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Councillor George Meehan

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Councillor Lorna Reith

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report covers matters considered by the Cabinet at our meeting on 18 September 2007. For ease of reference the Report is divided into the Cabinet portfolios.
- 1.2 We trust that this Report will be helpful to Members in their representative role and facilitate a fruitful dialogue between the Cabinet and all groups of Councillors. These reports are a welcome opportunity for the Cabinet on a regular basis to present the priorities and achievements of the Cabinet to Council colleagues for consideration and comment. The Cabinet values and encourages the input of fellow members.

ITEMS OF REPORT

Community Cohesion and Involvement

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006/07 ON THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS AND MEMBERS ENQUIRIES

- 2.1 We considered the annual report on the operation of the Council's corporate feedback and Members' enquiries procedures which detailed the Council's performance, key achievements and developments in 2006-07. Although The Council was reshaped during the year for ease of analysis the Directorate statistics in the report reflected the structure in place at the beginning of the year. We were informed that recording according to the current structure took effect from 1 April 2007.
- 2.2 The report included the Local Government Ombudsman's annual letter which summarised the complaints that he received against the Council in the year, and any lessons learned. It also included the Council's response to the issues the Ombudsman raised. Key achievements over the last year included:
 - A reduction in the time taken to complete complaints at all three stages – by 3 days at stages 1 and 3, and 5 days at stage 2
 - 77% of stage 1 complaints were completed in 10 working days – a good performance compared with 80% in 15 days in 2005-06
 - 76% of stage 2 complaints were on time, 2% up on 2005-06
 - 93% of stage 3's completed in reduced 20 day timescale
 - 84% of Member enquiries on time against 90% target, but numerous improvements made have now been reflected in above target performance in 2007-08 to date.
 - The Ombudsman found us to be at fault in a smaller proportion of complaints than last year, and in more than seven per cent less cases than two years ago
 - The Ombudsman commented on the promptness of our replies to his enquiries, which was 'all the more creditable' in view of the increased numbers. (Our timescale was the best in London.)

- A successful pilot of the WOW! Awards scheme resulted in its corporate adoption as the Council's compliments scheme from 1 May 2007: Haringey was the first public sector organisation to participate in the scheme.
- 2.3 In receiving the report we noted that while there had been a number of significant improvements made during the year, a number of issues had also been highlighted that needed to be addressed in order to achieve corporate targets and further improvement in learning from feedback.

Children and Young People

3. CHILDREN ACT COMPLAINTS REPORT

- 3.1 We considered a report which advised us that under the 1989 Children Act local authorities were required to produce an annual report on complaints made under the Act. In September 2006 the Department for Education and Skills (now the Department of Children, Schools and Families) issued new guidance and regulations for Children Act complaints to take account of the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000, Adoption and Children Act 2002 and the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003.
- 3.2 The effect of the new regulations was to:
- allow for an initial resolution stage (the equivalent of Stage 1 in Haringey's own complaints process) which did not involve an Independent Person;
 - extend the scope of the complaints and representation procedures to cover matters around the operation of care and supervision orders and emergency protection orders, social work reports made to a court, adoption and adoption support services, and special guardianship support services;
 - amend the time scales for responding to complaints;
 - impose a time limit of one year on making a complaint.
- 3.3 The new regulations also required local authorities to offer children and young people making complaints the support of an advocate. Haringey was already offering an advocacy service to children and young people making complaints as a matter of best practice. The service was provided through NCH, an independent voluntary organisation who provided an advocate for any young person wanting help with making a complaint.
- 3.4 Information about complaints to the Children & Young People's Service dealt with under the Council's corporate procedure was included in the Annual Report on the handling of complaints and members enquiries (see item 2 above).

4. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REPORT ON WI-FI INSTALLATION IN SCHOOLS

- 4.1 At our meeting on 26 July we considered a report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which presented recommendations to us concerning the arrangement by the Council of a seminar for head teachers, governors and parents, to provide information and to debate the issues on Wi-Fi and its usage, including health effects, and that the

seminar includes information on alternative ways to provide internet access. The report also recommended that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People write to the Chairs of School Governing Bodies on the issue of Wi-Fi suggesting that:

- Governing Bodies give particular consideration to the use of “wired-in” systems as the preferred option when IT networks are being developed.
- Governing Bodies be asked to consult fully with parents and staff over the introduction of new Wi-Fi systems in the school, before they are implemented.
- Where Wi-Fi is already in use in schools, Governing Bodies be asked to undertake a full consultation with parents and staff over its continued use.
- Schools using Wi-Fi systems be asked to ensure they are only switched on when necessary.

