

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006



PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Minnie Scott Russell)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Andrew Johnson)

Councillors:

Michael Adam
Colin Aherne
Mrs Adronie Alford
Jeanette Bentley
Will Bethell
Helen Binmore
Nicholas Botterill
Paul Bristow
Victoria Brocklebank-
Fowler
Aidan Burley
Jean Campbell
Michael Cartwright
Alex Chalk
Stephen Cowan
Gill Dickenson

Belinda Donovan
Gavin Donovan
Caroline Ffiske
Rachel Ford
Sarah Gore
Stephen Greenhalgh
Lucy Gugen
Steve Hamilton
Wesley Harcourt
Lisa Homan
Robert Iggulden
Lucy Ivimy
Donald Johnson
Alex Karmel
Jane Law
Antony Lillis

Mark Loveday
Reg McLaughlin
Lisa Nandy
Ed Owen
Harry Phibbs
Dame Sally Powell
Alexandra Robson
Greg Smith
Frances Stainton
Peter Tobias
Mercy Umeh
Rory Vaughan
Eugenie White

21. MINUTES – 28 JUNE 2006

7.00pm - The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 June 2006 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received from Councillors.

23. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's Announcements were circulated and tabled at the meeting. (Copy attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes).

The Mayor reported the recent death and funeral in London of former Alderman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Mr. Leonard Fenton, and called on the Council to stand for one minute's silence in his memory.

The Mayor drew members' attention to the fact that there was an urgent late report not on the agenda for the meeting which she had decided ought to be considered as report item 6.7 by the council by reason of its urgency and special circumstances, which would be recorded in the minutes at the appropriate point.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting of the council.

25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (20 MINUTES)

7.05pm - The Mayor then called on those members of the public who had submitted questions to the Leader or Cabinet Members to ask their questions:

Question No.1 – Ms.Henrietta Bewley, 4 Ravenscourt Place W6 to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh).

[Copies of the question asked and the reply given are attached at **Appendix 2** to these minutes.]

26. ITEMS FOR DECISION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.07pm – **Treasury Management Outturn Report**

Noted the comments of the Value For Money Scrutiny Committee held on 13th September 2006 tabled at the meeting.

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill.

The report and recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.08pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the borrowing and investment activity for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 be noted.

7.09pm – **Local Development Framework: Statement of Community Involvement**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Nicholas Botterill, seconded by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Councillor Frances Stainton.

A speech on the report were made by Councillor Wesley Harcourt (for the Opposition) before being put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.10pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council adopt the Statement of Community Involvement in planning as amended by the Inspector and include the document in the Council's Local Development Framework.

7.11pm – **Introduction of a Borough-Wide Controlled Drinking Zone**

Noted the comments of the Local Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee held on 19th September 2006 tabled at the meeting.

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour, Councillor Greg Smith, seconded by Councillor Belinda Donovan.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Smith, Homan, Bethell , Vaughan (maiden speech), Belinda Donovan (maiden speech) and Alexandra Robson (maiden speech) before being put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.34pm - **RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposals to implement a Borough- wide controlled drinking area be approved.
2. That the Council hereby makes an Order designating all public places within the Borough (as defined by S.16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001) as places to which S.13 of that Act applies, with effect from 1st November 2006.
3. That the Assistant Director (Safer Communities) be authorised to take all necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the Order by 1st November 2006.

7.35pm – **Pensions Fund Investment Panel – Revised Constitution & Terms of Reference**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton.

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.36pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council approve the Pensions Fund Investment Panel Terms of Reference

7.37pm – **Personnel Appeals Panel / JHSW – replacement of member-level bodies**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton.

On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR - 32

(Councillors Adam, Alford, Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Burley, Chalk, B. Donovan, G. Donovan, Ffiske, Ford, Gore, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Hamilton, Iggulden, Ivimy, A. Johnson, D. Johnson, Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, Phibbs, Robson, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, White)

AGAINST - 13

(Councillors Aherne, Campbell, Cartwright, Cowan, Dickenson, Harcourt, Homan, McLaughlin, Nandy, Owen, Powell, Umeh, Vaughan)

ABSTENTIONS - 1

(The Mayor)

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.38pm - **RESOLVED:**

(1) That, having undertaken consultation, the Joint Health Safety & Welfare Committee be abolished.

(2) That the Council appoints Councillor Mrs. Adronie Alford (Chairman) and Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler as Administration members to the Personnel Appeals Panel, (which will continue in existence *pro tem*) and notes the earlier appointment of Councillor Colin Aherne as the Opposition member on the panel.

(3) That the Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) be authorised and instructed to take all necessary steps to finalise proposals for the abolition of the Personnel Appeals Panel for consideration by Council as soon as practicable.

(4) That the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect the abolition of the Council and Staff Joint Committee, the Job Evaluation Appeals Panel and the Joint Health, Safety and Welfare Committee.

7.39pm – **Approval to seek permissions form the Secretary of State to Grant of Leases to Notting Hill Housing Group of 3c and 21a Bridge Avenue**

The report and recommendation was moved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Adronie Alford, seconded by Councillor Harry Phibbs.

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendation was declared **CARRIED.**

7.40pm - **RESOLVED:**

That the Council authorises and approves (pursuant to Article 4.02(b) of the Council's Constitution) application being made to the Secretary of State for any necessary consents under Sections 32 or 43 of the Housing Act 1985 to give effect to the Cabinet Member for Housing's decision to authorise grant of leases to Notting Hill Housing Group to facilitate purchases under the Social HomeBuy scheme (and any similar future decisions relating to any other dwellings and arising from tenants wishing to purchase their homes under the Social HomeBuy scheme or otherwise).

27. URGENT LATE REPORT

The Mayor advised the Council that she had decided to permit consideration of an urgent late report not on the agenda for the meeting which had previously been circulated to all Councillors and was tabled at the meeting for the following reason:

Reason for urgency

In accordance with S.100B (4) (b) of the Access to Information Act 1985, the report needed to be considered by the Council as a matter of urgency as the Cabinet Member for Education (Councillor Alexandra Robson) had recently decided to formally step down from undertaking that role for personal family reasons, and a decision on the appointment of a successor was required as soon as possible in order that the work of the Executive was not impaired. The next ordinary Council meeting at which this matter could be considered and appointment of a new Executive member made was not scheduled to be held until 31st January 2007 if the matter was not considered at this Council meeting.

7.41pm – Changes to the Executive (Cabinet Members & Portfolios) & other Committee membership Changes

The report and recommendations were moved for adoption by the Leader, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, seconded by the Chief Whip, Councillor Frances Stainton.

Councillor Greenhalgh paid tribute to the work of the Cabinet Member for Education, Councillor Alexandra Robson, who was stepping down from the post for personal family reasons. He welcomed Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler as the new Cabinet Member for Education, together with Councillor Antony Lillis, who was taking over the new Cabinet Portfolio of Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services in lieu of his previous Portfolio of Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Services.

Councillor Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, also welcomed Councillor Brocklebank-Fowler as new Cabinet Member for Education, and wished her predecessor Councillor Robson well for the future.

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED.**

7.45pm - **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler be appointed Cabinet Member for Education in place of Councillor Alexandra Robson with immediate effect.
2. That the revised Portfolios for the Cabinet Member for Education and the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services be approved and adopted.
3. That Councillor Antony Lillis be confirmed as the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services, the previous Cabinet post of Health & Social Services being abolished.
4. That Councillor Jeanette Bentley be appointed as Assistant to the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services.
5. That Councillor Alexandra Robson be appointed to the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Jeanette Bentley.
6. That Councillor Stephen Hamilton be appointed to the Local Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler with immediate effect.

28. SPECIAL MOTIONS

Special Motion No. 1 – Affordable Homes

7.46pm – Councillor Lisa Nandy moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Cowan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council seeks guarantees from the new Conservative Administration that it will not cut the numbers of affordable homes, previously planned to be built by the Labour Administration - which had the best record in London for building affordable homes. It calls on the Conservative Administration to base the affordable homes building programme on the evidence provided by the Housing Needs Survey and hence provide the maximum number of homes to alleviate the

suffering of many of the 9300 people on the housing waiting list and the 1700 people living in temporary accommodation.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillor Lisa Nandy (maiden speech) and Councillor Stephen Cowan

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Adronie Alford moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Hamilton, an amendment to the motion, to delete all words after “This Council” and to insert:

“...congratulates the Conservative Administration’s commitment to maximise the development of affordable housing for a range of incomes and household types. This Council also welcomes the Administration’s drive to promote home ownership and condemns the previous Administration’s failure to build affordable homes of decent quality and for not promoting shared or low-cost home ownership schemes.”

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Alford, Campbell (maiden speech), Hamilton, Greenhalgh, and Cowan before being put to the vote.

On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR - 32

(Councillors Adam, Alford, Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Burley, Chalk, B. Donovan, G.Donovan, Ffiske, Ford, Gore, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Hamilton, Iggulden, Ivimy, A. Johnson, D.Johnson, Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, Phibbs, Robson, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, White)

AGAINST - 13

(Councillors Aherne, Campbell, Cartwright, Cowan, Dickenson, Harcourt, Homan, McLaughlin, Nandy, Owen, Powell, Umeh, Vaughan)

ABSTENTIONS - 1

(The Mayor)

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**

Council Lisa Nandy made a speech winding up the debate before the motion (as amended) was put to the vote.

On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR - 32

(Councillors Adam, Alford, Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Burley, Chalk, B. Donovan, G. Donovan, Ffiske, Ford, Gore, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Hamilton, Iggulden, Ivimy, A. Johnson, D. Johnson, Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, Phibbs, Robson, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, White)

AGAINST - 13

(Councillors Aherne, Campbell, Cartwright, Cowan, Dickenson, Harcourt, Homan, McLaughlin, Nandy, Owen, Powell, Umeh, Vaughan)

ABSTENTIONS - 1

(The Mayor)

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**

8.27pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council congratulates the Conservative Administration's commitment to maximise the development of affordable housing for a range of incomes and household types. This Council also welcomes the Administration's drive to promote home ownership and condemns the previous Administration's failure to build affordable homes of decent quality and for not promoting shared or low-cost home ownership schemes.

29. MOTION THAT AN ITEM OF BUSINESS HAVE PRECEDENCE

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (iii), Councillor Aherne moved, seconded by Councillor Cowan, that Special Motion No.3 – School Governor Criminal Bureau Checks – take precedence. Under the same procedure rule, Councillor Stainton moved, seconded by Councillor D. Johnson, that Special Motions 5 & 6 – Closure of Hammersmith Broadway Post Office and Vans parked off North End Road respectively, also take precedence. The two procedural motions varying the order of business were unanimously agreed with the consent of the Council.

Special Motion No. 3 – School Governor Criminal Records Bureau Checks

8.28pm – Councillor Reg McLaughlin moved, seconded by Councillor Gill Dickenson, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the introduction of Criminal Record Bureau checks for school governors. However, it disagrees with the decision of the Cabinet Member for Education to pass the £36 charge, associated with this, onto individual governors as this is detrimental to governors on low incomes and state pensions. School governors are committed volunteers; giving their time freely and providing a valuable service to our community and it is an insult to seek to charge them for this

activity. This Council, therefore, agrees to overturn that decision and will guarantee that this charge is met from public funds.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors McLaughlin, Dickenson (maiden speech), Robson, and Lillis.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15 (e) (vi), Councillor Alexandra Robson moved, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council” and to insert:

“This Council welcomes the introduction of Criminal Records Bureau checks for school governors.”

A speech on the amendment was made by Councillor Greenhalgh (for the Administration) before it was put to the vote:

FOR -	32
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	13

The amendment was declared **CARRIED**

Councillor Cowan made a speech winding up the debate before the motion (as amended) was put to the vote:

On a request for names to be recorded, a roll-call vote was taken:

FOR	- 45
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(Councillors Adam, Aherne, Alford, Bentley, Bethell, Binmore, Botterill, Bristow, Brocklebank-Fowler, Burley, Campbell, Cartwright, Chalk, Cowan, Dickenson, B.Donovan, G.Donovan, Ffiske, Ford, Gore, Greenhalgh, Gugen, Harcourt, Hamilton, Homan, Iggulden, Ivimy, A.Johnson, D.Johnson, Karmel, Law, Lillis, Loveday, McLaughlin, Nandy, Owen, Phibbs, Powell, Robson, Smith, Stainton, Tobias, Umeh, Vaughan, White)

AGAINST	- 0
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ABSTENTIONS	- 1
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(The Mayor)

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED.**

8.55 pm - **RESOLVED:**

This Council welcomes the introduction of Criminal Records Bureau checks for school governors.

Special Motion No. 5 – Closure of Hammersmith Broadway Post office

8.56pm - Councillor Paul Bristow moved, seconded by Councillor Caroline Ffiske, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council vigorously opposes the decision of the Post Office to close the Hammersmith Broadway post office;

Condemns the poor democratic consultation that took place and the plans to move vital services from this busy branch to the W.H.Smith store in King’s Mall;

Notes that this is the latest in a relentless strategy of closing branches in the Borough by the Post Office and the Labour Government;

Further notes that the impact of this decision will be felt most acutely by local residents with disabilities, the elderly and vulnerable members of the community;

And resolves to campaign to press the Post Office and the Labour Government to reverse this decision in partnership with local residents, Greg Hands MP, and community interest groups.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Bristow and Ffiske (maiden speech)

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, an amendment to the motion to:

delete paragraph 3 and to insert:

“Notes that the Post Office is making substantial profits and no economic case exists for moving this well-used facility from the centre of Hammersmith Broadway Ward.”

and in paragraph 5 first line – delete the words “....and the Labour Government” and in the second line – after “residents”, insert “ward councillors”.

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Cowan, Cartwright and Tobias (maiden speech) before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

Councillor Bristow made a closing speech winding up the debate before the motion (as amended) was put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.23 pm - **RESOLVED**:

This Council vigorously opposes the decision of the Post Office to close the Hammersmith Broadway post office;

Condemns the poor democratic consultation that took place and the plans to move vital services from this busy branch to the W.H.Smith store in King's Mall;

Notes that this is the latest in a relentless strategy of closing branches in the Borough by the Post Office;

Further notes that the impact of this decision will be felt most acutely by local residents with disabilities, the elderly and vulnerable members of the community;

And resolves to campaign to press the Post Office to reverse this decision in partnership with local residents, ward councillors, Greg Hands MP, and community interest groups.

Special Motion No.6 – Vans parked off North End Road

9.24pm – Councillor Aiden Burley moved, seconded by Councillor Rachel Ford, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council notes that for a long time there has been a problem with vans being permanently parked on the side roads leading off the North End Road. These have been allowed to fester, and in many cases, become grafittied, vandalised, rendered un-roadworthy and in some cases even untaxed! This Council supports the recently amended parking regulations, supported by a petition of over 120 local residents, which ensures that this abuse of the highway can no longer continue. This Council welcomes the fact that already over half the vans have been removed, and that this major issue of concern to local residents of Fulham Broadway has been so quickly and effectively dealt with under the new administration.”

Speeches on the motion were made by Councillors Burley (maiden speech), Ford (maiden speech), Cartwright, and Botterill before the motion was put to the vote:

FOR	- 31
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 14.

The motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.39pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes that for a long time there has been a problem with vans being permanently parked on the side roads leading off the North End Road. These have been allowed to fester, and in many cases, become grafittied, vandalised, rendered un-roadworthy and in some cases even untaxed! This Council supports the recently amended parking regulations, supported by a petition of over 120 local residents, which ensures that this abuse of the highway can no longer continue. This Council welcomes the fact that already over half the vans have been removed, and that this major issue of concern to local residents of Fulham Broadway has been so quickly and effectively dealt with under the new administration.”

Special Motion No. 2 – Borough-Wide Controlled Drinking Area

9.40pm - Councillor Lisa Homan moved, seconded by Councillor Rory Vaughan, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council fully supports the introduction of a borough-wide controlled drinking area in Hammersmith and Fulham and calls on the Council to ensure the effective co-ordination between the police, the Council’s Homelessness Unit, Broadway, and health care services to ensure that this policy is part of a long term successful solution to the problem of street drinking and anti-social behaviour.”

