

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2010**

Councillors \*Kober (Chair), Reith (Vice Chair), \*Bevan, \*Canver, \*Dogus, \*Goldberg, \*Mallett and \*Vanier.

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull and McNamara.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CAB18.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor Reith.</p>	
<b>CAB19.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2010 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
<b>CAB20.</b>	<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out on an exception basis financial and performance information for the year to May 2010 and sought our approval to budget virements in accordance with financial regulations. We also noted that following the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment and the Government imposed financial situation it might no longer be necessary to collect and report information in such a prescribed manner.</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the average re-let time for local authority dwellings (paragraph 15.9) we were advised that empty properties were the subject of a focussed piece of work to drive up performance. With regard to the number of young people not in education, employment and training (paragraph 15.10) the wording used was simply to reflect that there had been an improved performance in this area over the past 12 months.</p> <p>Arising from paragraph 16.18 and in response to a question about the non-Building Schools for the Future Children's Capital Programme, we were informed that to date it had not proved possible to arrange a meeting with officials from the Department for Education. Neither had a response yet been received from the Secretary of State as a result of which a letter before action had been issued. In the meantime it had been agreed that the Rhodes Avenue Primary School Expansion scheme should proceed and be funded by prudential borrowing and that the Broadwater Farm Integrated Learning Centre scheme as well as the electrical re-wiring of three primary schools and the expansion of four other schools would also go ahead. We were pleased to note that all</p>	

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	<p>BSF projects were expected to complete on the agreed timescale and within the overall budget.</p> <p>With regard to the request from the Alexandra Park and Palace Trust for additional capital funding to replace the ice rink (paragraphs 16.19 – 16.21) it was proposed that an additional £266,000 be agreed to enable the extra work to be funded. The position with regard to the Area Based Grant was set out in the table at paragraph 16.27 which set out by theme board the original 2010/11 Grant allocations and the revised sums now proposed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and the progress being made against the Council's priorities be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the budget changes (virements) as set out in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report.</li> <li>3. That approval be granted to the revised Area Based Grant allocations set out in Section 16 of the interleaved report.</li> <li>4. That approval be granted to an additional capital budget of £266,000 to the Alexandra Park and Palace trust for the ice rink project, to be funded by prudential borrowing as set out in paragraphs 16.19 -16.21 of the interleaved report.</li> <li>5. That Directors be required to take necessary action to bring current year spending to within their approved budget.</li> <li>6. That the decision of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Sustainability and Chief Financial Officer in relation to specified 2009/10 capital carry forward requests as set out in Appendix 3 to the interleaved report be noted.</li> <li>7. That authority to make any decisions arising from the review of the 2010/11 capital programme be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Sustainability in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources.</li> </ol>	<p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p> <p>CEMB</p> <p>DCR</p>
<p><b>CAB21.</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2009/10 OUTTURN REPORT</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the report was made in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and the Prudential Code on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• details of capital financing, borrowing, debt rescheduling and investment transactions in 2009/10;</li> <li>• an assessment of the risk implications of treasury decisions and transactions;</li> <li>• details of the outturn position on treasury management transactions in 2009/10;</li> <li>• confirmation of compliance with treasury limits and Prudential Indicators.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the Treasury Management activity and performance during 2009/10 and compliance with treasury limits and Prudential Indicators be noted.</p>	
<p><b>CAB22.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL PLANNING 2011/12 - 2013/14</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to admit the report as urgent business. The report was late because of the very challenging financial position of the Council which had necessitated additional consultations which could not be concluded before the agenda despatch date. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because decisions on it were required in July the next meeting being too late for financial planning purposes.</p> <p>We noted that the report set out key financial and business planning issues to enable us to consider the resource strategy for the period 2011/12 to 2013/14.</p> <p>Arising from our consideration of this item our Chair referred to a paper produced by Haringey's Voluntary and Community Organisations (Havco) entitled 'Spending Cuts in Haringey'. We were advised that the in-year cuts which had been announced on 25 May were very challenging and the reductions in Area Based Grant were particularly difficult for local authorities serving poorer areas as some of the funding streams were aimed at tackling deprivation. The Council together with its statutory partner agencies would be bearing the brunt of the cuts with reductions of 14% for the Council and the Police and 23% for the NHS with the voluntary sector facing savings of 9%. It was not realistic to reject these Government imposed cuts and the recognition in the paper that the sector would assess what changes needed to be put in place for the new working environment was welcomed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the estimated financial position as set out in the interleaved report be approved for planning purposes.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the budget changes and variations as set out in the interleaved report.</li> <li>3. That approval be granted to the proposed financial and business planning process as set out in the interleaved report.</li> </ol>	<p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p>
<p><b>CAB23.</b></p>	<p><b>IT STRATEGY 2010-13</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out the IT strategy for the period 2010 to 2013, the business priorities which it addressed, the pressures for change and the strategic projects required to deliver it.</p> <p>Arising from consideration of a question about the volume of e-mail</p>	