4.2 We have now considered a report which responded to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and, having considered further representations in support of the recommendations made by the Committee we re-iterated our previously expressed view that the installation 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. Neither did the Council have the skills and resources to independently assess the scientific evidence relating to the safety of Wi-Fi, nor did schools have such expertise.

4.3 We noted that the Health Protection Agency (HPA) existed to provide an integrated approach to protecting UK public health through the provision of support and advice to the NHS, local authorities, emergency services, other Arms Length Bodies, the Department of Health and the Devolved Administrations and it was widely regarded as the definitive source of information and advice in the UK about Wi-Fi safety. The HPA guidance said that there was no reason why schools and others should not use Wi-Fi equipment and in the light of this advice the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) had recently updated their guidance and recommended the deployment of Wi-Fi in schools.

4.4 We agreed that apart from schools using Wi-Fi systems being asked to ensure that they are switched on only as necessary to reduce energy waste and costs the recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny be not approved. We also agreed that the Director of the Children and Young People’s Service write to all schools drawing attention to the current DCSF advice on this matter.

Adult Social Care and Well Being

5. ADULT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT

5.1 The Council will be aware that all local authorities are legally required to have a social care complaints procedure as ordered by the Secretary of State under section 7B of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (LASSA). Until 1 September 2006 the Complaints Procedure Directions 1990 laid down the procedures which the local authority should follow and in particular that a record must be kept of all representations made, the outcome and compliance with statutory time limits:

- Stage 1 - Informal or problem solving – no statutory time limits;

- Stage 2 formal – complete within 28 days if possible and in any case, within 3 months;
- Stage 3 – complainant had 28 days within which to request review - panel consideration within 28 days of the complainants' request for review and record recommendations within 24 hours of panel meeting.

5.2 We considered a report which advised us that from 1 September 2006 the Local Authority Social Services Complaints (England) Regulations 2006 (and new statutory guidance) superseded those Directions. The most significant changes were:

- The introduction of a requirement that a complaint must be made within one year of the event complained about, unless it would be unreasonable to expect the complaint to have been made earlier than it was and provided it was still possible to consider it effectively and fairly.
- Various changes to the old time-limits, including a time limit for responding at informal Stage 1 (10 working days which could be extended to 20 days if necessary), in default of which a request for a Stage 2 investigation could be made.
- The Stage 3 review panel must now have at least two independent members. Officers of the Council (or their spouse/civil partner) could no longer be part of the panel; one Council Member could be on the panel, but not as the chairperson.
- A complaints manager must be appointed and, at the investigation stage, should ensure the appointment of an investigating officer to report in writing for adjudication by a senior manager.
- Requirements for liaison and co-operation between local authority and NHS bodies if a complaint included elements that related to part of the NHS, and time limits.

5.3 We were also advised that, provided the investigation was being conducted diligently, the authority was unlikely to be criticised either by the Courts or the Ombudsman if the time limits were not complied with. We noted that the Local Government Ombudsman was empowered to investigate written complaints made by members of the public who claimed they had suffered injustice as a result of maladministration by or on behalf of the local authority but was reluctant to become involved unless other avenues of investigation have been exhausted.

5.4 We also noted that, in order to ensure that the Adult Culture and Community Services Directorate were responding to enquiries on behalf of the Council within timescale, weekly complaints meetings were conducted with Service leads, enabling complaints to be reviewed and monitored to ensure effective closure of cases at early resolution stage. Weekly reports on overdue complaints were submitted to the Service Leads and Service Managers and monthly performance reports were submitted to the Directorate Management Team (DMT) and cascaded down to management meetings. The Directorate continued to raise awareness of the Council's Feedback Scheme through publicity information and new procedures were to be written and distributed to all staff along with specific Social Care Complaints Procedure training for staff.

Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning

6. DOWNHILLS PARK COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMPANY

- 6.1 We considered a report presented the case for rebuilding the demolished bowls pavilion at Downhills Park with a café that included public toilets and a community workshop. It was also proposed that the majority of the capital cost of the work be raised through external funding, whilst the operating revenue would come from re-directing existing Adult Services budgets. The project would be a cross-service partnership between Adult Services and Recreation Services which were both now part of the new Adult, Culture and Community Services Directorate.
- 6.2 We noted that the project would contribute to the outcomes of the Well-being and Better Places partnerships and would also present an opportunity for the Council to gain experience in delivering services via a new form of agent - a Community Interest Company.
- 6.3 We were advised that there was no guaranteed capital funding for the scheme. The total capital cost was estimated at £340,000 in respect of which a bid of £250,000 had been made to the Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund (BIG). Final awards of the BIG were awaited but if the BIG agreed funding for this proposal then viable funding options for the balance would need to be identified and in order for Council capital resources to be allocated to the scheme, then funding would need to be prioritised through the current (2008-09 to 2010-11) budget setting process. In terms of the services provided by Adult Services, the 2007/08 budget setting process included a decision to modernise Learning Disabilities Day Services from buildings based services, to a range of community based day opportunities. This proposal was one of the options for the re-provision of those services for which resources had been planned.
- 6.4 We were also advised that Adult Services would be allocating 2 workers and a grant to support the business in the first 5 years. At the time of our meeting it was anticipated that the running costs of the café would be managed within the £20,000 grant from the Council and income of approximately £20,000 from sales and we noted that these assumptions would need to be reviewed in more detail as the business case was further developed. The revenue funding of the project was anticipated to be for the first five years of the project, after which time the project was anticipated to be self funding. Progress would need to be continually monitored through budget management and the Pre-Business Planning process.
- 6.5 We report that we agreed in principle to the replacement proposal and to the progression of the Community Interest Company (CIC) in seeking capital and revenue funding to construct, maintain and operate the café in Downhills Park. We also agreed in principle to the project as a priority commitment in the forthcoming budget setting process, the application for Council capital funding of £90,000 being matched funding for the construction of the building.

Housing

7. CHANGES TO THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOMES FOR HARINGEY

- 7.1 The Council will be aware that a key element of the Management Agreement between the Council and Homes for Haringey (HfH) is that both parties will work together within a

spirit of mutual co-operation and partnership in order continuously to improve the services and the way in which they are delivered.

- 7.2 We considered a report which advised us that when setting up HfH it was agreed that the repairs budget should be delegated to HfH with repairs operations paid for from the management fee and the management agreement reflected this arrangement. However, there was an inconsistency in so far as Section 11.2, Annexe 3 of the Management Agreement was concerned which stated that with regard to response repairs commissioning the contract should be between the Council and the repairs contractor. As the current repairs procurement process had been completed by HfH, with the intention of the contract being signed and managed by them, this also required an amendment to Management Agreement to reflect this. Schedule 1 of the Management Agreement also specified contracts which would be novated to HfH or renewed by them on expiration. General repairs and maintenance was one of the contracts listed in Table 2 of Schedule 1 of the Management Agreement.
- 7.3 Also, the Management Agreement contained an express provision which allowed for changes to be made to it. Any changes had to be both agreed and recorded in writing signed by, effectively, the Director of Urban Environment for and on behalf of the Council, and the Chief Executive Officer for and on behalf of Homes for Haringey (HfH).
- 7.4 We report for information that we agreed to amend the Management Agreement so as to reflect that all future responsive repairs contracts would be HfH contracts and authority for procurement and management of the contracts would be fully delegated to HfH including specifically authority for all action taken from the outset of the current procurement relating to the repairs and voids contract. We noted that a further report on contractual matters in relation to HfH would be brought forward by officers in due course and that any future amendments to the Management Agreement would need to be agreed by us.

8. REPAIRS PROCUREMENT

- 8.1 We considered a report on the outcome of the recent housing repairs market testing exercise carried out by Homes for Haringey (HfH) following a decision by the Council in December 2005 to carry out an end to end procurement. The report recommended the award of the repairs contract to the lowest bidder (HfH Direct Labour Organisation) and we noted that the award of both the east and west repairs contracts to the in-house DLO would represent an improvement in the responsive repairs and voids service as well as value for money representing savings of £3.851 – £4.017million over the life of the main contract term excluding any possible extensions.
- 8.2 Having one contractor for both contracts will make monitoring the contracts and dealing with any issues arising easier for both HfH and the Council. In terms of access for residents the new contract will allow for call handling during normal working hours from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on a Saturday. The contractor will be responsible for handling calls during normal working hours and out of hours costs. However, this will have cost implications (£147,400 plus inflation for 2007/08 from the retained budget) for the out-of-hours service which Adult, Culture and Community services directorate currently provides for the Council. We noted that a new productivity scheme

had been drawn up which will allow for up to 10% of appointments 5pm to 8pm Monday to Friday and Saturdays 9am to 1 pm thereby increasing access for residents.

- 8.3 We were advised that the budget for the repairs element of the contract was £17.428million, which included a planned saving of £1.286 million for 2007-08 and £0.5 million for 2008-09. The contract sum (including providing an in house call centre service) was £17.532 million which meant that there was a shortfall of £104,000 which HfH would need to include in the business planning process for 2008-09 budget setting. The report also confirmed HfH's withdrawal from the commissioning of the call centre function provided by the Council. Although this would generate savings for HfH, there would be residual costs £205, 000 that would be left with the Council and would have to be saved by Customer Services (£58,000) and Adult, Culture & Community Directorate (£147,000). From December 2009 HfH would be withdrawing from the commissioning of vehicles from Accord, and there would be residual cost implications of £104,000 for the Council which would need to be saved by Urban Environment Directorate.
- 8.4 We noted the Homes for Haringey Board's recommendation to award both the east and west contracts to carry out the repairs service from 1 January 2008 to 31 March 2013 to Homes for Haringey's Direct Labour Organisation Repairs Operations with an option to extend for up to two years to 31 March 2015. With respect to the call centre, we accepted the variant bid for call handling including out of hours be accepted and that the current arrangements with the Adult, Culture and Community services be terminated at the commencement of the contract(s). We also accepted the variant bid for vehicles to be provided by the repairs contractor from December 2009 (on expiry of the current Council contract with Accord) and agreed that negotiations continue with Accord with a view to returning vehicles as individual leases expired which might provide better value for money.

9. 115 TOWER GARDENS ROAD N17 – COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

- 9.1 The Council will be aware that 115 Tower Gardens Road is a three storey, end of terrace, ex Greater London Council, property located in a residential conservation area. The property is a 1930's building style and was first reported in November 2002 by a White hart Lane Ward Councillor complaining that the property was an eye sore as it was in a bad state of repair with broken windows and causing blight to the area. Attempts were made to enforce the sale for outstanding unpaid Council Tax debt on the property, but the owner paid the debt before the enforced sale went through. The property was reported to the Council on several other occasions. The Environmental Health Department were obliged to take enforcement action and serve Notices on the owner. Complaints were also made that the property was being used for drug taking. In April 2003 the property was boarded up by the owner.
- 9.2 The Council's Empty Property Officer has written a number of letters to the freeholders of this property offering assistance, both practical and financial, including empty property grants, to help them bring the property back into use voluntarily. The Senior Environmental Health Officer dealing with the property met with the owner whom, despite this meeting, has shown no evidence that he intended to bring this property back into use. He has not provided any plans for the property or provided any evidence of financial means to bring the property back into use.

- 9.3 We considered a report which set out proposals to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this property. The use of Compulsory Purchase powers formed part of the Council's Empty Properties Strategy, Housing Strategy, and Sub-Regional strategy to bring back into use residential premises that had been long term vacant and where no other course of action was appropriate or could be pursued. It was also in pursuance of achieving a year-on-year increase in the number of privately owned empty properties brought back into use through advice or intervention.
- 9.4 Having considered the report which described the condition of the property and the work undertaken to date by officers in Enforcement Service of the Urban Environment Directorate and of the Sub-region to bring it back into use we approved the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire 115 Tower Gardens Road, N17 and authorised the Head of Legal Services to make and seal the Order for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for consideration and approval and to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order in the event of the Secretary of State returning the Order. We further authorised the Head of Legal Services to proceed with the acquisition on confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order and again, subject to the confirmation of the Order, we approved the disposal of the property to a Registered Social Landlord in the first instance, or to a Private Developer (in which case the sale would be by way of auction) with covenants applied to bring the property back into use as soon as possible. Further, we approved capital provision of £200,000 from capital receipts, to fund the purchase of this property this sum to be repaid once the sale had been executed.