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Greg Smith moved, seconded by Councillor Belinda Donovan, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “Hammersmith and Fulham” in the motion.

Speeches on the amendment were made by Councillors Homan, Smith, Vaughan and Cowan before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- 31
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 14.

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

The motion (as amended) was then put to the vote:

FOR	- Unanimous
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 0.

The substantive motion was declared **CARRIED**

9.53 pm - **RESOLVED**:

This Council fully supports the introduction of a borough-wide controlled drinking area in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Special Motion No. 4 – Polish Community in the Borough

9.54pm – Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Michael Cartwright, the special motion standing in their names:

“This Council welcomes the positive contribution that Poles and other minority ethnic communities have made to the economic and social wellbeing of Hammersmith and Fulham. The Polish community is a long-established part of the Borough and like other recent incomers, who have taken advantage of the enlargement of the European Union, have helped start new businesses, create jobs and add to our vibrant local culture. This Council therefore urges the Conservative Administration to recognise its responsibilities to promote harmonious community relations when seeking to find reasons to explain their difficulties in carrying out their manifesto promise both to cut taxes and improve council services.”

Under Council Procedure Rule 15(e)(vi), Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, an amendment to the motion to delete all words after “This Council” and insert:

“...welcomes the positive contribution that Poles and other minority ethnic communities have made to the economic and social well-being of Hammersmith & Fulham. The Polish community is a long-established part of the Borough and like other recent incomers who have taken advantage of the enlargement of the European Union, have helped start new businesses, create jobs and added to our vibrant local culture.

The Council regrets the Government’s systematic under-estimation of the Borough’s population statistics, including the under-reporting of migration from EU accession states.

This Council welcomes:

(a) The Administration’s “fair deal” campaign for a full reconsideration of population statistics and fair funding of services to help support the new residents from EU accession states.

(b) The support for the “fair deal” campaign received from the Polish Cultural Centre and Local Government Association.

This Council resolves to call on all Councillors and both local MP’s to back its “fair deal” campaign on a cross-party basis and to lobby Central Government in support.”

A speech on the amendment was made by Councillor Cowan (for the Opposition) before the amendment was put to the vote:

FOR	- 31
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 14.

The amendment to the motion was declared **CARRIED**

The motion (as amended) was then put to the vote.

FOR	-31
AGAINST	- 0
ABSTENTIONS	- 14

The motion as amended was declared **CARRIED**

9.59pm – **RESOLVED:**

This Council welcomes the positive contribution that Poles and other minority ethnic communities have made to the economic and social well-being of Hammersmith & Fulham. The Polish community is a long-established part of the Borough and like other recent incomers who have taken advantage of the enlargement of the European Union, have helped start new businesses, create jobs and added to our vibrant local culture.

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(b) The support for the "fair deal" campaign received from the Polish Cultural Centre and Local Government Association.

This Council resolves to call on all Councillors and both local MP's to back its "fair deal" campaign on a cross-party basis and to lobby Central Government in support.

Special Motion No. 7 – Tackling Teenage Pregnancies in the Borough

With the consent of the Council, this motion was withdrawn

Special Motion No. 8 – Ravenscourt Park Hospital

With the consent of the Council, this motion was withdrawn

30. INFORMATION REPORTS TO COUNCIL (IF ANY)

There were no information reports to this meeting of the Council.

* * * * * CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS * * * * *

Meeting ended: 10.00p.m. - Wednesday, 20 September 2006.

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MAYOR

APPENDIX 1

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
THE MAYOR**

1. I am sure everyone shares my sadness to hear of the death in London of former Mayor, Mr Leonard George Fenton. Leonard Fenton was elected to serve as alderman of the Metropolitan Borough of Fulham in 1953. In June 1954 he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Law and Parliamentary Committee, and in June 1955 he was appointed Chairman of the Civic Recreation Committee. He served as Deputy Mayor in 1957-58 and Mayor in 1958-59

I invite members to stand for a minute's silence in his memory.

2. On 29th June, I attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast, Ibis Hotel, Lillie Road SW6
3. On 29th June, I was delighted to attend the opening ceremony of Cambridge School Sensory Garden, Cambridge Grove, W6
4. On 29th June, Lord Mayor of Westminster annual reception for all London Borough Mayors', Westminster City Hall, SW1
5. On 30th June, I attended the Metropolitan Gardens Association AGM, Beckenham Park Mansion, SE6
6. On 1st July, I was delighted to attend the opening of the Parsons Green Fair, Parsons Green, SW6
7. On 2nd July, I was delighted to attend Lilla Huset 'Focus on Fulham' event, The Lilla Huset centre, Talgarth Road, W6
8. On 2nd July, I attended a photo-call at the Mini World Cup, which was part of the Hammersmith & Fulham Festival, Hurlingham Park, SW6
9. On 2nd July, I attended the Mayor of Brent annual service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the Sickle Cell Society, St Marks Church - All Souls Ave NW10
10. On 5th July, I was delighted to attend The High Sheriff of Greater London, Dr Khalid Hameed CBE, Multi Faith Observance Service, St Margaret's Church Westminster Abbey, SW1
11. On 6th July, I was delighted to attend the Greatest Egg and Spoon Stilt Race on Earth attempted by Albert and Friends, Melcombe Primary School and Fulham Primary School for a Guinness World Record, Furnival Gardens, W6