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	<p>material which was archived we asked that officers give this matter further consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That approval be granted to the IT Strategy 2010-13 as set out in the interleaved report and to the implementation of the projects therein.</p>	<p>DCR</p> <p>DCR</p>
<p><b>CAB24.</b></p>	<p><b>EQUALITY SCHEME 2010 – 2013</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications) - Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We noted that the Council had a legal duty to produce an Equalities Scheme every three years setting out how it carried out defined activities that demonstrated that it was promoting equality in respect of disability, gender and race.</p> <p>We also noted that implementing the arrangements set out in the Scheme would help the Council to meet that duty by enabling it to address known inequalities and disadvantage and, where possible, pre-empt and avoid new inequalities and disadvantage from developing.</p> <p>Reference was made to the newly passed Equality Act 2010 a briefing on which was to be arranged and which might require changes to be made to the Scheme now submitted.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the Equality Scheme 2010-13 and its Delivery Plan as set out in the Appendix to the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That the comments set out in paragraphs 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 of the interleaved report be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>CE-PPPC</p>
<p><b>CAB25.</b></p>	<p><b>CABINET RESPONSE TO THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF CRIME</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications) - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>We noted that the report proposed a response to the recommendations made in the Scrutiny Review of Support to Victims of Crime.</p> <p>Arising from consideration of the response to recommendation 15 of the Scrutiny Panel Review we asked to be provided with clarification of the position with regard to the continuation of funding for IDVA work post 31 May.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the key findings of the Scrutiny Review of Support to Victims</li> </ol>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p>

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	<p>of Crime be noted.</p> <p>2. That approval be granted to the proposed response to the recommendations made by the Review and to the action plan set out as an Appendix to the interleaved report.</p>	ACE-PPPC
<b>CAB26.</b>	<p><b>ANNUAL SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING REPORT</b> (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that the report set out the report on demand for pupil places in Haringey's Primary, Secondary, Special schools and Post 16 settings and also provided an update on actions to respond to this demand.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That Cabinet agree the working priorities as set out in the interleaved report with recommendations arising from this work to be presented to our meeting in July 2011.</p> <p>2. That the work to identify four primary schools to accommodate bulge classes for the expected September 2011 reception demand be supported and that in-depth discussions be held with schools and works commissioned to allow the schools to take the additional children.</p> <p>3. That the work to challenge and dispute the Department for Schools decision to withdraw the £8.57 million primary capital grant originally awarded in November 2009 be endorsed.</p> <p>4. That work continue with secondary schools to ensure that planned admission numbers met demand for places.</p> <p>5. That approval be granted to continued work to ensure post 16 provision met demand.</p> <p>6. That a further annual report on school places be presented in July 2011.</p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<b>CAB27.</b>	<p><b>SAFEGUARDING PLAN FOR HARINGEY</b> (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>We noted that the report presented for consideration the refreshed Safeguarding Plan for Haringey, as approved by Children's Trust and that the Plan set out the programme of activity to enable safeguarding of children and young people within Haringey to be recognised as being amongst the best by December 2011.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>1. That the refreshed Safeguarding Plan which had been considered by the Towards Excellence in Children's Services Board and approved by the Children's Trust as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report be noted.</p>	

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	<p>2. That the revised governance arrangements including the establishment of a Towards Excellence in Children’s Services Board as agreed with the former Secretary of State as outlined in Appendix 2 to the interleaved report be noted.</p>	
<p><b>CAB28.</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSING STRATEGIES: MOVE ON STRATEGY 2010-15 AND THE ROUGH SLEEPERS STRATEGY 2010-12</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>We noted that the purpose of the report was to seek approval for both the Rough Sleepers Strategy 2010-12 and the Move-on Strategy 2010-15, both of which had been developed by the Integrated Housing Board and agreed by them at their meeting on 14 June 2010.</p> <p>Clarification having been sought of whether there was any advice which could be offered to members of the public with regard to the reporting of rough sleepers, we were advised that the public should contact those organisations contracted to the Council to assist rough sleepers. In this connection it was noted that reductions in Area Based Grant funding streams to support those with drug or alcohol addiction problems was likely to exacerbate the situation.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That subject to the inclusion of any case studies to be agreed by Cabinet Member for Housing approval be granted to the Rough Sleepers Strategy 2010-12 for adoption.</li> <li>2. That subject to the inclusion of any case studies to be agreed by Cabinet Member for Housing approval be granted to the Move-on Strategy 2010-15 for adoption.</li> <li>3. That the feedback from the strategy consultation be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>DUE</p> <p>DUE</p>
<p><b>CAB29.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 16)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings be noted and any necessary action approved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cabinet Member Signing – 4 June 2010;</li> <li>b) Procurement Committee – 21 June 2010;</li> </ol>	
<p><b>CAB30.</b></p>	<p><b>URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development - Agenda Item 17)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	

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<p><b>CAB31.</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development) - Agenda Item 18)</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><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>CAB32.</b></p>	<p><b>ENFIELD CREMATORIUM BURIAL PROVISION AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN</b> (Report of the Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 19)</p> <p>We noted that this item had been withdrawn.</p>	
<p><b>CAB33.</b></p>	<p><b>HORNSEY DEPOT</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 20)</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 outlined the proposed scheme for regenerating the former Hornsey Depot site in conjunction with the adjoining land owned by Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd ("Sainsbury's"). The report also set out the proposed development route to delivering the regeneration benefits for residents and the area and sought our approval to dispose of the Council's site by entering into a sale and purchase agreement ("Land Agreement") with Sainsbury's on terms agreed with them and signed off by the Council's external valuers as representing best consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the Head of Corporate Property Services be authorised in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Sustainability to negotiate and enter into a Land Agreement with Sainsbury's for the disposal of the former Hornsey Central Depot in pursuance of the Council's regeneration objectives and in accordance with the Heads of Terms set out in the exempt appendix to the interleaved report.</p>	<p>DCR</p>

The meeting ended at 21.05 hours.

CLAIRE KOBER  
Chair