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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

23 SEPTEMBER 2004

COMMITTEE:

*Councillor Anthony Finn (Chairman)

Councillors

* Melvin Cohen

Mike Freer

* Victor Lyon BA (Hons)

* Matthew Offord

*Denotes Member present

\$Denotes Member absent on Council business

1. MINUTES:

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2004 and the special meetings held on 28 July 2004 and 19 August 2004 be approved as correct records.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Freer.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None declared.

4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2003/04 (CRC Dec 23/1/2003 – 3) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 4)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the performance against the Treasury Management Strategy in 2003/04 be noted.

5. REVENUE MONITORING 2004/05 (CRC Dec 28/7/2004 – 3) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 5)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budget monitoring position be noted.
2. That the sum of £150,000 be added to the central contingency in respect of the Highways Service's Street Lighting PFI.
3. That Heads of Service be instructed to take appropriate management action to achieve the budgeted savings, contain emerging budget pressures and identify further savings to achieve the target of £5m balances by 31 March 2005.

**6. ANNUAL INCREASES IN FEES AND CHARGES (CRC Dec 15/12/2003 – 3)
(Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 6)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That increases in fees and charges in line with the Financial Forward Plan be approved by Heads of Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, and that these increases be implemented from 1 January each year, with only limited exceptions to those being increased from 1 April.
2. That increases in fees and charges above the rate assumed in the Financial Forward Plan be approved by Cabinet Resources Committee, and that these increases be implemented from 1 January each year, with only limited exceptions to those being increased from 1 April.

**7. ACQUISITION OF LAND AT SPUR ROAD EDGWARE (Cab Dec 22/3/2004 – 4)
(Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Item 7)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That, subject to
 - i. All Souls College confirming that it wishes to proceed upon the basis recommended by its agents;
 - ii. agreement being reached with DfES and Family/Unitary regarding payment for plots E, F and G on the Plan; and
 - iii. the external Auditors being consulted on the financial arrangements and being informed of developments,a 99 years lease of plots A and B on attached plan No.1 be acquired upon the basis set out in the report;
2. That, subject to the successful outcome of 1 above, the leasehold interest acquired be transferred to the Barnet City Academy Trust; and
3. That the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the transactions in a form to his approval.

**8. FORMER FIRE STATION REAR OF FORMER FRIERN BARNET TOWN HALL –
LEASE SURRENDER (CRC Dec 8/7/2004 – 12) (Report of the Cabinet Member
for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best
Value – Item 8)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED - That, subject to the concurrence of the Charity Commission, it be agreed to accept a surrender of the lease of part of the former fire station at Friern Barnet Lane held by Friern Barnet Voluntary Care for the Elderly upon the terms set out in the report and that the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the matter in a form to his approval.

9. 23/35 HENDON LANE N3 – USE OF PART BY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CRC Dec 27/11/2003 – 19) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Item 9)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED

- 1 That, in variation of the decision of the Cabinet Resources Committee of 18 September 2003, the expenditure on works to 23/35 Hendon Lane and other costs as set out in the exempt report be approved with those costs being met from the proceeds of sale of Hertford Lodge.
- 2 That the above decision be not subject to call-in as any delay likely to arise from call-in would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee having given the necessary consent under the urgency provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in the Council's Constitution.

10. GOODWIN COURT, CHURCH HILL ROAD EAST BARNET – FREEHOLD TRANSFER AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Item 10)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That, subject to:
 - i. the grant of planning permission for the proposed development of 52 extra care sheltered housing units for rent and 18 homes for the elderly for sale;
 - ii. the approval of the ODPM to the nominations agreement for the extra care sheltered housing units; and
 - iii. the Head of Community Care being satisfied as to the provisions of the domiciliary care contract to be entered into with Sanctuary Housing Association and reporting the terms agreed under Delegated powers;

the sale of the freehold interest in Goodwin Court, Church Hill Road ,East Barnet, shown edged black on attached plan No.1, subject to the existing long leasehold interest of some flats, to Sanctuary Housing Association for redevelopment upon the basis set out in the report be approved and the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the transactions in forms to his approval.

2. That, subject to 1 above proceeding, the Head of Housing be instructed to arrange for the tenants of the rented accommodation at Goodwin Court to be re-accommodated, meeting the costs of home loss and disturbance payments from the Housing Revenue Account pending reimbursement by Sanctuary Housing Association.

11. MEALS AT HOME SERVICE (Report of the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health– Item 11)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member’s report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to invite competitive tenders for the Meals at Home Service.
2. That the Frozen Meals Service cease to be provided from the end of December 2004.

12. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: -

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act shown in respect of each item:

Agenda Item	Subject	Exemption Category
14.	Lease of Building No. 5, North London Business Park	9
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16.	Exempt Information relating to item considered in public session: Former Fire Station Rear of Former Friern Barnet Town Hall – Lease Surrender	9
17.	Exempt Information relating to item considered in public session: 23/35 Hendon Lane N3 – Use Of Part By Citizens Advice Bureau	9
18.	Exempt Information relating to item considered in public session: Goodwin Court, Church Hill Road East Barnet – Freehold Transfer and Redevelopment Proposals	9

13. LEASE OF BUILDING NO. 5, NORTH LONDON BUSINESS PARK (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Item 14)

RESOLVED

1. That the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the lease of Building 5 at North London Business Park in a form to his approval.
2. That the above decision be not subject to call-in as any delay likely to arise from call-in would seriously prejudice the Council’s interests, the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee having given the necessary consent under the urgency provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in the Council’s Constitution.

- 14. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: ACQUISITION OF LAND AT SPUR ROAD EDGWARE (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value– Item 15)**

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 7 in public session be noted.

- 15. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: FORMER FIRE STATION REAR OF FORMER FRIERN BARNET TOWN HALL – LEASE SURRENDER (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value– Item 16)**

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 8 in public session be noted.

- 16. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: 23/35 HENDON LANE N3 – USE OF PART BY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value– Item17)**

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 9 in public session be noted.

- 17. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: GOODWIN COURT, CHURCH HILL ROAD EAST BARNET – FREEHOLD TRANSFER AND REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Item 18)**

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 10 in public session be noted.

The meeting finished at 8.13 pm