

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2005

COMMITTEE:

*Councillor Mike Freer (Chairman)

Councillors

* Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA * John Marshall
* Lynne Hillan * Brian Salinger

* Denotes Member present

\$ Denotes Member absent on Council business

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 and 28 July 2005 were approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

All members were present.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Cllr Anthony Finn declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 – Meals at Home – because his wife took part in the delivery of kosher meals under this service.

4. FOOTBALL STADIUM AND ADJOINING LANDS, CLAREMONT ROAD NW2 (CRC Dec 8/7/2004 – 14) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 5)

At the invitation of the Chairman Ms Dorothy Badrick addressed the Committee in opposition to the proposed disposal.

At the request of the officers the Committee agreed to amend recommendation 1 to the report as set out below.

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

RESOLVED -

1. That the Committee, having considered the representations received in response to the local advertising pursuant to Section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, re-affirms its decision to sell the freehold of the Hendon Football Club site in Claremont Road and that the tender offer from KingsOak North London be accepted for the freehold sale of the residential development site, the approximate position of which is shown on the plan attached to the

Cabinet Member's report, and contracts for the sale be exchanged subject to the following:

- i. to the contract including a requirement for the purchaser to carry out the works or make the payments referred to in paragraph 8.17 of this report;
 - ii. to the removal or modification of the restrictive covenant;
 - iii. the agreement of satisfactory terms with Hendon Football Club for the surrender of its lease of the Claremont Road site;
 - iv. the agreement of satisfactory terms for the termination of the tenancy of the Youth Sport and Leisure Foundation;
 - v. the agreement of satisfactory terms with an appropriate organisation to take a lease of Copthall Stadium which provides for Hendon FC to play at that stadium;
 - vi. to the external auditors confirming that the Council is continuing to act with financial prudence;
2. That the Legal Department completes the necessary documentation.

5. LONG LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE AVENUE HOUSE ESTATE, EAST END ROAD, N3 (CRC Dec 8/7/2004 – 17) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 4)

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

RESOLVED – That the revised terms, as set out in the Cabinet Member's accompanying exempt report, for the grant of a long lease of part of the former all-weather tennis courts to Wilf Slack Young Cricketers Development Trust be accepted and that the Legal Department be instructed to complete the matter.

6. PREPARATION OF STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL (Aud. Cttee. Dec. 31/8/2005 – 6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 6)

The Committee noted that the Audit Committee, in considering the draft Statement, had drawn attention to the external auditors' comments on the implementation of Risk Management within the authority.

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

RESOLVED – That the draft Statement on Internal Control be noted.

7. BRITISH RED CROSS – TWO-YEAR EXTENSION FOR THE JOINT EQUIPMENT CONTRACT (CRC Dec 20/02/2003 – 7) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services– Agenda Item 7)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the current Integrated Community Equipment provider, the British Red Cross, have their contract to deliver, collect, service and store community and nursing equipment extended by a further two years from the 1st July 2006.
2. That, upon approval of extension, the Legal Department be instructed to produce a formal Deed of Variation to effect the changes that have been recommended by

the London Borough of Barnet and the Primary Care Trust and agreed in principle by the British Red Cross.

8. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) INSTALLATION PROGRAMME (Cab. Dec 17/03/2003 – 6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport– Agenda Item 8)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the Head of Highways and Design be instructed to arrange for instructions to be placed with the CCTV Term Contractor T. E. Beach to commence with the installation of CCTV in the areas recommended in the Cabinet Member's report at the relevant rates contained within the CCTV Installation Contract 2004-2007.
2. That the quotation received from BT Redcare for the installation of fibre optic transmission cabling, to link cameras to the control room, be accepted.
3. That the New Barnet Town Centre have CCTV installed as an addition to the 2005/06 programme and for Watling Avenue to Watling Market footpath to be added to the 2006/07 programme.
4. That the cost of works of £482,737 in 2005/6 and £416,511 in 2006/7 be funded from the approved capital programme.
5. That the net additional revenue budget provision of £60,000 in 2006/07 and £86,000 from 2007/08 onwards be agreed and added to the Forward Plan.
6. That the officers be instructed, in conjunction with the police, to review the crime statistics prior to April 2006, check that the priorities as set out in this report are still applicable; and if it is found that there is any shift in crime hotspots a further report be produced for this committee before proceeding with the 2006/07 programme.

9. REVENUE MONITORING (CRC Dec 21/07/2005 – 6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 9)

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 the following amendment to the 2005/06 budget be approved, along with changes to the base budget for future years :-
 - (i) reduction in the budget for the Coroners Court (£109,000 in 2005/06 and the base budget);
3. That Heads of Service be instructed to return identified underspends to the centre and take appropriate management action to contain emerging budget pressures.

10. URGENT ITEM – MEALS AT HOME SERVICE (CRC Dec 21/07/2005 – 6) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 10)

Because Enfield Council would not delay their tendering beyond 26 September, the Chairman agreed pursuant to section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 that this item be considered as a matter of urgency.

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the officers be instructed to explore with Enfield Council the option of pursuing a joint contract for the Meals at Home Service
2. That the decision to tender out the meals service jointly with Enfield Council be delegated to the Head of Adult Social Services.

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 paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item	Subject	Exemption Category
12.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 4 in public session: Long Lease of Council land on the eastern boundary of Avenue House Estate, East End Road, N3	9
13.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 5 in public session: Football Stadium and adjoining lands, Claremont Road, NW2	7&9
14.	Report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport: Street Lighting Contract Claim	7

12. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 4 IN PUBLIC SESSION: LONG LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF AVENUE HOUSE ESTATE, EAST END ROAD, N3:

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

13. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 5 IN PUBLIC SESSION: FOOTBALL STADIUM AND ADJOINING LANDS, CLAREMONT ROAD, NW2

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

14. STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT CLAIM (Report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport) (Cab. Dec 27/9/2004 – 18):

Details of the Committee's decision on this matter are set out in the separate exempt section of these decisions

The meeting finished at 8:12pm