

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE  
TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2007**

Councillors \*Meehan (Chair), \*Reith (Vice Chair), \*Amin, \*Basu, \*Canver, \*Diakides, \*Haley, \*B.Harris, \*Mallett and \*Santry.

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull and Williams.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
TEX143.	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That, subject to Councillor Wilson being added to those Members who were also present; to the declaration of a personal interest made by Councillor Santry by virtue of being a Governor of Welbourne Primary School recorded under Minute TEX 135 Admissions to Schools – Approval to Consult being moved to under Minute TEX134 Delivering Early Childhood Services in Haringey: Meeting the Challenge of the Childcare Act, 2006 and to the penultimate paragraph of the preamble to Minute TEX 135 being amended to read ‘Concern having been expressed about the proposals from the Fortismere Governing Body for sixth form admission arrangements for the 2008/09 school year, we were advised that while the Council would consult on the proposals it did not necessarily support them. There would be a press release which invited people to comment and that following the consultation the Schools Admissions Forum (SAF) would consider and advise and the matter would return to the Executive for decision’ the minutes of the Executive held on 19 December 2006 be approved and signed.</p>	HMS
TEX144.	<p><b>DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/QUESTIONS/PRESENTATIONS</b> (Agenda Item 7)</p> <p><u>Local Government Ombudsman</u></p> <p>We received a presentation from Tony Redmond, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Commission for Local Administration in England and noted the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of the Local Government Ombudsman</li> <li>• Number of Complaints Received (London Boroughs)</li> <li>• Number of Complaints Received (Haringey)</li> <li>• Number of Cases Determined (London Boroughs)</li> <li>• Number of Cases Determined (Haringey)</li> <li>• Special Subject Reports</li> <li>• Governance and Partnerships</li> <li>• Future Developments</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Having answered questions which we put to him, our Chair thanked Mr Redmond for his attendance and, arising from his comments about the Council's performance and the good working relationship which existed between his office and the Council, we asked that our thanks be recorded to staff for Haringey's achieving the second best average response time to formal complaints in London.</p>	
<b>TEX145.</b>	<p><b>PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2006</b> (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 7)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<b>TEX146.</b>	<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - NOVEMBER 2006</b> (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Acting Director of Finance - Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>Concern having been expressed about the performance in respect of the Customer Focus indicators, we agreed that a feedback report including an improvement plan be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the review of customer services.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to the virements as set out in section 14 of the interleaved report.</li> </ol>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p> <p>DF</p>
<b>TEX147.</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL PLANNING 2007/8 TO 2009/10</b> (Report of the Acting Director of Finance - Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to accept 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 decisions were required before the Council meeting on 5 February.</p> <p>We noted that, with regard to pest control charges, consideration had been given to people's ability to pay but that a flat rate charge had been preferred. We also noted that, in respect of Item no. 155 in Appendix E - the proposed merger of the Winkfield Road and the Haven Road Centres, we agreed that officers carry out an early review of Day Care provision to determine whether the buildings were the most appropriate way of delivering these services. With regard to item 160 in Appendix E – Implementing the charging policy we were informed that the charges for those social services which were to be increased over time would be phased over a period of up to 3 years.</p> <p>We were advised that the impact of the proposed deletion of two scale 3/4 administration posts in Benefits and Local Taxation would be minimised by the introduction of new technology and would not affect benefit take up rates. Also, although proposed efficiencies to the</p>	<p>DACC</p>

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	<p>Community Clean Up Scheme would have to be made the basic core service would be protected and there was to be investment in street cleansing.</p> <p>We were informed that, with regard to a replacement Telephone System, the existing telephone system was due for an upgrade by 2009/10 and officers would be consulting with other authorities including Lambeth Council and Birmingham City Council whom had recently upgraded their systems. All proposals involving IT upgrades, including a replacement telephone system, would have to be accompanied by business cases and would require our approval.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the changes and variations set out in paragraph 9 and Appendix B to the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That the outcome of the consultation processes as set out in paragraph 11 of the interleaved report be noted.</li> <li>3. That approval be granted to the new savings and investment proposals set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 and Appendices D and E to the interleaved report.</li> <li>4. That approval be granted to the proposals for the children's services Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget set out in Appendix F to the interleaved report.</li> <li>5. That approval be granted to the proposals for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget set out in appendix G.</li> <li>6. That approval be granted to the proposals for the capital programme set out in Appendices H and J to the interleaved report.</li> <li>7. That approval be granted to the treasury management strategy and policy and prudential limits set out in Appendix K to the interleaved report.</li> <li>8. That, subject to the final settlement and the decisions of precepting and levying authorities and the consequences for council tax levels, approval be granted to the proposed general fund budget requirement of £384.602 million,</li> <li>9. That it be noted that the final decision on budget and council tax for 2007/08 would be made at the Council meeting on 19 February 2007.</li> </ol>	<p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>DF</p> <p>HMS – Report to Cncl</p>
<p><b>TEX148.</b></p>	<p><b>REVIEW OF PARKING FEES AND CHARGES</b> (Report of the Interim Director of Environmental Services - Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report</p>	

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	<p>was late because of the need to complete necessary consultations. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because of the need to commence statutory consultation on the proposed fees and charges so that they can be implemented as soon as possible with a revised target date of 2 April 2007.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the proposal to move straight to statutory consultation on the proposed new charges especially in the light of recent public consultation on proposed Compulsory Parking Zones (CPZ's) which had referred to the existing charges. With regard to the 13,500 permits issued per year, clarification was sought of what proportion this was of the total number of vehicles registered to residents of the Borough and whether a scheme such as that proposed would work in Haringey.</p> <p>We noted that the decision to go straight to statutory consultation was because systems were in place and, if the proposals were agreed a bid would be made for the necessary IT funds. The high number of unregistered vehicles in the Borough made it difficult to accurately estimate the proportion of permits issued in relation to the total number of vehicles but officers would respond to Councillor Williams based on the available data. Schemes like that now proposed were already in operation in a number of other authorities and although some areas of the Borough were not included in CPZ's the proposal was considered to be feasible. In response to a further question, it was confirmed that consideration of the possible effects on low income earners had been considered.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That officers be authorised to commence statutory consultation under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 on the proposed changes affecting fees and parking charges policy for residents' and visitors permits, disabled drivers badges, car parks and pay and display bays as summarised in the table attached as Appendix D to the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That it be noted that a report on the responses to consultation together with information on any other relevant factors that Members should consider would be presented to a future meeting for decision..</li> <li>3. That the Director of Urban Environment be authorised to approve the Essential Permits Scheme being revised with the implementation of a new scheme in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation.</li> </ol>	<p>DUR</p> <p>DUR</p> <p>DUR</p>
<p><b>TEX149.</b></p>	<p><b>COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PORTFOLIO</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate Resources - Agenda Item 11)</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the unsatisfactory position pertaining to the 44 buildings that were subject to varying terms of occupation and responsibility which had resulted in a general decline in the physical condition of the building stock be noted.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to a policy framework for all future community use of Council buildings being linked to the Community Strategy objectives and occupation by community organisations in accordance with good asset management practice with the Council acting as an effective and socially responsible landlord.</li> <li>3. That approval be granted to the Heads of Terms and conditions for any new leases, as set out at Appendix 2 to the interleaved report be adopted and that officers be instructed to also seek to implement these standard terms and conditions on existing agreements as they were renewed, either by agreement or through negotiations, subject to there being no existing adverse financial considerations of so doing.</li> <li>4. That it be noted that under the terms of the proposed new lease the Council would retain responsibility for structural and external repairs and maintenance, which would enable better control over the condition of the properties.</li> <li>5. That the need for a dedicated post within Corporate Property Services to actively manage this portfolio and achieve the outcomes proposed in this report be noted and that to this effect the Head of Corporate Property Services had made a bid in the current business planning process.</li> <li>6. That approval be granted to officers taking action where it was considered that the Council was at risk due to the non compliance of tenants terms particularly in regard to Health &amp; Safety implications and to this effect a programme of joint inspections be set up with officers from Health and Safety, Voluntary Sector Team and Corporate Property Services.</li> <li>7. That further individual reports be brought back as required on individual Community Buildings where decisions were required as to future use, condition or management.</li> </ol>	<p>HP</p> <p>HP</p> <p>HP</p> <p>HP</p> <p>HP</p>
<p><b>TEX150.</b></p>	<p><b>HARINGEY HOUSING DIVERSITY AND EQUALITIES STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK</b> (Report of the Interim Director of Social Services and Housing - Agenda Item 12)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That approval be granted to the Housing Diversity &amp; Equalities Framework as set out as an Appendix to the interleaved report and to the Action Plan at Annexe D.</p>	<p>DACC</p>

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<p><b>TEX151.</b></p>	<p><b>HARINGEY LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2007/2010</b> (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications - Agenda Item 13)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the final draft of Haringey's Local Area Agreement be noted.</li> <li>2. That authority to draft the final changes to the Local Area Agreement and the finalisation of the stretch targets be delegated to Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications) in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</li> </ol>	<p>ACE - PPPC</p>
<p><b>TEX152.</b></p>	<p><b>DISCRETIONARY LICENSING IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR</b> (Report of the Interim Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 14)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to Myddleton Road being used as the pilot area for the introduction of discretionary licensing in Haringey.</li> <li>2. That, subject to the outcome of the detailed consultation, Interim Director of Urban Environment, submit a proposal for the designation of a scheme to the appropriate Government Authority, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG).</li> </ol>	<p>DUR  DUR</p>
<p><b>TEX153.</b></p>	<p><b>RECYCLING STRATEGY</b> (Report of the Interim Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)</p> <p>We noted that it was proposed to extend a pilot scheme in order to include collections to all Council housing estates over time and that the proposals would standardise recycling arrangements.</p> <p>We asked that an issues paper on the Waste Contract be submitted to the Executive Advisory Board within the next 2 months including on the lessons learned from the Council's contract with ACCORD.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to the Recycling Strategy as set out at Appendix A to the interleaved report and that it be reviewed and updated annually in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Conservation.</li> <li>2. That option 2 as set out in Section 7 of the interleaved report be adopted in order to deliver services capable of meeting the expectations of residents, achieve higher recycling rates and compliance with the EU Landfill Directive.</li> </ol>	<p>DUR  DUR  DUR</p>

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<p><b>TEX154.</b></p>	<p><b>GROUNDWORK TRUST PARTNERSHIP</b> (Report of the Interim Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 16)</p> <p>We welcomed to our meeting Linnea Rainger from the Groundwork Trust. Arising from our consideration of the proposals we asked that a further report be made to us on monitoring arrangements.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That approval be granted to Groundwork's business plan proposal as set out as an Appendix to the interleaved report.</li> <li>2. That approval be granted to a 6 year partnership for agreement for the establishment of Groundwork North London.</li> </ol>	<p>DUR</p> <p>DUR</p> <p>DUR</p>
<p><b>TEX155.</b></p>	<p><b>URGENT ACTIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</b> (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 17)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>TEX156.</b></p>	<p><b>DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS</b> (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 18)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>TEX157.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF SUB-BODIES</b> (Agenda Item 19)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Procurement Committee held on 14 November 2006 be noted and any necessary action approved.</p>	
<p><b>TEX158.</b></p>	<p><b>NEW ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS</b> (Agenda item 20)</p> <p>Andrew Travers</p> <p>We placed on record our thanks for the advice and support provided to the Executive by Andrew Travers, Director of Corporate Resources who would shortly be leaving the Council's service to take up a post with the London Development Agency.</p>	

GEORGE MEEHAN  
Chair