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

*Present

Also Present: Councillors Bull, Engert, Newton and Wilson.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
CAB109.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)	
	Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Haley.	
CAB110.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)	
	Councillors B. Harris, Meehan and Santry in respect of Agenda Item 8 – Financial Planning 2008/09 – 2010/11.	HLDMS
	Councillor Adje in respect of Agenda Item 18 – Delegated Decisions and Significant Actions.	HLDMS
CAB111.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 December 2007 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS
CAB112.	THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE - NOVEMBER 2007 (Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 7)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report and progress against Council priorities as shown in the Appendix to the interleaved report be noted.	
	That approval be granted to the virements set out in Section 21.5 of the interleaved report.	CFO
CAB113.	FINANCIAL PLANNING 2008/9 – 2010/11 (Joint Report of the Director of Corporate Resources and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 8)	
	Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because necessary consultations were not completed until after the despatch of the agenda. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because the decision needed to be reported to the Council meeting on 4 February 2008.	
	Councillors B. Harris, Meehan and Santry each declared a personal interest in respect of this item by virtue of being a Freedom Pass holder.	

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With our consent the figure of '£400.135m' was amended to '£399.205' m' in recommendation 3.12 of the interleaved report. It was also proposed that with regard to recommendation 3.8, the proposed housing rent increase be referred for comment to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Arising from consideration of Appendix H – Capital Bids for Corporate Resources confirmation was sought and given that officers would try to access other sources of external funding to ensure that the Stationers Park Innovative Play and Water Feature Overhaul project (Ref. 32) was able to proceed. Clarification having been sought about the total amount available for the Muswell Hill Library Improvement/Refurbishment project (Ref. 55) it was confirmed that it was proposed that the receipt from the sa sch

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ale d	of land at the rear of the Library would be ring fenced for the but that no other resources be allocated to it.	
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1.	That approval be granted to the changes and variations set out at Paragraph 9.3 and Appendix B to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
2.	That the outcome of the consultation processes as set out at Paragraph 11 to the interleaved report be noted.	
3.	That approval be granted to the new investment proposals set out in Appendix D to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
4.	That approval be granted to the revised and new savings proposals set out in Appendix E to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
5.	That approval be granted to the approach and provision for redundancies as set out in Paragraph 13.5 of the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
6.	That approval be granted to the proposals for the children's services (DSG) budget set out in Appendix F to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
7.	That approval be granted to the proposals for the HRA budget set out in Appendix G to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
8.	That approval be granted to the housing rent increase at an average of £4.77 per week (6.5%) and that this element of the budget package be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny	DCR/ CFO
	Committee for comment.	HLDMS
9.	That approval be granted to the housing service charge increase at an average of £2.55 per week.	DCR/ CFO
10	.That approval be granted to the proposals for the capital programme and funding set out in Appendices H and J and the	DCR/ CFO

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	capital resource allocation policy at Appendix I to the interleaved report.	
	11. That approval be granted to the treasury management strategy and policy and prudential limits set out in Appendix K to the interleaved report.	DCR/ CFO
	12. That approval be granted to the proposed general fund budget requirement of £399.205 million, subject to the final settlement and the decisions of precepting and levying authorities, and the consequences for Council Tax levels	DCR/ CFO
	13. That it be noted that the final decision on budget and Council Tax for 2008/09 would be made at the Council meeting on 18 February.	
CAB114.	SUBSIDY AND PRICING POLICY REVIEW (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 9)	
	In response to a questions raised we were informed that it was proposed to consult with groups about implementing the new pricing strategy. Ability to pay was a central policy objective of the review and it was recognised that it would present challenges for some people particularly those who currently paid no charge. Recent increases in income were primarily used to meet increased costs arising from prudential borrowing to fund improvements to facilities. Non Borough residents would pay the premium rate unless they fell into the Advantage Plus category.	
	In relation to obesity with particular regard to younger people we noted that Junior Prices were generally protected and schools across the Borough would be targeted as part of the consultation process.	
	We asked that a written response be provided to Members in relation to the question of the proportion of the additional charges which would fall to be paid by older people.	DACCS
	RESOLVED:	
	That approval be granted to the new subsidy and pricing policy for Recreation Services as detailed in the interleaved report.	DACCS
	That approval be granted to further consultation being carried out on pricing for club/ group use of facilities, as outlined in the interleaved report.	DACCS
	 That approval be granted to the proposed fees and charges as set out in the interleaved report and to their implementation from 7 April 2008. 	DACCS
CAB115.	SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE - DEED OF VARIATION (Joint Report of the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 10)	

