

Cabinet

Minutes

Monday 16 June 2025

PRESENT

Executive Members

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council

Councillor Alex Sanderson, Deputy Leader (with responsibility for Children and Education)

Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier, Cabinet Member for Public Realm

Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology

Councillor Rebecca Harvey, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety

Councillor Zarar Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Skills

Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform

Councillor Frances Umeh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

Other Councillors

Councillor Adronie Alford

Officers

Sharon Lea, Chief Executive

Grant Deg, Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

David Abbott, Head of Governance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bora Kwon and Andrew Jones.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM FOOD PLAN 2025-2030

Councillor Alex Sanderson (Deputy Leader) introduced the report that recommended adopting a 5-year Food Plan, created by the Council and the H&F Food for all Partnership and building on the H&F Food Matters: Action Plan 2019-2024. The plan aimed to promote healthier lifestyles, enhance access to nutritious food for the community, and cut waste.

Councillor Wesley Harcourt (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology) added that the plan also contributed to the Council's environmental and climate goals. He noted that 30% of waste in the borough was food waste and the plan would help reduce that.

RESOLVED

1. That Cabinet agree to adopt the H&F Food Plan 2025 – 2030 principles and framework for delivery, attached at appendix one.
2. That Cabinet support the development of a detailed local action plan which will enable the H&F Food for All Partnership to drive forward key initiatives based on our sphere of influence and the resources available to us.

The reasons for decision and alternative options are set out in the report.

There were no declarations of interest and no dispensations in respect of any declared conflict of interest.

5. PROCUREMENT OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM'S GENITO-URINARY MEDICINE OFFER

Councillor Alex Sanderson (Deputy Leader) introduced the report that sought approval for the Council's ongoing participation in the pan-London sexual health programme's clinic-based genito-urinary medicine (GUM) service.

Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier (Cabinet Member for Public Realm) highlighted the work of 10 Hammersmith Broadway distributing vaccines in the community. The clinic accounted for the largest proportion of activity for residents in the borough (over 54% of the total in 2023).

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. Notes that Appendix 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this report 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. Approves a procurement strategy for the provision of genitourinary medicine (GUM) sexual health services using Direct Award Process C under the Provider Selection Regime pursuant to The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.
3. Approves a collaborative approach (in respect of evaluation) to the procurement with Westminster City Council and The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
4. Delegates to the Executive Director of People the decision to award the contract at the conclusion of the procurement.

The reasons for decision and alternative options are set out in the report.

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6. ADOPTING THE H&F COUNCIL HOUSING RETROFIT STRATEGY

Councillor Frances Umeh (Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness) introduced the report that recommended Cabinet adopted a retrofit strategy and action plan for the Council's homes that would be delivered through the updated Housing Revenue Account Asset Management Plan.

Councillor Umeh said the Council wanted residents to live in decent, safe and warm homes and the strategy would improve the energy efficiency of council housing stock, reduce carbon emissions, and reduce fuel poverty.

Councillor Adronie Alford noted that leaseholders were worried about additional costs, and she asked the Council to ensure costs were carefully monitored and there were no excessive charges for leaseholders. Careful monitoring of the costs. Councillor Umeh said the Council had carried out extensive consultation and were looking at ways to be as cost effective as possible, including using Government funding. In response to a question about extended payment plans, Councillor Umeh said the Council would consider all viable options.

Councillor Stephen Cowan (Leader of the Council) said the issue of leaseholder charges was important and assured that, though there had been high costs in previous eras, there had been a cultural shift to tackle those costs and get value for money. He said retrofitting was about reducing overall costs, and cost was at the centre of the Council thinking for both leaseholders and tenants.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. Adopt the H&F Council Housing Retrofit Strategy (Appendix 1) and action plan (Appendix 2).

2. Note the housing retrofit projects already delivered and underway.

The reasons for decision and alternative options are set out in the report.

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7. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Key Decision List was noted.

8. DISCUSSION OF EXEMPT ELEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)

There was no discussion of exempt elements.

Meeting started: 7.01 pm
Meeting ended: 7.13 pm

Chair