Decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee

2 June 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Richard Cornelius (Chairman) Councillor Daniel Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Anthony Finn
Councillor David Longstaff
Councillor Geof Cooke (as substitute)
Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Sachin Rajput
Councillor Barry Rawlings
Councillor Melvin Cohen (as substitute)
Councillor Alan Schneiderman

substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Tom Davey
Councillor Ross Houston

Councillor Alon Or-Bach

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tom Davey, who was substituted by Councillor Melvin Cohen, from Councillor Ross Houston who was substituted by Councillor Geof Cooke and from Councillor Alon Or-Bach, who was substituted by Councillor Alan Schneiderman.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. BARNET HOMES - PURCHASE OF ORBIT HOUSING

The Committee considered the report.

The Chairman invited Members to indicate whether they had any questions regarding the information contained in the exempt report, which would require the Committee to go into private session. There were none.

The Committee:

RESOLVED -

- To approve London Borough of Barnet to purchase the freehold of the land and buildings known as Douglas Bader House subject to the conditions set out in the main and the separate exempt report.
- 2. To note the intention to explore the possibility of transferring the units to Barnet Homes, should it achieve Registered Provider status following completion of the Review of Delivery of Housing Services.
- 3. To delegate authority for the disposal to the Chief Executive, or Commissioning Director, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer.

8. CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAMME 2014-15

The Committee considered the report. Officers were requested to ensure that the grants awards were reported in a timely manner.

The Committee;

RESOLVED -

To note the decisions to award four grants under delegated powers, three to voluntary organisations from the 2014/15 corporate grants programme and one towards the cost of the removal of a dangerous tree on private property.

9. EXTENSION OF USER CONTROLLED INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICE CONTRACT

Councillor Cornelius moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Rajput, to amend the recommendation in the addendum to read:

"Approve a waiver of the CPR and extend the contract with Barnet Centre for Independent Living until 30 September, or an earlier date as agreed by the Director for Adults and Communities in consultation with the Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee."

The Committee agreed the amendment and the motion was carried.

The Committee:

RESOLVED -

- To note the decision of the Adults and Communities Assistant Director, Community And Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources committee, to agree a waiver of the Contract Procedure Rules to extend the contract with Barnet Centre for Independent Living until 31st May 2015.
- 2. To approve a waiver of the CPR and extend the contract with Barnet Centre for Independent Living until 30 September, or an earlier date as agreed by the Director for Adults and Communities in consultation with the Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee."
- 3. To receive a report at the conclusion of the negotiations and contract award.

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2015

The Committee considered the report.

The Committee:

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the programme for implementing the Local Plan, Barnet's Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix A to this report, be approved for submission to the Mayor of London.
- 2. That following submission, and subject to any key amendments by the Mayor that the Local Development Scheme be brought into effect within 28 days of the Mayor's response.

11. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Committee considered the report.

Officers were requested to amend Appendix C – Consultees, "The Council will consult the following bodies, where appropriate" to include Residents Associations.

The Committee:

RESOLVED -

1. To note the proposed Responses to Representations in Appendix B and approves the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (attached at Appendix A) for recommended adoption by Council on 28 July 2015.

12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the work programme.

13. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

14. BARNET HOMES - PURCHASE OF ORBIT HOUSING

RESOLVED - that the information contained in the exempt report be noted.

15. ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT None.

The meeting finished at 7.25 pm