

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE

16 FEBRUARY 2006

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 meeting held on 5 January 2006 were approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lynne Hillan.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

No interests were declared.

4. REPORT WITHDRAWN:

The following report was withdrawn and was not reported to the Committee:

Report	Comments
Long Lane Pasture, Rear of 256/280 Long Lane, Finchley (Agenda Item 9)	To be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

5. CAR PARK AT PERT CLOSE, N10 – PROPOSED DISPOSAL (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 subject to the grant of planning permission, the sale of the Council's freehold interest in the land outlined in black on the attached drawing to the report, to Genesis Housing Group for a social housing scheme on the terms agreed and detailed in the report be agreed.

6. SITE OF NORTHFIELD ROAD GARAGES, NEW BARNET – PROPOSED DISPOSAL (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 5)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That subject to planning permission being granted for the proposed development as set out in the report, approval be given to the transfer to Habinteg Housing Association at nil value, of the Council's freehold interest in the garage site at Northfield Road, New Barnet, shown edged black on the drawing attached to the report.
2. That approval be given to a variation to the Housing Association Capital Programme to reduce the funding to Habinteg Housing Association for the affordable housing to be developed at Northfields Road garage site from £600,000 to £239,000 and increase the budget for new build opportunities by £361,000. The scheme has altered to provide 1 x 3 bedroom wheelchair flat and 1 x 2 bedroom flat on the advice of the Planning Department.

7. FORMER PLAY AREA ADJACENT WADE COURT AND SYDNEY ROAD, N10 – PROPOSED DISPOSAL (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 6)

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the sale of the Council's freehold interest in the play area land outlined in black on the drawing attached to the report, to Paddington Churches Housing Association, part of the Genesis Housing, for a social housing scheme on the terms agreed and detailed in the exempt report be agreed.
2. That approval be given to a variation to the Housing Association Capital Programme to reduce the funding to Paddington Churches for the affordable housing to be developed at Wade Court from £742,000 to £685,831 and increase the budget for new build opportunities by £56,169. The units have been reduced from seven to six following advice from planners.

8. BARNET FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUB, BARNET LANE (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 7)

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

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the action taken by the Director of Environment, in accordance with the emergency powers granted to all Chief Officers and following discussion with the Chairman of the Committee, to secure a without notice injunction preventing The Barnet Club Ltd and Barnet Football Club (Holdings) Ltd from commencing works relating to the installation of revised parking and access arrangements for Barnet Football Club and associated works on land owned by the Council and leased to the cricket club and to adjacent public open space, and to an area of land owned by Barnet Football Club (Holdings) Ltd scheduled to commence on Monday 9 January 2006.

9. REVENUE MONITORING 2005/06 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 8)

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 return confirmed forecast underspends to the centre and take appropriate management action to contain emerging budget pressures.

10. FEES AND CHARGES FOR CLEANSING, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE 1 APRIL 2006 – 31 MARCH 2007 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport – Agenda Item 10)

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

RESOLVED – That the fees and charges detailed in the enclosure with the report, which mainly relates to trade waste, be approved to take effect from 1 April 2006 and the method of payment to include only direct debit or payment in advance by cheque in appropriate cases.

11. GRANT APPLICATION, 2005/06 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 11)

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 and to the special conditions set out in the assessment, the grant to Barnet Voluntary Service Council be approved.

12. SUNNY HILL PARK, HENDON NW4 - RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT (Report of the Leader, substituting for the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport– Agenda Item 12)

The Committee noted written submissions from Mr Eytan Grunberg, proprietor of Sunny Hill café, which was circulated to members of the Committee before the meeting.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Mr Eytan Grunberg addressed the Committee expressing support for the proposals.

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the Committee notes the steps taken by officers of the Council to conclude negotiations with the occupier of Sunny Hill Park café as to the terms of his occupancy.
2. That the Committee instruct officers not to agree to enter into a lease with the occupant upon the terms proposed by him and set out in 8.8 (i) to 8.8 (iv) in the report but that officers negotiate with the occupant on a more reasonable heads of terms for the lease.
3. That the Committee would not approve terms that would give rise to a facility that was a venue in its own right and that would increase the parking and access difficulties.
4. That authority to approve the new heads of terms be delegated to The Leader of the Council.

13. 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
15.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 4 in public session: Car Park at Pert Close, N10 – proposed disposal	9
16.	Exempt information relating to item 5 in public session: Site of Northfield Road Garages, New Barnet – proposed disposal	9
17.	Exempt information relating to item 6 in public session: Former Play Area adjacent Wade Court and Sydney Road, N10 – proposed disposal	9
18.	Exempt information relating to item 12 in public session: Sunny Hill Park, Hendon NW4 - Restaurant Development	7 & 9

14. CAR PARK AT PERT CLOSE, N10 – PROPOSED DISPOSAL

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

15. SITE OF NORTHFIELD ROAD GARAGES, NEW BARNET – PROPOSED DISPOSAL

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

16. FORMER PLAY AREA ADJACENT WADE COURT AND SYDNEY ROAD, N10 – PROPOSED DISPOSAL

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

17. SUNNY HILL PARK, HENDON NW4 - RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

The meeting finished at 7.58pm