housing		
8.	The Cabinet member write to the Housing Minister on behalf of the Council regarding the late release of information used to determine housing rents.	Agreed. The Cabinet Member for Housing will write expressing disappointment at the late release of information and the impact that this has had on the Council's budget process.
9.	The Cabinet reconsider the proposal to reschedule pre-agreed savings of £221k on additional staff until 2012/13.	Not agreed. The Cabinet is convinced that it would not be possible to deliver the saving earlier than now proposed without a detriment to meeting the temporary accommodation reduction targets.
Environment and Conservation		
10.	The Cabinet reconsider the design of the scheme for the car park in Summerland Gardens in line with residents' wishes.	Agreed. The Cabinet will ask the Director of Urban Environment to give consideration to the design as requested.
Leisure, Culture & Lifelong Learning		
11.	The Cabinet adopt a pragmatic and holistic approach to Muswell Hill Library, linking capital receipts from the sale of a proportion of adjacent land,	Agreed. The Cabinet will give further consideration to this scheme in the light of all recent developments and funding sources. An update on this will be provided in 2010.

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	capital bids and seeking external funding with a view to expediting the planned works.	
	Resources	
	No Recommendations.	N/A