

Decisions of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 November 2013

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Maureen Braun	Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Jack Cohen	Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner
Councillor Brian Gordon	Councillor Barry Rawlings
Councillor John Hart	Councillor Alan Schneiderman (In place of Kath McGuirk)

Also in attendance

Councillor Richard Cornelius - Leader of the Council
Councillor Daniel Thomas - Deputy Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for
Resources and Performance
Councillor Helena Hart - Cabinet Member for Public Health
Councillor David Longstaff - Cabinet Member for Safety and Resident Engagement
Councillor Robert Rams – Cabinet Member for Customer Access and Partnerships

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Kath McGuirk

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2013 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Kath McGuirk who was substituted for by Councillor Alan Schneiderman.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Member	Subject	Interest declared
Councillor Hugh Rayner	Minute Items 6 - 9 (Call-ins – Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal)	Non-pecuniary interest by nature of his wife being of Chinese descent

During consideration of the item below, Councillor Quigley Turner entered the meeting at 7.07pm

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Details are appended of the questions asked of, and the answers given by the Chairman. Verbal responses were given to supplementary questions at the meeting.

5. MEMBERS' ITEMS

None.

6. CALL-INS

Cabinet Resources Committee, 4 November 2013

The Committee considered a call-in in the name of Councillor Alison Moore of the following decision of the Cabinet Resources Committee:

Decision Item:	Subject:
6	Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal (Public)

The Committee received public comments on this item from Andrew Dismore AM, Roger Lyons and Deryll David.

Andrew Dismore AM presented the Chairman with 43 signed slips from residents claiming the benefit of a covenant at Pavilion Way. The Chairman requested that these be passed to the relevant Council officers.

The Committee asked questions of the Deputy Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance in respect of the decision.

7. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cabinet Resources Committee, 4 November 2013

Decision Item:	Subject:
18	Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal (Exempt)

The Committee **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public for the following reason:

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 5 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) as it contains information which a claim to legal professional proceedings could be maintained in legal proceedings.

RESOLVED that the exempt information set out in Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal exempt report to the Cabinet Resources Committee on 4 November 2013 be taken into account by the Committee when reaching the decision regarding whether to refer the decision back to the decision maker.

8. MOTION TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be readmitted.

9. CALL-INS

Decision Item:	Subject:
6	Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal (Public)

Following consideration of the call-in, the Committee decided to refer the decision back to Cabinet Resources Committee for reconsideration.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Resources Committee decision dated 4 November 2013 in relation to Pavilion Way HA8 Proposed Disposal be referred back to Cabinet Resources Committee for reconsideration for the following reasons:

- 1. To request that the Cabinet Resources Committee address the risk of the restrictive covenant restricting progress of the free school scheme on the site.**
- 2. To allow time for a community use only bid to be developed and considered.**

i) Cabinet Resources Committee, 4 November 2013

The Committee considered a call-in in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings of the following decision of the Cabinet Resources Committee:

Decision Item:	Subject:
7	Report of the Cabinet Member for Customer Access and Partnerships, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Cabinet Member for Environment Sport and Physical Activity Review Outline Business Case

RESOLVED that the decision is not referred back to the Cabinet Resources Committee.

10. COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR ACTION

None.

11. INTERIM UPDATE REPORT ON THE GROWTH AND REGENERATION PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the Interim Update Report on the Growth and Regeneration Programme be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee on 6 January 2014.

12. DRAFT EQUALITIES POLICY AND 'COMMUNITIES TOGETHER' ACTION PLAN

The Committee welcomed the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Safety and Resident Engagement and the Strategic Director for Communities who were in attendance to present the Council's draft Equalities Policy and 'Communities Together' Action Plan.

Members were informed that the Equalities Policy was being refreshed as part of the development of the updated Corporate Plan to enable the development of strategic equalities objectives.

In relation to the Communities Together Action Plan, the Committee were advised that a Communities Together Network had been developed (a sub-group of the Safer Communities Partnership Board) which was aimed at improving the coordinated response of public agencies to local incidents such as the Muswell Hill Mosque arson attack.

The Committee expressed their support for the Equalities Policy and 'Communities Together' Action Plan and requested that the Equalities Policy be reported to Council to raise awareness.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Committee endorse the Equalities Policy and 'Communities Together' Action Plan**
- 2. The Committee recommend that final version of the Equalities Policy be reported to full Council to raise awareness.**
- 3. Officers be requested to provide a detailed breakdown of the data supporting the statistic that '47% of residents feel the council doesn't do enough for people like me analysed by protected characteristics'.**

13. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. The Committee note the Forward Work Programme.**
- 2. Officers be requested to develop proposals for scrutiny of the North London Waste Authority**

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

At the request of the Committee, Officers reported that a written update on the Walksafe N14 Petition would be circulated to Members via e-mail outside of the meeting.

Members also requested that a written update on the progress of the Task and Finish Groups approved to proceed by the Committee on 7 October 2013 be circulated.

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm