

Council Meeting
10 September 2013

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Committee	Date of Meeting	New date of Meeting
Group Leaders Panel	N/A	28/8/2013
General Functions	N/A	9/9/2013
Planning and Environment	N/A	12/11/2013
Executive Forum	N/A	15/10/2013

RECOMMEND – That Council note the changes to the calendar of meeting contained in the table above.

2. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

1. Conservative Group Nomination

The Conservative Group have indicated they wish to make the following appointment to School Governing Bodies.

Brookland Infant and Junior School

- Ms Emma Howard be appointed a Governor to Brookland Infant and Junior School's Governing Body.

RECOMMEND – That Ms Emma Howard be appointed to the Governing Body of Brookland Infant and Junior School.

2. Governor Services Nomination

There has been a LA Governor vacancy on Northway School's Governing Body for over one year. Colin Page was previously Parent Governor and Chairman at Northway until his term of office ended on 20 July 2013. Colin Page no longer has children at the School and is therefore no longer eligible to stand again as a Parent Governor. The Governing Body have acknowledged Colin Page's ongoing support and commitment to the Governing Body and to the School, and have expressed a wish for him to be nominated as LA Governor to fill the long-standing vacancy. Mr Page has great knowledge and experience in relation to the school's on-going premises issues, the school's new contract for building maintenance, and issues

related to the complexities of the school's relationship with neighbouring Fairway Primary School.

It is felt that the Governing Body would be left in a vulnerable position if Colin Page is not appointed to the Governing Body as Governors wish him to be reappointed as Chair for the forth-coming academic year. Currently the Vice-Chair is absent due to long-term ill health.

RECOMMEND – That Mr Colin Page be appointed to the Governing Body of Northway School.

3. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPTED FROM THE 28 DAY NOTICE

The Chairman of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the decisions and reason for urgency and consented that the items should proceed to the Cabinet Resources Committee on 24 June 2013 and 18 July 2013.

Cabinet Resources Committee - 24 June 2013

Decision

Sale of the Council's Freehold interest in the Hendon Football Club and adjoining lands at Claremont Road London NW2 1AE.

Reason for Urgency

The sale of the Council's freehold interest had been the subject of several reports to Cabinet Resources Committee (CRC) and approvals were obtained to sell Montclare Limited on three occasions. The sale had been prevented from proceeding by legal action initiated by the London Jewish Girls High (LJGH) a competing bidder, who obtained an injunction and applied for a Judicial review on two occasions. The hearing on the JR application found in the Council's favour and the Council was free to proceed with the sale. Within 2 hours of the court's decision the LJGH submitted a higher offer again frustrating the sale as the council is obliged to sell for "best consideration" requirements under S123 of the Local Government Act 1972. Both parties were asked to submit their best and final offers and these were evaluated by an Independent Surveyor.

There were two reasons for the urgency. If the report was not submitted to the 24 June 2013 CRC then the next CRC does would convene until September. There was a CRC pencilled in for July, however factoring in a call in then the next available Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee is not until October and the sale would not be possible until November. The second reason is that there is a reoccurring problem with squatters occupying the site. The illegal occupiers were using fly tipped material to construct shelters, bathing in the stream of the adjoining park and using the park grounds as a toilet giving rise to complaints from residents

Cabinet Resources Committee - 18 July 2013

Decision

Authorisation of Entry into a Contract for Residential Care Services for an Adult Client

Description and Reason for Urgency

The report sought authority for the entry into a contract for the provision of residential care for an adult client, requiring a waiver of the requirement of the Contract Procedure Rules for an EU Tender to be undertaken. This was required to secure a contract with the appropriate specialist provider.

RECOMMEND - That Council note the above decision exempted from the Advanced Notification of Executive Decisions.

4. DIRECTOR INDUCTION AND AWARENESS

At its last meeting, Council approved the appointment of nominated Directors to companies being created as part of the new partnership arrangements for Development and Regulatory Services (minute 23(4)).

Clarification was sought on the advice for elected Members and the Worshipful the Mayor requested that the outcome be reported back to all Members.

A comprehensive report outlining such advice and training to be given is on the agenda for the General Functions Committee on 9 September 2013, agenda item 7.

RECOMMEND - That Council note a report on Director Induction and Awareness is to be considered by the General Functions Committee on 9 September 2013.