

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 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 10 February 2005 be approved as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Victor Lyon and Melvin Cohen.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

No interests were declared.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS 2005/06 (EAST FINCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACT, NEW BARNET COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, OLD BARN YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION) (Report of the Cabinet Member Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 4)

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

RESOLVED - That, subject to the Council's standard conditions of grant aid, the grants recommended in the Cabinet Member's report be approved.

5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 22/4/04 – 5) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 5)

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

RESOLVED - That the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy for 2005/06 be approved.

6. CORE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROJECT (Cab ICT Cttee Dec 1/2/05) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 6)

The Committee considered the information in the public report which related to the information on tender appraisal set out in the subsequently-circulated supplemental report in the exempt section of the agenda: their decision being recorded at item 16 below.

7. TOTTERIDGE LIBRARY (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 18/3/2004 – 7) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 7)

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

RESOLVED – That the results of the tender process be noted and it be agreed that the appropriate Chief Officer continue discussions with a local developer and report the outcome to a future meeting of the Committee.

8. SOUTH FRIERN LIBRARY AND ADJOINING PREMISES (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 18/3/2004 – 9) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 8)

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

RESOLVED - That the two tenderers listed in the exempt report be invited to work up scheme proposals for discussion with the Head of Planning and to submit final financial offers with the results being reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

9. FORMER WATLING BOYS CLUB (Cab. Res. Cttee. Dec. 8/7/2004 –6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 9)

The Committee noted that a late revised bid had been received from the Huntingdon Foundation. The officers advised that, as it stood, the bid was unquantifiable and thus non-compliant. As all reasonable offers had to be taken into consideration they proposed that discussions be held with the Foundation to determine whether a viable offer could be made on the basis of the Foundation's latest proposals. In this event the Foundation could be added to the shortlist of tenderers invited to work up scheme proposals.

Accordingly, and for the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED

1. That the five tenderers listed in the exempt section of the Cabinet Members' report be invited to work up scheme proposals for discussion with the Head of Planning and to submit final financial offers with the results being reported to a future meeting of the Committee.
2. That the officers be authorised to discuss with the Huntingdon Foundation whether a viable tender can be produced on the basis of their revised proposal and, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to add them to the list if this is considered appropriate.

10. REVENUE MONITORING 2004/05 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 10)

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' 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 (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.

11. 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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| 12. | Age Concern Barnet: writing-off of a rent debt |
| 13. | Exempt information relating to item 7 considered in public session: Totteridge Library |
| 14. | Exempt information relating to item 8 considered in public session: South Friern Library and adjoining premises |
| 15. | Exempt information relating to item 8 considered in public session: former Watling Boys Club |
| 15A. | Exempt information relating to item 9 considered in public session: Core Infrastructure Recovery Project |

12. AGE CONCERN BARNET: WRITING-OFF OF A RENT DEBT (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 12)

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

RESOLVED – That the revenue sum of £41,256.66 (or such sum as is due at 21 March 2005 or sooner date of vacation) owed to the Council by Age Concern Barnet in respect its occupation of the former fire station be written-off subject to Age Concern Barnet vacating the premises by the due date.

13. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 7 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: TOTTERIDGE LIBRARY

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

14. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 8 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: SOUTH FRIERN LIBRARY AND ADJOINING PREMISES

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

15. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 9 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: FORMER WATLING BOYS CLUB

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

16. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO ITEM 6 CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION: CORE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROJECT (Cab ICT Cttee Dec 1/2/05) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Performance, Partnerships and Best Value – Agenda Item 15A)

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

RESOLVED – That the Council accept the tender of Prime Business Solutions Ltd to deliver and implement a Core Infrastructure for the Council and provide a managed service for three years, subject to the position on the performance bond being finalised, with the Council having the option to extend the contract for a further two years, subject to the Council and Prime Business Solutions entering into a contract in the appropriate terms.

See also item 6 above

The meeting finished at 7.25pm