

Cabinet

Minutes

Thursday 14 October 2010

PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, Leader
Councillor Nicholas Botterill, Deputy Leader (+Environment and Asset Management)
Councillor Mark Loveday, Cabinet Member for Strategy
Councillor Helen Binmore, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Councillor Joe Carlebach, Cabinet Member for Community Care
Councillor Harry Phibbs, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement
Councillor Lucy Ivimy, Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Greg Smith, Cabinet Member for Residents Services

1. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 2 September 2010 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PETITIONS : CONSULTATION TO CLOSE BARON'S COURT LIBRARY

The Council received two petitions against the proposed closure of Baron's Court Library. One with 2350 signatures and the other signed by 28 residents of North End House and West Kensington Court, W14. In addition, 8 students of Normand Croft Primary School also submitted letters asking for the library to remain open.

The Petition prayer was:-

“H&F Council plan to close Barons Court Library, as part of its library strategy. We, the undersigned local residents and/or users of the library, wish to register our objection to this proposal, and the lack of a meaningful and transparent consultation process. We call upon H&F Council to:

- (i) Find a strategy to keep our library open.
- (ii) Consult in a meaningful and transparent manner with the local residents on any future proposals affecting the library”.

Patsy Heavey and Chris Johnson addressed Cabinet in support of the petition requesting that the library stay open at its current purpose-built location, providing improved and value for money services. She also asked the Council to properly engage residents and services users properly in any future consultation.

In response, Councillor Smith agreed with the need to streamline backroom support and cut staffing costs while improving investment in library stock. Officers will look at the Hillingdon and Westminster models before a decision was made. The Leader stated that books had to be at the heart of the library. The Council was interested to note that Avonmore Primary School used it as its school library. He reiterated that the current high labour cost and low level of material investment model was not sustainable. A new operating model had to be found in order for the library to stay open.

Cabinet thanked Ms Heavey and Mr Johnson for taking their time to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Officers undertake further research into the matter and report back to Cabinet as part of the Library Strategy review later in the year.

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. THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND HOUSING REVENUE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 – MONTH 3 AMENDMENTS

RESOLVED:

1. That the changes to the capital programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

2. That revenue virement totalling £1,478,000, as set out in Appendix 2 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.

6. WORLD CLASS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (WCFM) TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

RESOLVED:

1. That the WCFM programme to deliver the objectives outlined in section 2 of the report be approved.
2. That the reorganisation of LBHF finance staff, as set out in section 6 of the report, be approved.
3. That one-off funding of £385,000 be allocated to the WCFM programme, from the Invest to Save fund.

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. SHEPHERDS BUSH MARKET REGENERATION

RESOLVED:

1. That the emerging proposals for the comprehensive regeneration approach for Shepherds Bush Market area, as set out in section 2 of the report, be endorsed.

2. That the preferred development route of disposal of the Pennard Road former Laundry Site as part of a land assembly strategy, as set out in section 3.3 of the report, be approved.
3. That the Cabinet resolves to seek compulsory purchase powers for the acquisition of all relevant property interests within the regeneration site which are not already owned by the Council and which it is necessary to acquire for the purposes of implementing a comprehensive scheme approved by the Council, subject to the conditions set out in section 3.1 of the report.

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. **OUTCOME OF OUT OF HOURS SERVICE REVIEW - PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER SERVICE TO HFBP AND THE ROCHDALE CONTACT CENTRE**

RESOLVED:

1. That the transfer of the Out of Hours Service to the Bridge Partnership and the Rochdale contact centre be approved.
2. That the Director of Residents Services to enter into such agreements (and such terms) as she considers appropriate to enable the above transfer be authorised.

Cabinet noted a paper circulated earlier to Members outlining issues impacting alternative service options.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report and the circulated paper.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

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

None.

9. PARKING CHARGES REVIEW

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

1. The increase for the standard first six month and annual resident permits to £71 and £119 respectively during the 2010/11 financial year;
2. The freezing of the cost of the standard first six month and annual resident permits at £71 and £119 respectively until 2014/15;
3. The increase in the standard pay & display parking tariff to £2.80 per hour for Shepherd's Bush, Fulham and Hammersmith Town Centre areas (Zones A, CC, G, F and S) during the 2010/11 financial year;
4. The increase in the standard pay & display parking tariff for all other zones to £2.20 per hour during the 2010/11 financial year;
5. The 2nd stage increase in the pay and display tariffs as detailed in para. 3.1 of the report;
6. The increase in the hourly rate for the SMART Visitor Permit to £1.80 per hour during the 2010/11 financial year;
7. The increase in parking charges in Council operated car parks in line with the Controlled Parking Zones in which they are located.
8. The increase in charges related to the suspension of parking bays as indicated in the body of the report;
9. Increasing the 'green' vehicle parking permit rate to £60 per year.

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.

10. **CYCLE TRAINING FOR CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND ADULTS AND RELATED SERVICES**

RESOLVED:

1. That the contracts for Lots 1, 3 and 4 (as set out in the report) be awarded to Bikeworks Limited for a period of three years, with an option to extend for up to two further years on an annual basis.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Environment to award the contract for Lot 2, the contract to run for a period of three years, with an option to extend for up to two further years on an annual basis.

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.

11. **NEW KINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL - ALTERATIONS TO CREATE A CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given to award the contract for the works in the report to Philiam Construction & Development Limited in the sum of £274,000 (plus fees) as set out in para. 5.4 of the report, the works to be awarded under the Measured Term Contract for Non-Housing Projects 2007/2010.
2. To note that the contract is expected to start on 25 October 2010 for a period of 17 weeks.

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.

12. WILLIAM PARNELL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given to undertake improvements to William Parnell Park at a total cost of £445,000 as set out in paras. 3.1 and 3.2 of the report.
2. That authority to award the works contracts be delegated to the Director of Residents Services, and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents Services.

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.

13. HOSTEL IMPROVEMENT

RESOLVED:

That, subject to tender, £1.517m be committed to the refurbishment and improvement of 90 units of hostel stock and £150,000 for the provision of 3 disability units at 456 Uxbridge Road.

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.

14. HAMMERSMITH TOWN HALL EXTENSION - REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO 4TH FLOOR TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST STAFF

RESOLVED:

1. To note the appointment of Philiams Construction & Development Limited to carry out the proposed refurbishment works to enable the decanting of the Primary Care Trust (PCT) from 1 Hammersmith Broadway to the 4th floor Hammersmith Town Hall Extension.
2. To note that PCT will wholly fund the cost of the project in the sum of £150,000 plus contingencies in the sum of £25,000 making a total estimated cost of £175,000. Consequently there will be no cost to the Council and the subsequent utilisation of the accommodation by the PCT will generate an annual income of approximately £360,000 for reinvestment or debt reduction.
3. To authorise the granting of a lease to the Primary Care Trust for the 4th floor, Town Hall Extension on the terms outlined in the report subject to such detailed terms and conditions, or modifications, as the Assistant Director Building and Property Management and Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) consider appropriate.

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.

15. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Forward Plan was noted.

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

The summary was noted.

17. SUMMARY OF URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE LEADER, REPORTED TO THE CABINET FOR INFORMATION

The summary was noted.

18. 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.]

19. OUTCOME OF OUT OF HOURS SERVICE REVIEW - PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER SERVICES TO HFBP AND THE ROCHDALE CONTACT CENTRE : EXEMPT ASPECTS (E)

The report was noted.

20. CYCLE TRAINING FOR CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND ADULTS AND RELATED SERVICES : EXEMPT ASPECTS (E)

The report was noted.

21. SHEPHERDS BUSH MARKET REGENERATION : EXEMPT ASPECTS (E)

The recommendations were approved.

22. REGENERATION OF 248 HAMMERSMITH GROVE - COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER POWERS (E)

The recommendations were approved.

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

The summary was noted.

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

The summary was noted.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 7.20 pm

Chairman