12. On 6th July, I attended the anniversary celebration since winning the Olympics 2012 bid, Trafalgar Square
13. On 6th July, I attended the Bush Theatre's Annual Gymkhana Regatta Jamboree Garden Party, Fulham Palace Garden Centre, SW6
14. On 7th July, accompanied by my consort, I was honoured to attend H&F annual schools' sports day ceremony and present medals to the winners, Assembly Hall, HTH
15. On 7th July, I attended the NDC Community Chest Awards, Queens Club, W14
16. On 8th July, I was delighted to attend the London Youth Games, Crystal Palace National Stadium
17. On 11th July, Albert & Friends International Youth Circus 'Opening Gala', Riverside Studios, W6
18. On 12th July, accompanied by my consort, I attended the retirement service for Rev Dr John Moses Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, EC4
19. On 14th July, I attended Bridge Academy Celebration Day, Finley St, SW6
20. On 14th July, I attended Lamda, Diploma Presentations, Logan Place, W8
21. On 15th July, I attended the Sports Relief fun day, Fulham Broadway Shopping Centre, SW6
22. On 17th July, accompanied by my consort, I was delighted to present a plaque to Fulham's longest serving hairdressers Dino's, Jerdan Place, SW6
23. On 18th July, I was delighted to attend Bridge Academy Art Exhibition, Bridge Academy, SW6
24. On 20th July, I attended the 80th celebration of the Hammersmith Rotary Club, Polish Centre, W6
25. On 21st July, I was delighted to attend a retirement party, Jack Tizard School, South Africa Road, W12
26. On 22nd July, I attended the Central Association of Nigerians in the UK cultural event, Linford Christine Stadium, W12
27. On 25th July, I attended the Fulham Good Neighbour Service AGM, 70 Rosaline Road SW6
28. On 26th July, I attended Bishop Creighton House Settlement Summer Party, Bishop Creighton House, SW6

29. On 28th July, I was delighted to attend Diamond Jubilee Inland Waterways Association canal trip on board the Paddington Arm, Mitre Bridge, Scrubbs Lane, W12
30. On 28th July, I attended and presented certificates at the Metropolitan Police Community Football Scheme competition, Hurlingham Park, SW6
31. On 1st August, I was delighted to attend and participate in HAFAD reading evening and the production of the talking newspaper, HAFAD, Greswell Street, SW6
32. on 1st August, I was delighted to attend Sir Bobby Moore Charity Fund Raiser, held at IL Pacciano Italian restaurant, Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6
33. On 2nd August, I attended and launched the balloons at the H&F Play Day, Ravenscourt Park, W6
34. On 5th August, I attended the H&F Day Care Clients & Carers Summer Garden Party, Stevenage Road Day Centre, SW6
35. On 12th August, I was honoured to attend the service and lay a wreath on behalf of the Borough at the Metropolitan Police Commemoration Ceremony, to mark the 40th Anniversary of the three Policemen who gave their lives in the line of duty, Braybrook Street, W12
36. On 6th September, I attended Cllr Stephen Greenhalgh, Council Leader 's reception for various businesses in the borough, Queen's Club, President's room, Palliser Road, W14
37. On 7th September, I was honoured to attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Borough at the Metropolitan Police Ceremony of Remembrance, Hendon
38. On 7th September, I attended the Thames Strategy 'End of Summer' evening river cruise, Dove Pier, Furnivall Gardens, W6
39. On 8th September, I attended the London In Bloom Awards 2006. H&F received only a bronze award, the 2006 Discretionary Award. Awards in our borough:- the BBC Plaza, White City, won the London in Bloom Cleary Award and St Georges, Fulham, won Best London Commercial Premises Award. The Awards were held at the England Room, The Brit Oval, Surrey County Cricket Club, Kennington Oval
40. On 14th September, accompanied by Cllr Anthony Lillis, we were delighted to attend and launch BGOP booklet 'Guide for Services' for our borough pensioners, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
41. On 16th September, I was delighted to attend 34 Flanchford Road, which formed part of the Open House week, W12

42. On 16th September, I was delighted to attend the home of Emery Walker, printer antiquary and mentor of William Morris, 7 Hammersmith Terrace, which formed part of the Open House week, W6
43. On 16th September, I attended a tour of BBC TV Centre, which formed part of the Open House week, W12
44. On 16th September, I attended a tour of BBC White City, Media Centre, which formed part of the Open House week, W12
45. On 16th September, I attended the launch of Westfield White City Retail Development, Natural History Museum, SW7
46. On 19th September, I attended LB Bromley event held at Down House.
47. Since 5th July, accompanied by my consort, I have attended 9 Citizenship Ceremonies during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Fulham Town Hall, SW6

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 20 SEPTEMBER 2006

Question by: Henrietta Bewley, 4 Ravenscourt Place, W6 0UN

to the: Leader

QUESTION

Has the new administration brought in a recruitment freeze, or are they planning to do so; how many unfilled vacancies are there, and in which Departments; and which Departments have reductions in staff relative to last year, and how much are those reductions?

REPLY

Part One

- The administration has set up a panel to actively manage the filling of vacant posts. It is not a freeze, it is an opportunity to challenge structures and assumptions, ensuring that delivery is maximised by making best use of existing resources.
- The existence of the panel has had an immediate impact on managers' reactions to filling posts: a rigorous assessment is now made at departmental level and alternatives to recruitment are identified, thus further limiting the filling of posts and increasing the productivity of council staff.
- This process also ensures the jobs that are recruited to are focused on delivering targeted, efficient services to the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham.

Part Two

- The Council is re-examining existing information to ensure that vacancies are accurately reflected on the Council's HR database.
- All unfilled vacancies that cannot be justified will be deleted.

Part Three

- Staff reductions: Departmental reorganisation in April 2006 means we cannot compare with the position 12 months ago.
- However, the size of the Council's workforce overall has reduced slightly (by 25 full time equivalents between March and June 2006).

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URGENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

6.7

20 SEPTEMBER 2006

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET
MEMBERS & PORTFOLIOS) & OTHER
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

WARDS
All

Reason for Urgency

In accordance with S.100B (4) (b) of the Access to Information Act 1985, this report needs to be considered by the Council as a matter of urgency as the Cabinet Member for Education (Councillor Alexandra Robson) has recently decided to formally step down from undertaking that role for personal family reasons, and a decision on the appointment of a successor is required as soon as possible in order that the work of the Executive is not to be impaired. The next ordinary Council meeting at which this matter could be considered and appointment of a new Executive member made is not scheduled to be held until 31st January 2007 if the matter is not considered at this Council meeting.

Summary

This report details changes which need to be made to the membership of the Executive (Cabinet), and revisions to the Cabinet Member Portfolios brought about in anticipation of legislative changes. The report also details other minor changes to Committee memberships required as a corollary.

CONTRIBUTORS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ACE (PP)

- 1. That Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler be appointed Cabinet Member for Education in place of Councillor Alexandra Robson with immediate effect.**
- 2. That the revised Portfolios for the Cabinet Member for Education and the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services be approved and adopted.**

- 3. That Councillor Antony Lillis be confirmed as the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services, the previous Cabinet post of Health & Social Services being abolished.**
- 4. That Councillor Jeanette Bentley be appointed as Assistant to the Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services.**
- 5. That Councillor Alexandra Robson be appointed to the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Jeanette Bentley.**
- 6. That Councillor Stephen Hamilton be appointed to the Local Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler with immediate effect.**

Background

1. As a result of legislative changes to be brought about by the Children Act 2004, it is necessary to amend and redraft the Portfolios of the Cabinet Member for Education and Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services.
2. S.19(1) of the Children Act prescribes the role of “Lead Member for Children’s Services”, which in statutory terms, includes :

"a) education services - the authority's functions in its capacity as education authority, except those excluded under Section 18(3) of the Act (namely certain functions relating to education, higher education and adult education);

b) social services - the authority's social services functions within the meaning of the Local Authorities Social Services Act 1970 insofar as they relate to children, and the authority's functions in relation to children and young people leaving care;

c) health services - any health-related functions exercised on behalf of a National Health Service body under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 insofar as they relate to children; and

d) inter-agency co-operation - the new functions of the Child Support Agency set out in the Act, in particular leading and building and leading the arrangements for inter-agency co-operation."

Whilst S.19 has not yet been brought into force the statutory guidance issued under the 2004 Act suggests that most local authorities should have appointed a lead member by the end of 2006 and all by 2008. The Council already has the discretion to appoint a member to fulfil this role and by taking the decision now the Council will meet the expectations of the guidance.
3. The new statutory duty is a complex role cutting across both of the previous Cabinet Member Portfolios. The span of responsibility is very large, and coupled with adult health and social care responsibilities, it is felt better to retain a separate Cabinet Member for Education post with a shared responsibility for undertaking work on this area, although the primary responsibility for this work would lie with the new Cabinet Member for Community & Children’s Services. The Cabinet Member for Education would, in effect, take decisions in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Community & Children’s Services, although he would retain a reserve power to act, in relation to the duties set out in the Cabinet Member for Education’s Portfolio, in his own right at his absolute discretion.
4. The two Cabinet Member Portfolios have accordingly been revised and updated to accommodate the above changes, and copies of the revised Portfolios for the two Cabinet members affected are **attached** to this report. The previous Cabinet member post of “Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services” has effectively been abolished and replaced by a new Cabinet post of “Cabinet Member for Community & Children’s Services”.

Other matters

5. Independently of this development, the current Cabinet member for Education, Councillor Alexandra Robson, has recently indicated that she wishes to step down from undertaking the duties of her Cabinet post for personal family reasons which will take her out of the country in future. Accordingly, it has been decided to appoint Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler as her replacement as Cabinet Member for Education.
6. It is intended that Councillor Antony Lillis take up the portfolio of Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services in lieu of his previous portfolio of Health & Social Services, and in this regard, it has been decided to appoint Councillor Jeanette Bentley as Assistant to the Cabinet Member.
7. As a consequence of this, Councillor Alexandra Robson will replace Councillor Bentley on the Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect.

Comments of the Head of Legal Services

8. Cabinet appointments and changes to portfolios can under the Council's constitution only be dealt with by Full Council.
9. The Council may consider an urgent report which is not on the published agenda provided that the Mayor is of the opinion that by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, she is of the opinion that the matter should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. The special circumstances and reasons for urgency are set out above.
10. The provisions of S.19 of the Children Act 2004 and the statutory guidance are outlined above.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of Holder of File/Copy	Department/ Location
1.	Council Constitution	John Cheong Ext. 2062	Room 203 2 nd Floor Town Hall

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND PORTFOLIOS

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Executive councillors at LB Hammersmith & Fulham are appointed by the full council to provide clear and visible leadership and political accountability for the services and activities covered by their portfolios.

These roles include:

- leading the community planning process and the search for best value, with input and advice from overview and scrutiny committees and other interested parties;
- leading the preparation of the council's policies and budget;
- taking in-year decisions on resources and priorities to deliver and implement the budget and policies decided by full council;
- working closely with residents, amenity societies and resident and tenant associations, along with the local strategic partnership (Borough Partnership), to deliver the highest quality services at the lowest cost to the council taxpayer.

Executive councillors work to the same national code of conduct as all members of the council. The manner in which they carry out these roles, in relation to the council's directors and senior management, is governed by a code set out in Part 5 of this constitution.

Functions

The generic functions that are common to the Leader, Deputy Leader and all Cabinet Members, who collectively make up the executive, are defined as follows:

1. To be responsible for ensuring that the objectives set by the council and by the executive in respect of their portfolio are met, and that adequate systems are in place to monitor performance against those objectives.
2. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on key decisions relating to their portfolio ('key decisions' being defined by Article 13 of this constitution).
3. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on proposals in relation to the council's Budget and Policy Framework, on matters relating to their portfolio. (Such proposals may be initial or final, before or after consideration by relevant scrutiny panels in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework rules set out in this constitution).
4. To arrange for appropriate consultation on proposed key decisions as published in the council's forward plan, with relevant scrutiny committees, and with partner bodies and parties outside the council.
5. To take decisions on matters within their portfolio other than those defined as 'key decisions', ensuring that these are properly considered, reported, and recorded in

accordance with paragraph 20 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this constitution.

6. To receive budgetary control reports for services and activities within their portfolio, and to take action necessary to control the budget of those services within the council's approved Budget and Policy Framework.
7. Where an Executive Member is absent or has a prejudicial interest in a matter or is otherwise unable to act decisions in respect of matters within his or her portfolio may be taken by the Leader (or the Deputy Leader in the case of the Leader) or by the Cabinet.

Executive councillors do **not** have powers to take decisions on:

- functions defined by LGA 2000 as the responsibility of the full council (see Article 4);
- functions delegated to regulatory or quasi-judicial bodies (see Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions) or any other functions defined by regulations as non-executive functions;
- functions delegated by the council exclusively to officers (see Part 3 –General Scheme of Delegation).

Scope of portfolio – Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services

The portfolio covers the following areas:

- 1.1 The Authority's Social Services policies and strategic plans.
- 1.2 Meeting the Authority's statutory functions under the Children Act (1989), NHS and Community Care Act (1990), Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and other appropriate legislation.
- 1.3 Ensuring that the needs of vulnerable adults and children are met.
- 1.4 The development, monitoring and implementation of Authority's strategic policies in respect of social inclusion. The development, monitoring and implementation of the Authority's Voluntary Sector strategy, including any council-wide conditions applied to grant aid or funding by the Authority.
- 1.5 Determining applications for financial assistance from voluntary sector and community organisations within the Borough that fall within this portfolio.
- 1.6 The promotion of health education and public awareness of health issues within the Borough and implementation and monitoring of projects and services in relation to public health provision.
- 1.7 Consultation with the agencies and voluntary organisations concerned with public health matters in the Borough, and to encourage and support the development of such organisations.

- 1.8 The establishment of partnerships and other forms of collaborative working with the Health authorities to develop and monitor joint programmes and other projects and services relating to public health provision and education within the Borough.
- 1.9 The development and implementation of community development projects in pursuance of social services objectives.
- 1.10 Developing and monitoring service provision in respect of residential facilities, provided for the care of children, older people chronically sick, disabled people, people with learning disabilities, people affected/effectuated by HIV/Aids and people with mental health needs.
- 1.11 The administration of the AIDS Support Grant, Mental Health Grant, Promoting Independence and Carers' Grant and other specific Department of Health Grants for the provision of social services.
- 1.12 The development of joint working, including joint commissioning of services with the Health authorities and trusts for the provision of social and health care.
- 1.13 Representing the council's views on matters of corporate or strategic policy and any other matters which are within these terms of reference.
- 1.14 The development, monitoring and implementation of the Authority's strategy in respect of better government for older people and people with disabilities.
- 1.15 Responsibility for policy and practice for the voluntary and community sector including grants.
- 1.16 Appointing or nominating and where appropriate removing the Authority's representatives on appropriate organisations that fall within this portfolio.
- 1.17 Appointing councillors to the authority's Adoption Panel in accordance with the Adoption Legislation and Regulations.

2 The Cabinet Member has power in the following areas but is shared with the Cabinet Member for Education where indicated with an asterisk(*). However the Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services takes the leading role and gives overall direction and the powers and authority are formally vested within this portfolio (see also the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Education).

- 2.1 The role of 'Lead Member for Children's Services' as designated under Section 19(1) of the Children Act 2004 and described as follows in statutory guidance:
 - "a) education services - the authority's functions in its capacity as education authority, except those excluded under Section 18(3) of the Act (namely certain functions relating to education, higher education and adult education);*
 - b) social services - the authority's social services functions within the meaning of the Local Authorities Social Services Act 1970 insofar as they relate to

children, and the authority's functions in relation to children and young people leaving care;

c) health services - any health-related functions exercised on behalf of a National Health Service body under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 insofar as they relate to children; and

d) inter-agency co-operation - the new functions of the Child Support Agency set out in the Act, in particular leading and building and leading the arrangements for inter-agency co-operation."

The above functions incorporate:

- the Council's role as 'corporate parent', including assistance to young people who have been looked after beyond their 16th birthday, where circumstances justify;*
- fostering and adoption services;
- social services to children and young people with HIV/AIDS and/or those with drug or alcohol problems;
- the Council's responsibilities towards unaccompanied asylum seeking children;
- the Council's regulatory duties in relation to children's social services;
- ensuring that families with social care needs experience a 'joined-up' service;
- the development of Children's Centres;*
- setting the overall direction in relation to the Council's funding of, and support to, schools;*
- the Council's interest in nursery and 'early years' education, learning out of school hours, play and subsidised and unsubsidised childcare;*
- partnership working with the National Health Service to promote the interests of children and their families, including decision-making on such matters at the Joint Health Partnership Board;
- the Youth Offending Team and the youth justice matters;
- the Council's youth services and its encouragement of other services to young people;*
- as 'Young People's Champion' furthering the Council's commitment to the involvement of young people in decision-making processes where appropriate;*
- sports activities for children and young people;*and

- the Council's relationship with the 'Connexions' service for young people offering support and career guidance (or any successor service)*.

2.2 The Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services may also exercise all the functions of the Cabinet Member for Education set out in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.10 of the Education Portfolio either in his own right or in conjunction or in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education in his absolute discretion.

Note: for the purposes of estimate preparation, monitoring and control and staffing/ industrial relations issues, this Cabinet Member is responsible for the following:

In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing

Director of Community Services

In conjunction with all Cabinet Members

Chief Executive

In conjunction with Cabinet member for Education

Director of Children's Services

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EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND PORTFOLIOS

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

Executive councillors at LB Hammersmith & Fulham are appointed by the full council to provide clear and visible leadership and political accountability for the services and activities covered by their portfolios.

These roles include:

- leading the community planning process and the search for best value, with input and advice from overview and scrutiny committees and other interested parties;
- leading the preparation of the council's policies and budget;
- taking in-year decisions on resources and priorities to deliver and implement the budget and policies decided by full council;
- working closely with residents, amenity societies and resident and tenant associations, along with the local strategic partnership (Borough Partnership), to deliver the highest quality services at the lowest cost to the council taxpayer.

Executive councillors work to the same national code of conduct as all members of the council. The manner in which they carry out these roles, in relation to the council's directors and senior management, is governed by a code set out in Part 5 of this constitution.

Functions

The generic functions that are common to the Leader, Deputy Leader and all Cabinet Members, who collectively make up the executive, are defined as follows.

1. To be responsible for ensuring that the objectives set by the council and by the executive in respect of their portfolio are met, and that adequate systems are in place to monitor performance against those objectives.
2. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on key decisions relating to their portfolio ('key decisions' being defined by Article 13 of this constitution).
3. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on proposals in relation to the council's Budget and Policy Framework, on matters relating to their portfolio. (Such proposals may be initial or final, before or after consideration by relevant scrutiny committees in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework rules set out in this constitution).
4. To arrange for appropriate consultation on proposed key decisions as published in the council's forward plan, with relevant scrutiny committees, and with partner bodies and parties outside the council.
5. To take decisions on matters within their portfolio other than those defined as 'key decisions', ensuring that these are properly considered, reported, and recorded in

accordance with paragraph 20 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this constitution.

6. To receive budgetary control reports for services and activities within their portfolio, and to take action necessary to control the budget of those services within the council's approved Budget and Policy Framework.
7. Where an executive councillor is absent or has a prejudicial interest in a matter or is otherwise unable to act decisions in respect of matters within his or her portfolio may be taken by the Leader (or the Deputy Leader in the case of the Leader) or by the Cabinet.

Executive councillors do **not** have powers to take decisions on:

- functions defined by LGA 2000 as the responsibility of the full council (see Article 4);
- functions delegated to regulatory or quasi-judicial bodies (see Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions) or any other functions defined by regulations as non-executive functions;
- functions delegated by the council exclusively to officers (see Part 3 –General Scheme of Delegation).

Scope of portfolio – Cabinet Member for Education

This portfolio covers the following areas, although the lead shall be taken by the Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services, within whose portfolio the powers and authority are formally vested, and to whom the Cabinet Member for Education shall be accountable:

- 1.1 Strategic policy in respect of the Education, school extended services, youth and Connexions, adult education (incorporating local learning and skills), and libraries services.
- 1.2 Strategic policy in respect of raising school standards.
- 1.3 Consultation and liaison on educational matters with staff, parents, governors, pupils/students and other users, Government departments and other interested parties.
- 1.4 The budget allocation to schools and other establishments within the Education service with reference to rules laid down in the Scheme for Fair Funding of Schools as appropriate.
- 1.5 Developing and maintaining positive links, relationships and partnerships with local agencies and businesses to deliver all aspects of the service.
- 1.6 Appointing or nominating and where appropriate removing the Authority's representatives on appropriate organisations (including school governing bodies) that fall within this portfolio.

- 1.7 The Authority's arts strategy
 - 1.8 The Authority's sports strategy .
 - 1.9 Determining applications for financial assistance from voluntary sector and community organisations within the Borough that fall within this portfolio.
 - 1.10 The development, implementation and monitoring of the Authority's early years strategy.
 - 1.11 All the above functions shall be exercised in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Community and Children's services
- 2. Area in which power is shared with the Chief Whip and Cabinet Member for Regeneration**

2.1 Developing the Authority's capacity to offer training (incorporating Local Learning and Skills), work experience and employment opportunities to unemployed Borough residents.

Note: for the purposes of estimate preparation, monitoring and control and staffing/industrial relations issues, this Cabinet Member is responsible for the following:

In conjunction with Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services
Director of Director of Children's Services & Department

In conjunction with all Cabinet Members
Chief Executive

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