

**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**21 JULY 2005**

COMMITTEE:

\*Councillor Brian Salinger (Chairman)

Councillors

\* Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA \* John Marshall  
\* Mike Freer

\* Denotes Member present

\$ Denotes Member absent on Council business

**1. MINUTES:**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2005 be approved as a correct record.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

All Members were present.

**3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:**

None declared.

**4. GENERAL DEBTS, HOUSING REVENUE AND GENERAL FUND (TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION) WRITE OFFS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 4)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee  
RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**5. WRITE-OFFS OF HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS (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 amount of £148,304.04 as detailed below be written off.

**6. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2004/5 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 6)**

Before this item was discussed, the Borough Solicitor, Jeff Lustig, the Borough Treasurer, Clive Medlam and the Councils Chief Valuer and Development Manager,

Dave Stephens left the room as the report included reference to the provision made in the 2004/2005 accounts for the Underhill investigation and associated legal costs.

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

RESOLVED - That the outturn of revenue and capital for 2004/2005 for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account be noted, the reserves set out in Appendix D be approved and the capital funding set out in the statement at Appendix H(ii) be approved.

**7. TOTTERIDGE LIBRARY (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 7)**

At the invitation of the Leader, Councillor Victor Lyon (Totteridge Ward) and Dr Jeffrey Lesser spoke to the Committee asking that the Committee abide by its previous decision agreeing that the former Totteridge Library be offered for freehold sale with potential purchasers being invited to put forward proposals for the re-provision of a library facility.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Committee notes the action taken to date to market the property and that the appropriate Chief Officers be instructed to:
  - i. Offer the former Totteridge Library premises for freehold sale on the open market;
  - ii. appoint external agents to act for the Council in the marketing and sale of the property;
  - iii. investigate any unexplored options and costs for a replacement library facility;
- (2) That the outcomes of the above be reported to a future meeting of the Committee for further consideration.

**8. FORMER FRIERN BARNET SEWAGE WORKS SITE, N10 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 8)**

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

RESOLVED – That the freehold sale of part of the former Friern Barnet sewage works site proceed as previously approved by the Committee on 28 July 2004, but subject to the variation below:

- i. the proposed traveller site not being upon any part of the land being sold to B&Q; and
- ii. if a traveller site is to be provided on any part of this Council's adjoining land, the costs associated therewith (additional security measures or a Section 106 contribution towards its provision) will be deducted from the purchase price.

**9. PARKS GOLF COURSES (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 9)**

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the following tender offers be accepted:

- i. Tender offer from Mr Ian Leo Scagnelli and Mr Paul Alexander Leo Scagnelli be accepted in respect of their offer for Oak Hill Golf Course and Bethune Golf Course.
  - ii. Tender offer from Golfwise Limited in respect of Tudor Golf Course.
- (2) The appropriate Chief Officers be instructed to proceed with granting leases of the above golf courses on the principal terms set out in this and the exempt report and in forms to the Legal Department's approval.

**10. PROPERTY DISPOSALS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 10)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee  
RESOLVED - That the content of the report be noted.

**11. CAPITAL STRATEGY (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 11)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee  
RESOLVED - That the Capital Strategy as annexed to the report be approved and adopted and that the appropriate Chief Officers be authorised to implement the strategy reporting back on a regular basis upon progress as part of the budget process.

**12. CAPITAL SPEND: COMPUTERS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 12)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee  
RESOLVED - That £71,000 be made available from the Capital budget 2005/6 for the purchase of computers for Looked After Children.

**13. SETTING OF FEE FOR COMPLAINTS – HIGH HEDGES (Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing Services and Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 13)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee  
RESOLVED - That a fee of £450 with a 50% reduction for those complainants receiving income benefit as outlined in 8.2 of the report be approved and the appropriate officers be instructed to implement this with immediate effect.

**14. 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:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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16.	Exempt information relating to item 7 considered in public session: Totteridge Library
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17. Exempt information relating to item 8 considered in public session: Former Friern Barnet Sewage Works site, N10
18. Exempt information relating to item 9 considered in public session: Parks Golf Courses
19. Exempt information relating to item 10 considered in public session: Property Disposals
20. Disposal of Deansbrook Day Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware

**15. TOTTERIDGE LIBRARY:**

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

**16. FORMER FRIERN BARNET SEWAGE WORKS SITE, N10:**

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

**17. PARKS GOLF COURSES:**

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

**18. PROPERTY DISPOSALS:**

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

**19. URGENT ITEM - DISPOSAL OF DEANSBROOK DAY CENTRE, DEANSBROOK ROAD, EDGWARE (Report of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance)**

RESOLVED

- (1) – That the exempt report be noted.
- (2) That the relevant Chief Officers be instructed to take the action as referred to in the exempt decisions.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm