

**DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1 June 2011

Present:

*Councillor Hugh Rayner (Chairman)
*Councillor Brian Salinger (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

* Dean Cohen	* Alison Moore
* Jack Cohen	* Barry Rawlings
* Brian Gordon	* Rowan Turner
* Maureen Braun	Kath McGuirk

*denotes Member present

Also in attendance:

Councillor Sachin Rajput
Cabinet Member for Adults

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1):

RESOLVED that –

(1) the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2011 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):

The Committee noted the absence of Councillor Kath McGuirk.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (Agenda Item 3):

There were no such declarations.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Agenda Item 4):

There were no public questions.

5. MEMBERS' ITEMS (Agenda Item 5):

There were no Members' items.

6. MATTERS REFERRED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE RELATING TO KEY DECISIONS (Agenda Item 6):

(A) Delegated Powers Report 19 May 2011:

The Committee considered the following decision taken under delegated powers on 19 May 2011 and asked questions of the Cabinet Member for Adults in respect of the following:

Delegated Powers Report No:	Subject:
1328	Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults Fairer Contributions Policy

Councillor Alison Moore undertook to provide the Director of Adult Social Care and Health with details of residents groups that had been lobbying councillors to enable Adult Social Care and Health to respond to these concerns.

The Assistant Director for Adult Transformation and Resources agreed to provide Members of the Committee with details of: a) the progress made in completing financial assessments process, particularly how many financial assessments were outstanding and what actions were being taken by officers to ensure that all financial assessments were completed before the new charging policy came into force; and b) clarification as to whether income received from charities should be included in the income sources section of the Fairer Contribution Policy.

The Director of Adult Social Care and Health undertook to review the Fairer Contributions Policy after a period of 12 months and, if required, report the findings to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee decided not to refer the above matter back to the Cabinet Member of Adults for reconsideration.

(B) Cabinet Resources Committee on 24 May 2011:

The Committee considered the following decision of the Cabinet Resources Committee held on 24 May 2011 and asked questions of the Cabinet Member for Adults in respect of the following:

Decision Item No:	Subject:
12	Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults and the Cabinet Member for Customer Access and Partnerships Adults In-House Business Case

The Committee noted that a report would be presented to the General Functions Committee on the staffing implications of transferring some functions of Adult Social Services to a local authority trading company.

The Cabinet Member for Adults noted the concerns of the Committee in relation to the potential for elected Member scrutiny to become diminished when services were provided by a local authority trading company instead of by the council. He agreed that elected Member scrutiny should be addressed in any contracts between the trading company and the council.

The Committee decided not to refer the above matter back to the Cabinet Member of Adults for reconsideration.

7. COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR ACTION (Agenda Item 7):

There were no Councillor Calls for Action.

8. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS – RECOMMENDATION TRACKING (Agenda Item 8):

The Committee considered a report detailing progress made in implementing recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups which had been accepted by Cabinet.

The Committee noted that there had been a delay in reporting the Early Intervention and Prevention Services (Children's) and Fostering Recruitment Task and Finish Groups as it has been necessary for the Scrutiny Office and service areas to undertake a detailed financial assessment of the recommendations before presentation to the Cabinet. The Overview and Scrutiny Manager advised the Committee that the two Task and Finish Group reports would be considered by the Committee on 11th July 2011 and Cabinet on 26th July 2011. Members were advised that a detailed assessment of the financial implications of task and finish group recommendations would be undertaken during the course of the review, instead of once the report and recommendations had been finalised.

RESOLVED that –

- (1) the Committee note the progress of the current Task and Finish Groups / Scrutiny Panels, as set out in paragraphs 9.1 to 9.6 of the report.**
- (2) a seven Member Overview and Scrutiny Panel be established to consider the issue of secondary school places in the borough, with a specific reference made to the south of the borough.**

9. CABINET FORWARD PLAN:

The Committee considered the Cabinet Forward Plan, covering the period May to July 2011.

RESOLVED that –

- (1) the report be noted.**

- (2) that the Cabinet Member be requested to enable the Committee to undertake pre-decision scrutiny in relation to Hendon FC (scheduled to be considered by Cabinet Resources Committee on 29 June 2011) ;

10. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12:

The Committee considered its draft work programme for 2011/12.

RESOLVED that –

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) Officers, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members, be requested to bring forward reports on the following items to the 11 July 2011 meeting:
- Libraries Strategy (Cabinet, 29 July 2011)
 - Future of Housing Services in Barnet (Cabinet, 29 July 2011)
 - Hendon Football Club (Cabinet Resources Committee, 28 July 2011)

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT:

None.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm