

# Cabinet

## Minutes

Monday 10 October 2011

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader  
Councillor Nicholas Botterill, Deputy Leader (+Environment and Asset Management)  
Councillor Helen Binmore, Cabinet Member for Children's Services  
Councillor Harry Phibbs, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement  
Councillor Andrew Johnson, Cabinet Member for Housing  
Councillor Greg Smith, Cabinet Member for Residents Services

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Caroline Needham

#### **76. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2011**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 September 2011 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

#### **77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carlebach and Loveday.

#### **78. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **79. NEW CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

The Leader announced that the post of Bi-borough Executive Director (previously known as Executive Director 'B' in the Bi-borough Environment Services proposals) will be entitled Bi-borough Executive Director of Transportation and Technical Services (para. 2.2 of the report).

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That approval is given to the new structure as set out in section 2 of this report.
2. That Full Council be recommended to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the new job titles and job roles.

### **Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

### **Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

### **Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

## **80. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME, HOUSING REVENUE CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12 - MONTH 4 AMENDMENTS**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the changes to the capital programme as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
2. That the changes to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue budgets as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

### **Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

### **Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

### **Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

## **81. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TAXICARD SCHEME**

With the permission of the Leader, Councillor Needham addressed Cabinet about the use of Taxicards for health-related journeys. While accepting that Taxicards were not designed to be used for this purpose, Councillor Needham pointed out that many people did use them for hospital and other health-related journeys. If the 30% of Taxicard trips made for health-related purposes were instead made by hospital or other transport, the resultant savings could be used to make the Taxicard scheme more generous. Councillor Needham felt that an opportunity had been missed to relieve pressure on the Taxicard scheme by negotiating with hospital transport providers.

Councillor Binmore pointed out that there were other means of making health-related journeys.

The Leader commented that Councillor Needham's point was well-made. Innovative ways of reducing costs would be needed, and delaying the introduction of further cost-saving measures until April 2014 would allow discussion to take place with other transport providers, including health partners.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the minimum user charge be increased by £1 per trip from £1.50 to £2.50 from January 2012.
2. That the Council's subsidy contribution be reduced by £2 per trip from January 2012.
3. That the automatic eligibility criteria be expanded and non-automatic eligibility from January 2012 be removed, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
4. That in response to the public consultation, to maintain double swiping until April 2014.
5. That in response to the public consultation, to maintain the current annual trip limit until April 2014 when a monthly trip limit of 8 trips per month, as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report, will be introduced.
6. That the eligibility of Taxicard users be reviewed and send the Taxicard database to the national fraud initiative every two years be approved.
7. That any unused contingency be carried over in the Taxicard scheme budget until 2014/15 be approved.
8. That the Leader transfers Cabinet responsibility for the Taxicard scheme from the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Residents Services under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

9. That the Leader transfers responsibility for the Taxicard scheme from the Director of Children's Services to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**82. DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORMHOLT AND WHITE CITY COLLABORATIVE CARE CENTRE AND HOUSING SCHEME LAND DISPOSAL AND SWAP**

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposed swap of land within Wormholt Park with land at Sawley Road and Bryony Road as detailed in Appendix 2 (as amended) of the report be approved.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**83. LBHF AND RBKC RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REVISED PREVENT STRATEGY**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Government's revised Prevent Strategy and its objectives be noted.
2. That the work with the Home Office and RBKC to develop a Prevent Programme be approved.

3. That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents Services, signs off the Council's Prevent Programme and use of any funding allocated to the borough for 2011/12 and 2012/13 by the Home Office.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**84. THE CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BISHOPS PARK CAFE**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**85. AWARD TO THE LOWEST TENDERER FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS AT: RIVERSIDE GARDENS BLOCKS A-Q (1-171) AND S-T (180-199)**

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given to place an order in the sum of £292,796 to Ayerst Environmental Ltd for the removal of asbestos to the roof compartments of selected blocks situated at Riverside Gardens.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**86. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH TASK GROUP**

**RESOLVED:**

That approval be given to the Executive Response to the Children's Oral Health Task Group set out at Appendix 1 and that Cabinet commend the Task Group report and recommendations to the NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) for consideration.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

**87. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS**

The Forward Plan was noted.

**88. SUMMARY OF OPEN DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS, AND REPORTED TO CABINET FOR INFORMATION**

The summary was noted.

**89. SUMMARY OF URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER, REPORTED TO THE CABINET FOR INFORMATION**

The summary was noted.

**90. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of a person (including the authority) as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

[The following is a public summary of the exempt information under S.100C (2) of the Local Government Act 1972. Exempt minutes exist as a separate document.]

**91. EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2011(E)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 September 2011 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

**92. THE CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF BISHOPS PARK CAFE : EXEMPT ASPECTS (E)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the recommendation of the exempt report be approved.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

93. **AWARD TO THE LOWEST TENDERER FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS AT AT RIVERSIDE GARDENS BLOCKS A-Q (1-171) AND S-T (180-199) : EXEMPT ASPECTS (E)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

**Reason for decision:**

As set out in the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As outlined in the report.

**Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:**

None.

94. **SUMMARY OF EXEMPT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS, AND REPORTED TO CABINET FOR INFORMATION (E)**

The summary was noted.

95. **SUMMARY OF EXEMPT URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER, AND REPORTED TO THE CABINET FOR INFORMATION**

The summary was noted.

Meeting started: 19.00  
Meeting ended: 19.20

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