

Decisions of the Cabinet

16 April 2024

Members Present:-

Councillor Barry Rawlings (Chair)	Leader and Cabinet Member – Resources & Effective Council
Councillor Ross Houston	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Homes & Regeneration
Councillor Paul Edwards	Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
Councillor Ammar Naqvi	Cabinet Member – Culture, Leisure, Arts and Sports
Councillor Anne Clarke	Cabinet Member – Community Wealth Building
Councillor Sara Conway	Cabinet Member – Community Safety and Participation
Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb	Cabinet Member – Family Friendly Barnet
Councillor Alison Moore	Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Zahra Beg	Cabinet Member – Equalities, Voluntary & Community Sector

Also in attendance

Councillor David Longstaff
Councillor Peter Zinkin
Councillor Lucy Wakeley

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Effective Council welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Alan Schneiderman.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS (IF ANY)

Councillor Sara Conway declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 11 by virtue of being appointed to Arts Depot Ltd as Council representative.

Councillor Peter Zinkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 11 by virtue of his partner being a school governor for Wessex Gardens School.

4. QUESTIONS FROM NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (IF ANY)

The Chair welcomed Councillor Peter Zinkin, Councillor David Longstaff and Councillor Lucy Wakeley to the meeting.

Questions were raised in relation to the items listed on the agenda which were responded to verbally at the meeting by Cabinet Members.

5. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None.

6. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

8. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE (IF ANY)

None.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

The comments from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 5 March 2024 were considered during the discussion on item 13 (Towards a Fair Barnet) as set out below.

10. CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER REPORT - CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS, DELETIONS AND TRANSFERS

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources & Effective Council introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

Approved the changes to the existing Capital Programme in relation to additions, deletions and funding transfers as set out in section 2 in accordance with the virement rules and appendix A.

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

11. THE CULTURE STRATEGY

Councillor Ammar Naqvi – Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts & Sports introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Cabinet approved the Culture Strategy 2024-2029 as set out in Appendix A.**

- 2. That the Executive Director for Transformation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts & Sports be authorised to make minor amendments to the Cabinet report to facilitate publication.**

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

12. BARNET HOMES ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024/25

Councillor Ross Houston Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Cabinet noted and approved the Barnet Homes 2024/25 Delivery Plan.**

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

13. TOWARDS A FAIR BARNET

Councillor Zahra Beg, Cabinet Member for Equalities, Voluntary and Community Sector introduced the report.

Cabinet agreed to include an additional recommendation (nr. 4) to note the addendum to this report which sets out the comments from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to this agenda item.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Cabinet recommends to Council that the following equalities objectives be approved:**
 - a. People: Understand the whole person**
 - b. Place: Understand and tackle local causes of inequality**
 - c. Planet: Support a just transition to net zero**

2. That the Towards a Fair Barnet Roadmap 2024-2030 (attached as Appendix 1) be approved, subject to the Council's approval of the equalities objectives.
3. That the Executive Director for Children and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Equalities, Voluntary and Community Sector, be authorised to make minor amendments to the Roadmap to facilitate publication.
4. That Cabinet noted the comments of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee contained in the addendum.

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

14. LAND EXCHANGE AT CHURCH FARM/OAK HILL SCHOOL AND PROVISION OF NEW WORKSHOP BUILDING

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources and Effective Council introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approved this land exchange with Church Farm Barnet Ltd and the provision of a workshop building for Oak Hill School; and approved the Council entering into an Agreement for sale, Land Transfer and any other relevant documentation on this transaction.

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

15. BRENT CROSS UPDATE REPORT

Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. Noted the contents of the report.

2. **Delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise and approve the Third Phase Proposal on behalf of the Council, in line with the details set out in paragraphs 1.19 to 1.30.**
3. **Delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council for agreement of legal documentation relating to the sales of Plots 23 and 43b as set out in paragraphs 1.31 to 1.34 and the exempt appendix to this report.**

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

16. DISPOSAL OF 233-241 WEST HENDON BROADWAY

Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources and Effective Council introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chair moved to vote on the recommendations.

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. **That Cabinet approved the sale of the Council's premises of 233 and 241 West Hendon Broadway and land adjoining 239 West Hendon Broadway to the Purchaser, or associated party, on terms as detailed in the Confidential Annexes, but subject to recommendation 2(a).**
2. **That Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Executive, to:**
 - (a) **subject to compliance with S123 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree any amendments to the Heads of Terms as reasonably required as part of any final negotiations.**
 - (b) **finalise the contractual arrangements and instruct the Council's legal advisors to negotiate and finalise the necessary documentation including the granting of a lease to regulate occupation prior to completion.**

The report set out the options considered, if any, and the reasons for the recommendations and the decision.

17. CABINET FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION SCHEDULE

Cabinet noted the Forward Plan – Key Decision Schedule.

18. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

None.

19. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair moved a motion which was agreed to exclude the press and public on the basis that the exempt items will involve discussion of confidential information.

The public gallery was cleared. The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes at 8.45pm and resumed at 8.55pm.

20. DISPOSAL OF 233-241 WEST HENDON BROADWAY (EXEMPT)

Cabinet noted the exempt information.

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm

Proper Officer

This document outlines the decisions taken at the above Cabinet meeting. Unless otherwise indicated, executive decisions listed in this document will come into force and may then be implemented 5 clear working days after publication of this document unless the decision is called in.

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