

Cabinet

Minutes



Monday 3 June 2024

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PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council
Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology
Councillor Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for The Economy
Councillor Sharon Holder, Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Lead Member for Inclusive Community Engagement and Co-production
Councillor Rebecca Harvey, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety
Councillor Bora Kwon, Cabinet Member for Civic Renewal
Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform
Councillor Alex Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Children and Education
Councillor Frances Umeh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Adronie Alford

1. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2024

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 May 2024 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ben Coleman.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

4. HATE CRIME STRATEGY 2024-2028

Councillor Rebecca Harvey, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety, introduced the report. This strategy's four main objectives were to prevent hate crime and increase community cohesion, increase trust to encourage reporting of hate crimes, provide effective support to those affected and to take coordinated action against perpetrators. The rise in Antisemitic and Islamophobic offences in London since the start of the conflict in the Middle East, highlighted the need for greater community cohesion and support for victims and witnesses of hate crime.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CABINET MEMBERS:

That Cabinet approves the contents and publication of Hammersmith & Fulham's Hate Crime Strategy 2024 – 2028.

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.

5. AMENDMENTS TO FIXED PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES TO BE ISSUED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Councillor Rebecca Harvey, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety, introduced the report proposing some minor amendments to the Cabinet report approved on 4 December 2017, which set out the Fixed Penalty Notices charges for Littering and Fly tipping offences.

Councillor Adronie Alford stated that residents should not be penalised for litter dropped from plastic bags on their gardens by rubbish collectors during collection.

The Leader agreed that this had been a frustrating issue, but it was decreasing since a new contractor had been appointed. It would decrease even more significantly by replacing plastic bags with refuse, food waste and recycling bins.

Bram Kainth, Strategic Director of Environment said that he was not aware of litter spillage being left behind since the new contractor had been appointed. However, if there was any specific instance that his was happening he would take it personally with the contractor to ensure it would not happen again.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CABINET MEMBERS:

1. The existing FPN charge for the offence of leaving litter under section 88 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is **increased** from £80 (with an early repayment amount of £60) to £150 (with an early repayment amount set at £100).
2. The existing FPN charge for waste deposit (fly tipping) offences involving larger deposits of waste and litter (for example 2 bags and above equivalent) under section 33ZA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is **increased** from £200 (with an early repayment amount of £150) to £1000 (with an early repayment amount set at £500).
3. The council **introduces** a new FPN charge for breaches of the Household Waste Duty of Care under section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 set at £400 (with an early repayment amount set at £250).
4. The Council introduces these changes with effect from 01 July 2024.

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.

6. H&F COMPANIES UPDATE

Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform introduced the report providing an update on the status of the companies owned by the Council. This update would be presented to Cabinet on a regular basis following the dissolution of the Commercial Revenue Committee.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CABINET MEMBERS:

1. To note that Appendices 1-7 are not for publication on the basis that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. To note the status of the companies.

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.

7. AVONMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT STRATEGY BUDGET AND REQUEST

Councillor Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for the Economy introduced the report setting out the latest stage of the redevelopment of Avonmore Primary School, which would provide a new primary school, enhanced nursery, and 91 new homes of which 50% would be affordable. This report was seeking approval for both a capital budget and the works procurement strategy for the principal construction contractor to complete the development.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CABINET MEMBERS:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes that Appendix 2 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. Notes that Full Council approval will be sought for a total Development capital budget, including contingencies, to deliver the proposed new one form entry school and associated nursery and SEND facilities and new homes, to be funded through a combination of HRA and GF borrowing, Right to Buy receipts and capital sales receipts from shared ownership and private leasehold sales, as set out in exempt Appendix 2.
3. Authorises the Strategic Head of Regeneration and Development to take decisions on expenditure against this contingency budget subject to the continued viability of the development.
4. Approves the Procurement Strategy, as set out in Appendix 3, to procure a principal construction contractor, using a single stage lump sum JCT standard form of building contract, on a design and build basis, via a two-step mini competition procurement route, using the preferred Notting Hill Genesis Framework Agreement (NHG).

That Full Council:

5. Approves a total Development capital budget, to deliver the proposed new school, nursery and new homes. The budget will be funded through a combination of HRA and GF borrowing, Right to Buy receipts and capital sales receipts from shared ownership and private leasehold sales, as set out in exempt Appendix 2.

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.

8. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Key Decision List was noted.

9. DISCUSSION OF EXEMPT ELEMENTS (ONLY IF REQUIRED)

There was no discussion of exempt elements.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 7.16 pm

Chair