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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

10 FEBRUARY 2005

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 16 December 2004 be approved as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

All Members were present.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

No interests were declared.

4. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 129/129A WEST HENDON BROADWAY (Res. Exec. Cttee. Dec. 17/5/2000 – 15) (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 4)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED - That the freehold sale of 129/129A West Hendon Broadway by public auction in accordance with the procedures set out in the Constitution be approved and that the appropriate chief officers be instructed to take the necessary action to implement the decision.

5. DISPOSAL OF SPENCER HOUSE, STATION ROAD, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 5)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED - That the freehold sale of Spencer House be approved in principle and the appropriate chief officers be instructed to offer the property for freehold sale by non-binding tender in accordance with the procedures set out in the Constitution, reporting the outcome to a future meeting of the committee for further consideration.

6. CAPITAL SPEND – COMPUTERS FOR LOOKED-AFTER CHILDREN (Report of the Cabinet Member for Children – Agenda Item 6)

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

RESOLVED – That £63,000 be made available from the capital budget 2004/5 for the purchase of computers for Looked After Children, subject to approval of all relevant purchases by Information Systems.

7. PROPERTY DISPOSALS (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 8/7/2004 – 12) (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 7)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That no further action be taken in respect to the sum of £5,278.11 owed in respect to the sale of public conveniences at High Road, Barnet.

8. FORMER COUNCIL STORE AT 3 LYNDHURST AVENUE, N11 (RL&A Cttee Dec 17/11/97) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 8)

Having considered the options set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee decided that disposal to the Hindu Cultural Society was appropriate in this case and that the lease should be coterminous with that of the adjoining property at 321 Colney Hatch Lane which was already under lease to the Society. The Committee accordingly

RESOLVED

1. That the appropriate Chief Officer be instructed to appoint (in accordance with the Constitution) an independent valuer to advise upon the acceptability of the offer from the Hindu Cultural Society; and
2. That, subject to the independent valuer confirming that the offer represents best consideration and to the Cabinet Member for Resources giving final approval under delegated powers on the basis set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report, the Council grants a lease of the property to the Hindu Cultural Society upon the basis set out in the report; the period of the lease to align with that of the lease to the Society of No. 321 Colney Hatch Lane adjoining.

9. LAND AT GRAHAME PARK WAY, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 9)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED - That the freehold or long leasehold sale of the land at Grahame Park Way be approved in principle, and the appropriate chief officers be instructed to offer the site for sale by non-binding tender in accordance with the procedures set out in the Constitution, reporting the outcome to a future meeting of the committee for further consideration.

10. DISPOSAL OF DEANSBROOK DAY CENTRE, DEANSBROOK ROAD, EDGWARE (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 10)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the freehold or long leasehold sale of the former Deansbrook Day Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware by way of non-binding tender in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and with the result thereof being reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

11. DISPOSAL OF LAND FRONTING 1105/1111 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 11)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That, subject to a Stopping-Up Order first being obtained, the freehold sale of the land shown edged black on the plan accompanying the Cabinet Members' report (being land fronting 1105/1111 High Road, Whetstone N20) to Knightfair Limited be approved on the basis of the terms set out in the report.

12. WEST HENDON PLAYING FIELDS CAR PARK, GOLDSMITH AVENUE, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 12)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That, subject to the outcome of the advertising pursuant to Section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Greater London Magistrates Courts Authority be granted a lease of parking spaces at West Hendon Playing Fields car park upon the basis of the terms set out in the Cabinet Members' report and the accompanying exempt report.

13. MAJOR FIRE INCIDENT IN CRICKLEWOOD ON SATURDAY 8 JANUARY – EMERGENCY ACTION TAKEN (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 13)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the emergency action taken in response to the fire at Cricklewood on 8 January 2005 be noted.
2. That the cost of the emergency action be met from the Emergency Planning budget, or if this budget is insufficient will be met from balances.

14. PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY AND RELATED SERVICES FOR REGENERATION PROJECTS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 14)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That approval be given for the establishment of a frame contract for the provision of consultancy and related services.
2. That it be noted that, on completion of the tendering process, the agreement as to the names of the successful consultants with whom the Council will enter consultancy agreements will be dealt with via the delegated powers process (Cabinet Member).