Our Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent business. The report was late because negotiations over details of the TUPE transfer of staff from Jarvis Accommodation Service were not completed until after the despatch of the agenda. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because the decision needed to be reported before Council officers signed the suspension agreement with HSSL.

RESOLVED:

That the following decisions taken by the Leader in accordance with Part 3 Section E Paragraph 4.03 of the Constitution and the decision taken at our meeting on 18 December 2007 vide Minute CAB. 107 to ensure the continued delivery of the Facility Management Service in schools and the successful delivery of the Building Schools for the Future programme be endorsed -

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- 1. The suspension, on an interim basis, of the obligation of Haringey Schools Services Limited to provide facilities management services to those schools currently within the Secondary Schools Private Finance Initiative from 31 January 2008.
- 2. The authorisation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Children and Young People's Service to complete negotiations and to enter into such documentation as required to formally suspend the service within the PFI contract.
- 3. The authorisation of the Head of Legal Services to issue a certificate under Section 3 of the Local Government Contracts Act 1997 in relation to the suspension agreement at 2 above in reliance on Counsel's advice that a certificate can be issued in relation to the proposed arrangement and that in giving the certificate it be confirmed that the Head of Legal Services would be covered by the Council's indemnity policy to the extent that he acted in good faith and reasonably believed that the issue of the certificate was within his powers and that he was required or entitled to take such action as part of his duty as an employee.
- 4. Agreement to the transfer of employees from **Jarvis** Accommodation Services Ltd into the Council's employment on or before 1 February 2008 under TUPE regulations.

CAB116. PROGRESS UPDATE ON CONNEXIONS SERVICES FROM APRIL **2008** (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

That the progress made to date with the transition of the Connexions Services and the action to be completed be noted.

CAB117. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE - ANNUAL

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	PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (Report of the Director of the Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 12)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the outcome of the Annual Performance Assessment for the Children and Young People's service be noted.	
CAB118.	ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE 2006/07 (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services - Agenda Item 13)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the content and outcome of the Commission for Social Care Inspection's Annual Review of Social Care for 2006/7 and proposed action to respond to the identified areas for development be noted.	
CAB119.	HOMES FOR HARINGEY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Joint Report of the Director of Corporate Resources and the Chief Financial Officer - Agenda Item 14)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the content of the report be noted.	
CAB120.	HARINGEY REGENERATION STRATEGY (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 15)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That approval be granted to the Regeneration Strategy as set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.	DUE
	That formal endorsement of the Strategy be sought from the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP).	DUE/ HLDMS
	 That it be noted that a Delivery Plan, setting out the way in which the Strategy would be delivered be prepared for approved by the end of March 2008. 	
CAB121.	COMMUNITY COHESION (Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnership and Communication - Agenda Item 16)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the Council's approach to Community Cohesion as set out in the interleaved report be approved.	ACE- PPPC
	2. That the establishment of a Community Cohesion Forum as	ACE-

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	detailed in the interleaved report be approved.	PPPC
CAB122.	URGENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBERS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 17)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
CAB123.	DELEGATED DECISIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS (Report of the Chief Executive - Agenda Item 18)	
	Councillor Adje declared a personal interest in relation to the completion of electrical fire safety works at 2-16 Gourley Place by virtue of being an employee of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report be noted and any necessary action approved.	
CAB124.	MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES (Agenda Item 19)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting of the Procurement Committee held on 20 December 2007 be noted and any necessary action approved.	
CAB125.	EXEMPT MINUTES (Agenda Item 22)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 December 2007 be confirmed and signed.	HLDMS

GEORGE MEEHAN Chair