Environment and Conservation

10. REVIEW OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

- 10.1 We considered a report which informed us of mandatory changes to policy resulting from the introduction of differential parking charges by the Mayor of London and of the new statutory guidance to the Traffic Management Act 2004. Parking enforcement policy had also been looked at in the widest sense, learning from best practice across London and advice from London Councils. The aim was to ensure that the Council not only operated in line with minimum legal standards, but gave due regard to recommendations from the parking and traffic adjudicators and adopted a customer friendly approach to parking enforcement. The changes proposed as a result would have significant implications for how the Parking Service operated on-street and in dealing with representations and appeals.
- 10.2 Decriminalised parking operated under the 1984 and 1991 Road Traffic Acts [as amended], and the London Local Authorities Act 2000. These were now consolidated under Part 6 of the 2004 Traffic Management Act. Within this framework, individual Councils defined local parking policy, through the Councils Traffic Management Orders and working practices and interpreted legislation in the local context to address local issues.

- 10.3 The Department for Transport consulted on new statutory guidance on the implementation of Part 6 of Traffic Management Act [TMA] 2004. It was clear that this guidance would have a significant impact on parking enforcement policy, as authorities moved to Civil Parking Enforcement (currently decriminalised parking) under the Traffic Management Act 2004. In July this statutory guidance was released and the Council was sent a pack containing;
- Statutory Guidance
 - Commencement Order
 - General Regulations
 - Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations
 - Representations and Appeals Regulations
 - Approved Devices Order
 - Guidelines on Levels of Charges Order
- 10.4 The mandatory changes, which were still subject to approval by Parliament, reported presented significant financial implications for the parking service. Those implications provided in the table below were an estimate at present and the actual position would be established on receipt of the operational guidance -

Estimated impact of changes to clamp & removal	£ 455,000
Possible reduction of recovery rate calculated at 1%	120,000
Estimated total loss in income	575,000

There were costs associated with implementing the new statutory guidance and these were being absorbed within the existing parking expenditure budgets. The anticipated implementation date for the changes was 1 April 2008.

Resources

11. ITS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-11

- 11.1 We considered a report which advised us that, historically, the capital programme had supported large-scale projects to provide key Council wide solutions and services such as payment taking, billing and accounting, social care, Customer Relationship Management and Web based engagement. There had been many other projects to support specific business unit needs such as benefits and local taxation, housing management and planning and building control. These would all need to be maintained and developed over time which would require further funding to support any future improvement programmes.
- 11.2 The Government has also recognised the importance of systems and automation in providing robust, reliable and efficient services to the community and had driven the move to electronic based service delivery through the e-government programme. Following on from the success of this initiative the Transformational Government project

(t-gov) was being launched through which efficiencies were expected to be driven out through transactional efficiency and shared services.

- 11.3 We considered a report and associated table which summarised the projects currently identified within the Council's Pre-Business Plan documentation. This included those identified within major strategic programmes such as the Transactional Efficiency project and by the Customer Services Strategy board. In all cases, these were expected to deliver results against the Council's priorities, citizen expectations and meet the requirements of a value for money assessment. In all cases, the business case for any technology need was very carefully considered at a senior business and IT level before any expenditure was committed. This ensured that there was sound business reason for investing in IT. We noted that our Procurement Committee had approved the funding of the SAP implementation programme for 2007/8 amounting to £1.06 million of implementation costs which needed to be borne in mind when considering the total available Capital.
- 11.4 We report that we approved the allocation of capital as summarised below in order to allow projects to continue or to commence and to move on to the scoping stage on the understanding that individual business cases would be endorsed by project sponsors and the relevant senior management team to ensure that project objectives added sufficient value to the Council and were achievable.

Capital Item (2007/8)	(£,000)
Transactional efficiency	1,060
e-payments	176
Support for mobile working	100
Additional mobile devices	50
Web development programme	150
Graphical information systems	250
Developing general IT platform	100
Network storage upgrades	50
IP Telephone Pilot	250
External Security upgrade	100
Network Security improvements	100
Parking Enforcement enhancements	340
Projects Total	2,726
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Programme management (staffing)	350
Total Capital requirement	3,076
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Total budget allocated (inc c/f)	3,076
Variance against budget allocated.	£0

Leader

12. PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT – END JULY 2007

- 12.1 We received the Programme Highlight report for all the Council's corporately significant projects up to the end of July and we received a verbal update on the progress of a number of the projects since that date. We noted that the programme was the vehicle for the Council to deliver corporately significant projects and projects that were key political priorities. It underpinned the Council's corporate planning process, ensuring that the projects undertaken reflected and helped to deliver Community Strategy and corporate priorities. The report provided an opportunity to monitor, challenge and support the Council's key projects to ensure that they finished on time, to budget and delivered the outcomes for the community.
- 12.2 We noted that from October the Programme Highlight report would reflect the planned new corporate programme structure with its three programmes of work, 'Achieving Excellence', 'Regeneration' and 'Better Haringey'.

13. THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE – JUNE AND JULY 2007

- 13.1 We considered the regular finance and performance report which monitored the Council's position in relation to a number of indicators that would be used to assess the Council in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). Performance against these measures would determine Haringey's rating in 2008. The report also gave an indication of the level and quality of services delivered on the ground and sought our approval to a number of virements.
- 13.2 We noted that good progress was being made across all the priorities with 84% of indicators achieving green or amber status as at July 2007. Highlights included promoting independence where 93.3% was achieved (14 indicators green or amber), making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs (85.7% or 6 indicators green or amber) and delivering excellent services (86.5% or 45 indicators green or amber). In summary the balanced scorecard showed that for service delivery 84% of indicators were on target or close to the end of year target as at July 2007. For 12 of the 15 (80%) customer focus measures, performance targets were being met or close to being met. For financial health 25 of the 28 traffic lighted measures achieved green or amber status, meaning for 89% of traffic lighted indicators performance levels were achieving target or being maintained at an acceptable level. Our organisational development /capacity indicators showed that for 6 of the 8 (75%) measures, performance was meeting or close to expectation. In addition 84% of indicators had maintained or improved performance since the end of last year.
- 13.3 In terms of financial performance overall revenue budget monitoring, based on the July position, showed a forecast net overspend of £0.4million which was made up of a number of budget pressures relating to Asylum. These were mainly offset by a projected underspend on the Housing general fund, an earmarked reserve for asylum and a back-dated one off grant claim. The aggregate revenue projected position in 2007/08 is as shown in the following table –

General Fund revenue	Approved Budget	Projected variation
	£m	£m
Children and Young People - Asylum	228.1	0 0.5
Adults, Culture & Community - Asylum	73.7	0.9 0.5
Corporate Resources	10.9	0
Urban Environment	48.3	(1.0)
Policy, Performance, Partnerships & Communications	11.6	(0.1)
People, Organisation & Development	0.1	0
Chief Executive	0.5	0
Non-service revenue	11.4	(0.4)
Total	384.6	0.4

In relation to the HRA, the net current revenue projection was to spend within the approved budget as agreed by Council in February 2007.

13.4 The aggregate capital projected position in 2007/08 is as shown in the following table –

Capital	Approved Budget	Spend to date	Projected variation
	£m	£m	£m
Children & Young People	43.9	7.1	0
Adults, Culture & Community	7.6	1.0	(0.3)
Corporate Resources	9.1	3.1	0
Urban Environment – General Fund	28.8	2.0	0
Urban Environment - HRA	19.8	4.2	0
Policy, Performance, Partnerships & Communications	0.3	0.1	0
Total	109.5	17.5	(0.3)

13.5 Financial regulations required that proposed budget changes to be approved by the Cabinet. These were shown in the table below. These changes fell into one of two categories:

- budget virements, where it is proposed that budget provision is to be transferred between one service budget and another. Explanations are provided where this is the case;
- Increases or decreases in budget, generally where notification has been received in-year of a change in the level of external funding such as grants or supplementary credit approval.

