

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET  
THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2007**

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

\*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull, Engert, Gorrie, Newton, Reid and White.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
<b>CAB36.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Basu and B. Harris.</p>	
<b>CAB37.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> (Agenda Item 2)</p> <p>Councillors Adje, Canver And Haley in respect of Item 5 – Report of Statutory Consultation for Reviews of Wood Green and Green Lanes CPZ’s.</p>	HLDMS
<b>CAB38.</b>	<p><b>DEPUTATION</b> (Agenda Item 3)</p> <p><u>Wi-Fi in Shools</u></p> <p>We received a deputation the spokesperson of which, Sarah Purdy, addressed our meeting and spoke in support of the proposals contained in the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which appeared later on the agenda for our meeting. As representatives of parents concerned about the installation and use of Wi-Fi in schools, the deputation felt that the recommendations if adopted would provide an opportunity for the Council to be able to better inform and advise schools, staff, governors and parents and to provide for consultation to take place with parents and staff before Wi-Fi was either installed or used. The Deputation also asked that a further recommendation be considered that the installation of wi-fi in schools should be suspended and where already installed its use should be discontinued.</p> <p>Having answered questions put to them, our Chair thanked Ms Purdy and the other members of the deputation for their attendance and indicated that their representations would be considered as part of our deliberations on the Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on this matter. (See Minute CAB.39 below).</p>	
<b>CAB39.</b>	<p><b>WI-FI IN SCHOOLS</b> (Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported that in formulating their recommendations his Committee had been mindful that the Council did not have the powers to impose a binding policy on wi-fi on school governing bodies and also that there was no consistent</p>	

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	<p>evidence about the dangers or otherwise of wi-fi installations. However, he asked that immediate consideration be given to the conclusions and recommendations a set out in the interleaved report.</p> <p>In thanking the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their review and report and the deputation for their presentation we pointed out that recommendations arising from Scrutiny Reviews were normally taken away for consideration and a response submitted to the subsequent meeting.</p> <p>In response to a question about the seminar proposed being arranged in advance of that report back we indicated that to do so might pre-empt the response. Concern was also voiced about a statement on the BBC's we site that the Council was about to suspend wi-fi in schools. The installation or otherwise of wi-fi networking facilities in schools was ultimately at the discretion of each school's own governing body and head teacher. The Council's role was to provide advice and support to schools based upon best guidance and good practice and it could not dictate to schools.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, officers be requested to submit a proposed Cabinet response to our meeting on 18 September 2007.</p>	DCYPS
CAB40.	<p><b>REPORT OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION FOR REVIEWS OF THE WOOD GREEN CPZ AND THE GREEN LANES CPZ</b> (Report of the Director of Urban Environment – Agenda Item 5)</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 modifications to the Wood Green and Green Lanes C.P.Z.'s, including the extensions, needed to be funded through the 2007/08 Parking Plan Capital Budget.</p> <p>Councillors Adje, Canver and Haley each declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being resident in the area affected. It was noted that the report involved a non key decision.</p> <p>In response to a question it was confirmed that the Green Lanes Strategy Group would be consulted about the proposals.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That, in accordance with Paragraph 1.4 of Section F of Part Four of the Constitution, authority to agree modifications to the existing Controlled Parking Zones in Wood Green and Green Lanes be delegated to the Director of Urban Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Urban Environment and Conservation.</p>	DUE

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<p><b>CAB41.</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVING SCHOOLS PFI ISSUES IN RELATION TO BSF</b> (Joint Report of the Acting Director of Finance and the Director of the Children and Young People’s Service – Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because of on-going commercial negotiations with partners to achieve the desired outcome and the need to update the Cabinet with the latest position.</p> <p>The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because negotiations might be concluded before the next scheduled Cabinet meeting in September and delegated powers were being sought to agree any urgent decisions required to agree a settlement between the various parties.</p> <p>We noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had agreed to the invocation of the Special Urgency provision as set out in Paragraph 16 of Section D of Part Four of the Constitution as a consequence of which any decision taken in respect of this item would not be the subject to a call in.</p> <p>The report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relation to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the contents of the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That, in accordance with Paragraph 1.4 of Section F of Part Four of the Constitution, authority to take decisions relating to the resolution of the issues associated with the ongoing impact of the Secondary Schools Private Finance Initiative on the implementation of the Building Schools for the Future Programme be delegated to the Acting Director of Finance and the Director of the Children and Young Peoples Service in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Members for Resources and Children and Young People.</li> <li>3. That, in accordance with 2 above, the Interim Assistant Chief Executive Policy, Performance Partnership and Communication and the Acting Director of Finance be authorised to negotiate a satisfactory draft outcome.</li> <li>4. That further reports be submitted as necessary on the progress in resolving the issues identified in the interleaved report.</li> </ol>	<p>ADF/ DCYPS</p> <p>ACE- PPPC/ ADF</p> <p>ACE- PPPC/ ADF/ DCYPS</p>
<p><b>CAB42.</b></p>	<p><b>HORNSEY CENTRAL DEPOT</b> (Report of the Director of Corporate</p>	

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Services – Agenda Item 8)

Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because of on-going commercial negotiations with potential developers to achieve the desired outcome and the need to update the Cabinet with the latest position.

The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because Heads of Terms and the preparation of an acceptable consultation strategy had to be concluded before the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet in September.

The report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relation to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

In response to questions raised by Members, we were advised that officers would seek to ensure that best practice with regard to ecological considerations was encapsulated in the development. Once the planning stage was reached there would be public consultation to ensure local resident and stakeholder engagement. In addition, a traffic impact assessment would be carried out to ensure that any traffic problems were kept to a minimum. All bidders had been treated in the same way and Colliers CRE had acted as the joint marketing agent for the site. In terms of infrastructure, a study would be carried out and priorities once determined following consultation would be considered for funding from the Section 106 contributions contained in the successful bid.

**RESOLVED**

1. That approval be granted to:

- a. Inner Circle as the preferred development partner for the development of the former Hornsey Central depot subject to terms outlined in section 7.4 of the interleaved report.
- b. Crest Nicholson as the reserve development partner in the event that final terms cannot be agreed in (a) above by the timescales stipulated in section 7.4 of the interleaved report.

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2. That the Head of Corporate Property Services be authorised to:

- a. Negotiate and enter into an agreement with Sainsbury's for the transfer of their freehold title to the Council to enable the Council grant a long lease of both sites to the preferred developer partner.
- b. To negotiate and agree the Heads of Terms and enter into a development agreement for the development and subsequent disposal of the former Hornsey Central Depot

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	<p>and adjoining Sainsbury site with Sainsbury and the preferred developer partner.</p> <p>3. That it be confirmed that the Hornsey Central Depot site was appropriated under section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 for planning purposes instead of section 221 of the Local Government Act 1972 as set out in the minutes of the Executive dated 20 July 2004.</p>	DCS
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GEORGE MEEHAN  
Chair