15. CAPITAL MONITORING (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 15)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the financial performance to date and the projected outturn for the current year, as outlined in section 7 and detailed in Appendices A and D to the Cabinet Member's report, be noted.
2. That the variations to the Capital programme in respect of the changes outlined in Appendix C to the report be approved to increase the revised budget from £67.366m to £68.113m.

16. REVENUE MONITORING (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 16)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the provisions for the repayment of national non-domestic rates (NNDR) credits and the non-payment of the TfL grant be transferred to General Fund balances.
2. That the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budget monitoring position be noted.
3. That Heads of Service be instructed to take appropriate management action to (i) achieve the budgeted savings, (ii) contain emerging budget pressures and (iii) identify further savings to achieve the target of £5m balances by 31 March 2005.

17. STONEGROVE/SPUR ROAD HOUSING ESTATES – PROGRESSING THE ESTATES REGENERATION SCHEME (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 4/11/2003 - 5) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Community Safety – Agenda Item 17)

The Committee noted that the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value had been erroneously entered as an author of the report.

The Committee discussed at length the proposals in the Cabinet Members' report but concluded that the action recommended would expose the Council to an unacceptable level of risk. The Committee accordingly

RESOLVED – That the recommendations in the Cabinet Members' report be not approved.

18. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER – THREE YEAR REVENUE AND CAPITAL SETTLEMENTS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 18)

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

RESOLVED – That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to respond to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) along the lines set out in the report.

19. MANAGEMENT OF THE ALL-WEATHER PITCH AT GRAHAME PARK (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 4/11/2003 - 13) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Community Engagement & HR and the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 19)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That an agreement be reached for the Leisure Services to manage the all weather facility at Grahame Park for the period February 2005 – December 2005 inclusive during evenings, weekends and holiday periods.
2. That the Leisure Services work with Pinnacle Education Sport Trust or another partner to build up their capacity so that they have the ability to manage the facility from January 2006.

20. 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 paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

Agenda Item	Subject
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| 22. | Exempt information relating to item 4 considered in public session: disposal of land at 129/129a West Hendon Broadway |
| 23. | Exempt information relating to item 5 considered in public session: disposal of Spencer house, Spencer Road, NW9 |
| 24. | Exempt information relating to item 7 considered in public session: property disposals |
| 25. | Exempt information relating to item 8 considered in public session: former council store at 3 Lyndhurst Avenue, N11 |
| 26. | Exempt information relating to item 9 considered in public session: land at Grahame Park Way, NW9 |
| 27. | Exempt information relating to item 10 considered in public session: disposal of Deansbrook day centre, Deansbrook road, Edgware |
| 28. | Exempt information relating to item 11 considered in public session: disposal of land fronting 1105/1111 High Road, Whetstone, N20 |
| 29. | Exempt information relating to item 12 considered in public session: West Hendon Playing Fields Car Park, Goldsmith Avenue, NW9 |

- 21. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 4 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 129/129A WEST HENDON BROADWAY (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 22)**
- RESOLVED – That the exempt information relating to item 4 in public session be noted.
- 22. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 5 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: DISPOSAL OF SPENCER HOUSE, STATION ROAD, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 23)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 5 in public session be noted.
- 23. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 7 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: PROPERTY DISPOSALS (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 24)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 7 in public session be noted.
- 24. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 8 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: FORMER COUNCIL STORE AT 3 LYNDHURST AVENUE, N11 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 25)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 8 in public session be noted.
- 25. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 9 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: LAND AT GRAHAME PARK WAY, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 26)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 9 in public session be noted.
- 26. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 10 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: DISPOSAL OF DEANSBROOK DAY CENTRE, DEANSBROOK ROAD, EDGWARE (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 27)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 10 in public session be noted.
- 27. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 11 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: DISPOSAL OF LAND FRONTING 1105/1111 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 28)**
- RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 11 in public session be noted.

28. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 12 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: WEST HENDON PLAYING FIELDS CAR PARK, GOLDSMITH AVENUE, NW9 (Report of the Cabinet Members concerned – Agenda Item 29)

RESOLVED – That the information relating to agenda item 12 in public session be noted.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm