

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

25 NOVEMBER 2004

COMMITTEE:

*Councillor Anthony Finn (Chairman)

Councillors

* Melvin Cohen Victor Lyon BA (Hons)
Mike Freer * Matthew Offord

*Denotes Member present

\$Denotes Member absent on Council business

1. MINUTES:

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2004 be approved as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Victor Lyon and Mike Freer.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Matthew Offord declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Sale of Park House – because he lived in the area affected by the Hendon Town Hall Environs Project referred to in decision 6.2 below. He remained in the room during consideration of this item.

4. USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES DESIGNATED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT (Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Development – Item 4)

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

RESOLVED

1. That S106 monies identified as designated for purposes that fall within the definition of economic development, totalling £470,499, be used to resource the Strategic Development Unit to develop strategy in support of the Council's corporate priorities and the Community Plan in this area and to fund subsequent projects to implement the approved strategy.
2. That it be noted that the proposed strategy or strategies and associated key projects will be brought to Cabinet for approval.
3. That £96,580 p.a. funded as outlined in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the report, be made available to provide two additional posts in the SDU (relevant to the scope of the named legal agreements) and to expand the grade structure of existing posts, in order to equip the unit to deliver the Council's priorities.

5. SALE OF PARK HOUSE, 16 HIGH ROAD N12 (Cab. Decs. 19/1/2004 - 6 & 27/9/2004 – 8) (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 the unconditional offers from Sherm Properties Limited for the freehold acquisition of Park House subject to the existing temporary tenancy be accepted and the Borough Solicitor be instructed to complete the matter in a form to his approval.
2. That an appropriate sum be vired from the fees element of the transaction to make up any short-fall in the funding of the Master Development Plan for the Hendon Town Hall environs project.

6. FEES AND CHARGES: HIGHWAYS & DESIGN, PLANNING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES (CRC Dec 23/9/2004 – 6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 7)

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

RESOLVED – That the fees and charges detailed in the Appendices to the report be approved.

7. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE 2003/4 ACCOUNTS AUDIT (CRC Dec 19/2/2004 – 10) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 8)

Paul Dossett of external auditors Robson Rhodes attended and presented his reports to the Committee.

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

RESOLVED –

1. That matters raised by the external auditor relating to detailed aspects of the 2003/4 accounts audit be noted.
2. That the management response to matters raised by the external auditor be noted and the Committee agrees the adjustments not processed by management as set out in Appendix C to the SAS610 report on the main accounts.

8. REVENUE MONITORING 2004/05 (CRC Dec 23/9/2004 – 5) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 9)

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 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.

9. CAPITAL MONITORING 2004/05 (CRC Dec 23/9/2004 – 5) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 9)

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

RESOLVED

1. That the forecast slippage to 2005/06 as tabled in Appendix A to the report be noted and agreed.
2. That Heads of Service be instructed to report to the Cabinet Resources Committee where budgeted external funding is not achieved or may be lost as a result of projects slipping, so that the impact on the use of capital receipts and/or unsupported (prudential) borrowing can be properly assessed before expenditure is committed.

10. 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.	Exempt Information relating to item considered in public session: Dollis Valley Estate Regeneration – Underwriting Agreement with Warden Housing Association	7,9
15.	Exempt Information relating to item considered in public session: Sale of Park House, 16 High Road N2	9

11. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: SALE OF PARK HOUSE, 16 HIGH ROAD N12 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Item 15)

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 6 in public session be noted.

12. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: DOLLIS VALLEY ESTATE REGENERATION – UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT WITH WARDEN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Community Safety – Item 14)

As agreed at the last meeting, the Committee gave further consideration to the points of concern raised by Members on the terms of the draft legal agreement with Warden. There remained issues on some of the terms which, although points of detail, were sufficiently significant to require resolution before approval of the agreement. The Committee accordingly

RESOLVED – That the officers be instructed to obtain from the Council's legal advisers further detailed clarification of the remaining outstanding points, and to report further to the meeting of the Committee on 16 December 2004, inviting the legal advisers to attend the meeting if considered appropriate.

13. MOTION TO RE-ADMIT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

14. DOLLIS VALLEY ESTATE REGENERATION (CRC Dec. 4/11/2004 – 13) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Community Safety – Item 5)

In consequence of decision 12 above, the Committee

RESOLVED – That this report be deferred to the meeting on 16 December 2004.

The meeting finished at 8.57pm