13.6 Under the Constitution, certain virements were key decisions. Key decisions were:

- for revenue, any virement which resulted in change in a Directorate cash limit of more than £250,000; and
- for capital, any virement which results in the change of a programme area of more than £250,000.

Key decisions are highlighted by an asterisk in the table.

13.7 Proposed virements are set out in the following table:

Period	Service	Key	Amount current year (£'000)	Full year Amount (£'000)	Description
3	C&YP	Rev	68	68	Some realignment of budgets between business units in line with new structure of the department.
3	PPPC	Cap	106		Campsbourne estate improvements project spend funded from Section 106 income.
3	PPPC	Rev	153	153	Anti social behaviour funding from HfH.
3	PPPC	Rev *	845		Youth Justice Board – 2007/08 YOT, Prevention & ISSB grants approved.
3	PPPC	Rev	229		Youth Justice Board – Resettlement & Aftercare provision grant approved for 2007/08.
3	PPPC	Rev *	511		Home Office – Young people substance misuse partnership grant approved for 2007/08
3	PPPC	Rev *	1,254		Home Office – drug interventions programme grant approved for 2007/08
3	PPPC	Rev *	688		Haringey teaching primary care trust – DAAT grant approved for 2007/08
3	PPPC	Rev	50		Funding from the Home Office Respect Task Force for a parenting worker for 2007/08
3	PPPC	Rev	81		Supporting people under-spend b/fwd
3	PPPC	Rev *	410		Approved Healthy Alliance PCT funding
3	PPPC	Rev	33		Summer Uni grant approval

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3	All	Rev	15	15	Transfer of additional telephone costs to IT.
3	ACC	Cap	174		GAF funding re Markfield Recreation Ground project.
3	ACC	Cap	10		Markfield Recreation Ground project – CABE funding.
3	ACC	Cap	23		HLF funding re Markfield Recreation Ground project.
3	ACC	Cap	29		Coldfall Wood project funding by HLF TfC
3	ACC	Cap	50		Finsbury Park Track – LMT funding.
3	ACC	Cap	20		Chestnuts Park playground – LMT funding.
3	ACC	Cap *	300		Chestnuts Park playground – NDC funding.
3	UE	Cap	210		Parking plan capital receipts allocation to be used towards the Mortuary relocation project.
3	UE	Rev *	877	877	Some realignment of the Enforcement budget.
3	UE	Cap	40		Section 106 funding for Penstock footpath improvements project.
3	ACC	Rev *	459	459	Some realignment of budgets to align with grant allocations.
3	C&YP	Rev *	3,739		Updating of BSF budgets.
4	C&YP	Rev *	356		DfES Standards Fund – increase in grant.
4	C&YP	Rev	236		DfES Standards Fund – new grant for targeted school meals.
4	ACC	Cap	200		Department of Health one-off capital grant for improving the care home environment for older people.
4	C&YP	Cap	156		Adjustment to reflect 2007/08 devolved formula capital allocation.
4	C&YP	Cap	120		Re-phasing of the capital programme.
4	C&YP	Rev *	1,756		Reduction in DSG in the ISB.
4	C&YP	Rev *	775		Reduction in DSG allocation to the Council.

Period	Service	Key	Amount current year (£'000)	Full year Amount (£'000)	Description
4	C&YP	Cap *	930		Alignment of General Sure Start Capital grant funded budgets with approved allocations.
4	C&YP	Rev	136		Updating of BSF budgets.
4	ACC	Cap	120		Chestnuts Park – big lottery funding.
4	ACC	Cap	110		Markfield Park – big lottery funding.
4	ACC	Cap	110		Lordship Recreation Ground – big lottery funding.
4	ACC	Cap	60		Priory Park – big lottery funding.
4	ACC	Cap	53		Additional disabled facilities grant.
4	UE	Cap	50		Section 106 funding for 691-693, High Road (Church Road, N17).
4	UE	Cap	230		Section 278 funding for Hornsey Waterworks.
4	UE	Cap	13		TFL funding for bridge assessment and strengthening.
4	PPPC	Rev	80		Youth Justice Board – additional 2007/08 YOT, Prevention & ISSB grants approved.
4	PPPC	Rev	50		Grant funding from Metropolitan Police for off the Streets less heat project.
4	PPPC	Rev	75		GOL Haringey Childrens Fund – safer communities element funding for JYIP & YISP projects.
4	CR	Cap *	1,150		SAP licences funded from LABG1 grant.
4	PPPC, UE	Cap *	4,396		Transfer of NDC from PPPC to UE.
4	PPPC, UE	Rev *	462		Transfer of NDC from PPPC to UE; £2.646m expenditure and £2.184m income; net £462k.
4	C&YP	Cap	50		South Haringay CC Phase A enabling works – approved funding.
4	All	Rev	18	18	Additional IT charges transferred to CIT from Services.
4	PPPC, C&YP	Rev	16	16	Transfer of funding for Northumberland Park Women & Child Centre and Bangladeshi Women's Association from PPPC to C&YP.

Period	Service	Key	Amount current year (£'000)	Full year Amount (£'000)	Description
4	PPPC	Rev	59		Reduction in SSCF project.
4	C&YP	Cap	130		New funding from DfES for Mobile Technology for Social Workers project.
4	C&YP	Cap	50		2007/08 PSS allocation to be used for office accommodaton.
4	UE, ACC	Rev	15	15	Transfer of 0.5 FTE Complaints Officer post from ACC to UE.
4	ACC	Cap	187		Reallocation of OPS budget (Osborne House) to Red House, Broadwater Lodge & Cranwood.
4	ACC	Cap	33		NLDC capital allocation
4	All services	Cap/Rev	160		Oliver Tambo project (£130k capital and £30k revenue).
4	UE	Cap			Revision of the overall HRA capital budget reported to H4H Board, within total resources of £19.819m, and including an over-programming element of £1.345m.
4	UE	Cap*	1,720		" – Planned Maintenance
4	UE	Cap*	563		" – Structural works
4	UE	Cap*	1,000		" – Extensive voids
4	UE	Cap	7		" – Energy Conservation
4	UE	Cap*	(4,350)		" – Capitalised repairs
4	UE	Cap*	(2,095)		" – Over-programming
4	UE	Cap*	3,614		" – Decent homes standard
4	UE	Cap*	1,173		" – Environmental improvements
4	UE	Cap	(118)		" – External decorations
4	UE	Cap*	2,818		" – Building services works
4	UE	Cap*	1,215		" – Departmental overheads
4	UE	Cap*	(1,492)		" – Kenneth Robbins, Millicent Court
4	UE	Cap*	(501)		" – Essential capital works
4	UE	Cap	(2,500)		" – External decorations

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		*			programme
4	UE	Cap *	(1,054)		" – Saltram Close regeneration

14. DELEGATED ACTIONS AND SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS

14.1 We were informed of the following significant decisions taken by Directors under delegated powers -

Director of the Children and Young People's Service

St. Thomas More School – Issue of letter of intent under Contract Standing Order 12.2 for a geotechnical survey under Building Schools for the Future to STATS (£55, 265)

Haringey Sixth Form Centre – Waiver of Contract Standing Order 6.04 and the award of contracts to various suppliers for provision of equipment in advance of the opening of the Centre (to total value of £350,000).

Seven Sisters Primary School – Award of contract under Contract Standing Order 11.02 to Cosmur Construction for the development of a Phase 2 Children's Centre (£173,105).

South Haringey Primary School – Award of contract under Contract Standing Order 11.02 to R.D. Bull and Sons for the development of a Phase 2 Children's Centre (£83,646).

Approval for Establishment of team of Family Support Workers (contracts time limited to 31.8.2008) funded through the Direct Schools' Grant (also approved by Schools' Forum).

Campsbourne Primary School – Award of contract under Contract Standing Order 11.02 to Cosmur Construction for the development of a Phase 2 Children's Centre (£249,766).

Director of Urban Environment

Revision to Parking Services Structure.

Estates Recycling Service - Award of contract under Contract Standing Order 11.02 to Spider UK Ltd for the provision of near-entry recycling bins (£57,919).

A406 Complementary Traffic Management Project Woodside Road Area Scheme – Approval to measures around Lyndhurst Road.

Empty Properties Management - Award of contract under Contract Standing Order 11.02 to Pathmead/Genesis Housing Group.