

**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE****30 MARCH 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 16 February 2006 were approved subject to an amendment to the decision relating to Revenue Monitoring (Agenda Item 8), to show that the Committee noted that "a further bill for £2,013 had been received from one firm for work done on behalf of three individuals bringing the total up to £39,736 excluding VAT".

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Marshall.

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

Members declared the following interests set out below:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Cllr Lynne Hillan	Landlord's consent for the construction of a car park and revised emergency access at The Barnet Club Ltd (Agenda Item 9)	Personal and prejudicial interest as her company has done business with Barnet Football Club. Cllr Hillan left the room during consideration of this item.
Cllr Lynne Hillan	Supporting People Programme – Extension of Contracts (Agenda Item 17)	Personal and prejudicial interest as her company has done work for some of the organisations detailed in the report. Cllr Hillan left the room during consideration of this item.
Cllr Brian Salinger	Supporting People Programme – Extension of Contracts	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as he has in the past gone out to dinner with

	(Agenda Item 17)	members of one of the organisations detailed in the report. Councillor Salinger remained in the room during discussion of this item and took part in the decision making process.
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**4. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PETITIONS:**

Receipt of the following petitions was reported to the Committee:

Petition	No of Petitioners	Comments
Petition opposing the proposed closure of Hollickwood School	1,356 signatures	The report to which this petition relates was not on the Agenda for the meeting
Petition requesting that "cuts to the Youth Service" be reinstated	approximately 1,500 signatures	The report to which this petition relates was not on the Agenda for the meeting

RESOLVED – That the petitions listed above be noted.

**5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT BUSINESS STRATEGY (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 Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy for 2006/07 be approved.

**6. CORPORATE MOBILE PHONE / NETWORK CONTRACT (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 as an exception to Contract Procedure rules relating to the extension of contracts and subject to the satisfactory completion of all documentation, the Council extends its contract with T-Mobile for mobile phone / network services under the Southwark London Boroughs consortium contract for a second time; the extension to run from 1 April 2006 and to be for no longer than one year.
2. That the Director of Resources be instructed to implement the contract extension.
3. That the estimated savings to occur in 2006/7 be incorporated into the standard revenue monitoring and reporting arrangements.

**7. INTERIM MANAGEMENT OF COPTHALL STADIUM (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, in variation to the previous decision taken by the Committee on 28 July 2005

- (i) the Council extends the interim management agreement with Cophall Management Services (CMS) Ltd to 31 March 2007 whilst work on a long term strategy for the stadium is developed.
- (ii) an amount of £120,000 (2005 – 2006 plus RPI) continues to be allocated from the Leisure Management budget to cover the management fee with £20,000 per annum being retained by the Council to resurface the track in ten years time as part of the conditions of the Community Athletics Refurbishment Programme application.

**8. WATLING CAR PARK AND RELATED LANDS, BURNT OAK (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 as the Committee is content for the discussions and negotiations with St James Investments for the possible redevelopment of Watling car park site and related lands to be progressed, appropriate Chief Officers be instructed to appoint consultant valuers to advise the Council upon the development costs and the value of the Council's property assets required for the scheme.

**9. FEES AND CHARGES – LEISURE SERVICES (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 8)**

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

RESOLVED – That the Committee agrees to the proposed fee and charges for April 2006 – March 2007(inclusive), submitted by the Leisure Management Team. These would include fees and charges for Grahame Park All Weather Pitch, the Leisure partnership between the Council and Greenwich Leisure Limited and the Fitness For Life programme.

**10. LANDLORD'S CONSENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CAR PARK AND REVISED EMERGENCY ACCESS AT THE BARNET CLUB LTD (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 9)**

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

RESOLVED –

1. That subject to Planning Approval, and the submission of satisfactory final level and drainage details to the satisfaction of the Head of Environment and Transport, the Committee approve the terms of the landlord's consent to The Barnet Club Ltd for the construction and use of a new car park and emergency vehicle access on land leased to them and limited to that shown on Drawing No 23542 as follows:

- (i) The consent is granted under the provisions of the lease to the Barnet Club Ltd in relation to user alienation and alterations and additions. The consent granted is subject to the condition that the car park use is restricted to compliance with the user provisions of the lease. Any change of use of any part of the car park constructed on the land leased to The Barnet Club Ltd

would require further landlord's consent in addition to any necessary planning permissions.

- (ii) Landlord's consent is granted to The Barnet Club Ltd additionally to allow Barnet Football Club the use of the car park with the following conditions:
  - a. That Barnet Football Club's use of the car park is restricted to use which is ancillary to the operation of the Football Club
  - b. That the landlord's consent will cease if at any time this condition is not met.
- (iii) Additionally the Council will grant licences to Barnet Football Club and The Barnet Club Ltd for the vehicular use of Priory Grove, to gain vehicular access to the proposed car park, which is approached via land owned by the Barnet Football Club (Holdings) Ltd. This licence will be granted on the condition that the vehicular use is restricted to uses ancillary to the current footballing operation of Barnet Football Club (Holdings) Ltd and the uses permitted under the current lease to The Barnet Club Ltd. Parking along Priory Grove will not be permitted under the terms of the licence. The Council may wish to restrict the vehicular use of Priory Grove by the provision of barriers and/or posts and key access to those bodies with lease or licensed access.

2. That as agreed by the Cabinet Resources Committee on 5 January 2006, all legal works for consents and agreements be carried out by a third party firm of solicitors and that all associated costs, including any construction costs, be met by The Barnet Club Ltd.
3. That the Committee delegate power to the Cabinet Member of Resources and Chairman of the Cabinet Resources Committee to approve any financial terms for the grant of the consents and required construction referred to in sections 1(i) to 1(iii) above and 5 below.
4. That prior to implementing any works that may affect public safety and in particular public access and egress from the football ground, Barnet Football Club Ltd must submit details to and obtain prior written approval from the Council's Health, Safety and Licensing Team who administer the General Safety Certificate for Underhill Stadium.
5. That the Council reconstruct the turning head at the end of Priory Grove as shown on Drawing 23542 (attached to the report) with costs met by The Barnet Club Ltd.

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

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

**12. LONG LANE PASTURE, REAR OF 256/280 LONG LANE, FINCHLEY (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 11)**

The Committee noted written submissions from Anne Brown, Chairman of Long Lane Pastures Action Group, which was circulated to members of the Committee at the meeting.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Anne Brown addressed the Committee expressing the commitment of Long Lane Pastures Action Group to keeping the site as an open space.

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the decision to sell by tender the freehold interest in the property for residential use in accordance with S123 of the Local Government Act 1972 be rescinded.
2. That the property be marketed for community use for rent at a peppercorn rate to be managed by a community group for a period of up to seven years. Such a lease to be granted once the Council is satisfied that the group have appropriate financial and constitutional arrangements in place to take on the management of the site on behalf of the community and in order to protect the Council's interest and manage risk, the lease be subject to:
  - the tenant having in place a biodiversity management plan which meets the requirements of the Council's Green Spaces team and would be in line with the new Sustainable Communities Strategy
  - the tenant being obliged to maintain all fences to a good standard
  - a mutual yearly break provision and clear provisions for termination in the event of the absence of sufficient funding to meet the tenant's obligations or breach thereof
  - an agreement that the provisions of Sections 24-28 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 are excluded
3. That whilst the decisions at (2) are being implemented, a license be granted to the Long Lane Pasture Action Group to continue their work for a further twelve months.
4. That an independent valuation of the site be undertaken to be reported back to the Committee alongside the outcomes of decisions taken at (2) above.
5. That the final terms of the agreement to be negotiated with the Director of Resources and Chairman of the Committee.

**13. INTERIM FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE WINGFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
1 APRIL 2006 – 31 MARCH 2007 (Report of the Cabinet Member for  
Resources and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning–  
Agenda Item 12)**

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the Committee agree the charges for childcare (as laid out in Appendix 1 to the report) at the new Wingfield Children's Centre with effect from 1 April 2006 as a pilot, for review in January 2007.
2. That parents accessing the crèche be asked for a contribution of £1 for each session.

3. That eight places be allocated free of charge to children with complex needs, that is those referred by Children and Families as Children in Need (1989 Children Act).
4. That all children currently attending Wingfield Children and Family Centre continue to attend the Children's Centre at no charge to the parents.

**14. HARWOOD HOUSE, 55 CHRISTCHURCH AVENUE, N12 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Community Services – Agenda Item 13)**

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

RESOLVED – That the Committee accepts the freehold transfer of Harwood House, 55 Christchurch Avenue N12 upon the basis set out in the report and that the appropriate Chief Officers report to a future meeting of the Committee upon the future of the property.

**15. PERRYFIELDS SITE, TYRREL WAY, NW9 – DISPOSAL TERMS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development – Agenda Item 14)**

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

RESOLVED – That the terms for the freehold sale of the Perryfields site at Tyrrel Way, West Hendon to one of the partner organisations carrying out the West Hendon regeneration project be approved and that the appropriate Chief Officers be instructed to complete the sale subject to the prior transfer of the freehold of the site to the Council by Ealing Family Housing Association, subject to the approval of the consultant's valuation report by the Chairman of the Cabinet Resources Committee.

**16. HOUSING ESTATES REGENERATION SCHEMES – ADVANCED PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES IN CASES OF PERSONAL HARDSHIP (Report of the for Community Services, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development and Cabinet Member for Resources– Agenda Item 15)**

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the Committee notes the capital and revenue implications to date of implementing the decision to pursue advanced acquisitions and approves the following:
  - (i) The London Housing Board money of £3.02 million be used to pay the cost of acquisition of the All Souls playing fields land;
  - (ii) The advanced acquisition of properties in the Dollis Valley housing estate regeneration area in cases of hardship, subject to the same limitations as the previous decision for Stonegrove and Grahame Park.

**17. GRANT APPLICATIONS, 2006/07 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance– Agenda Item 16)**

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 assessments attached to the report, the grants recommended below be approved:

East Finchley Neighbourhood Contact	£23,800
Home-Start Barnet	£25,000
New Barnet Community Association	£25,000
Old Barn Youth and Community Association	£32,000

**18. SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME – EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS  
(Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services – Agenda Item 17)**

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

RESOLVED – That as an exception to paragraph 5.6.2.1 of the Contracts Procedure Rules, authority be given to extend for a further year contracts expiring on 31 March 2006 for services in receipt of Supporting People Programme Grant allocated by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

**19. 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 the paragraphs as indicated of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006):

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exemption Category</b>
20.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 7 in public session: Watling car park and related lands, Burnt Oak	3
21.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 10 in public session: Property Disposals	3
22.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 11 in public session: Long Lane Pasture, Rear of 256/280 Long Lane, Finchley	3
23.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 13 in public session: Harwood House, 55 Christchurch Avenue, N12	3
24.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 14 in public session: Perryfields Site, Tyrrel Way, NW9 – disposal terms	3 & 6(b)
25.	Exempt information relating to agenda item 15 in public session: Housing estates regeneration schemes – advanced purchase of properties in cases of personal hardship	3

**20. WATLING CAR PARK AND RELATED LANDS, BURNT OAK.**

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

**21. PROPERTY DISPOSALS.**

The Committee received additional information advising that two properties had now been removed from the schedule. Details of the properties are set out in the separate exempt section of these decisions.

RESOLVED – That the exempt information and additional information given at the meeting be noted.

**22. LONG LANE PASTURE, REAR OF 256/280 LONG LANE, FINCHLEY.**

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

**23. HARWOOD HOUSE, 55 CHRISTCHURCH AVENUE, N12**

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

**24. PERRYFIELDS SITE, TYRREL WAY, NW9 – DISPOSAL TERMS**

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

**25. HOUSING ESTATES REGENERATION SCHEMES – ADVANCED PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES IN CASES OF PERSONAL HARDSHIP**

RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

**26. VOTE OF THANKS**

The Chairman thanked the members of the Committee and the officers for the support that he had received from them during municipal year 2005/2006.

Councillors Brian Salinger, Anthony Finn and Lynne Hillan thanked Councillor Mike Freer for his services as the Chairman of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 8.46pm