

Decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee

22 March 2016

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Anthony Finn
Councillor Ross Houston
Councillor David Longstaff
Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Alon Or-Bach
Councillor Sachin Rajput
Councillor Barry Rawlings

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Tom Davey

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2016 be approved as a correct record, subject to two corrections on item 3: The first declaration of interest should change to non-pecuniary and the second declaration of interest should be removed.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Councillor Davey could not attend the meeting.

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

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest Declared
Councillor Alison Moore	Item 7	Non-pecuniary interest as a Board Member of a local charity
Councillor David Longstaff	Item 7	Non-pecuniary interest as a Board Member of a local charity
Councillor Ross Houston	Item 9	Non-pecuniary interest as he is a Council appointed representative on the Board of The Barnet Group.
Councillor Ross Houston	Item 14	Non-pecuniary interest as he is a Council appointed representative on the Board of The Barnet Group.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There were none.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

There were none.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. BUSINESS RATES - DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY

The Committee considered the report.

The Committee,

RESOLVED- to note the consultation responses and approve the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy.

8. ACCESSING FRAMEWORKS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Committee considered the report.

The Committee,

RESOLVED-

1. To authorise the procurement of professional construction & engineering services for schemes through existing OJEU compliant frameworks.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to appoint suppliers through these frameworks, in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee and subject to documentation through Full Officer DPRs.

9. STREET SCENE DELIVERY UNIT MANAGEMENT CHANGES

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Edwards moved a motion that was duly seconded, to add an additional recommendation that the interim arrangement with Barnet Group be extended for up to 9 months.

The Committee unanimously agreed the motion and it was therefore carried.

The Committee

RESOLVED-

1. To note the content in the report
2. To extend the interim arrangement with the Barnet Group be for up to 9 months.

10. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH (NIMR) - PLANNING BRIEF

The Committee considered the report.

The Committee;

RESOLVED-

1. To note the responses to the consultation, and agree the Council responses in the Consultation Report attached at Appendix A.
2. To adopt the National Institute of Medical Research Planning Brief attached at Appendix B.

11. BRAKE SHEAR HOUSE - PLANNING BRIEF

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Longstaff moved a motion that was duly seconded to amend paragraph 7.2 of the Brake Shear House planning brief by replacing “and rates will need to be comparative to other commercial uses within the Chipping Barnet Town Centre” with ‘The Council is keen to promote the provision of affordable workspace on the site, if this isn’t possible, rates will need to be comparable with other similar uses within Chipping Barnet town centre.

Recommendation 2 will read “to adopt the Brake Shear House Planning Brief attached at Appendix 1 as amended”.

The Committee unanimously agreed the motion and it was therefore carried.

The Committee

RESOLVED-

1. To note the responses in the Consultation Report attached at Appendix 3
2. To adopt the Brake Shear House Planning Brief attached at Appendix 1 as amended.

12. NORTH LONDON BUSINESS PARK - PLANNING BRIEF

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Rutter attended to address the Committee.

Councillor Rawlings moved a motion that was duly seconded to amend the planning brief so as to make skilled employment a higher priority in the planning brief.

The Committee unanimously agreed the motion and it was therefore carried.

The Committee,

RESOLVED -

1. To note the public responses to the consultation carried out on the North London Business Park Planning Brief, and agree the Council responses in the Consultation Report attached at Appendix A.
2. To adopt the North London Business Park Planning Brief attached at Appendix B as amended.

13. PLANNING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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. These were addressed during the exempt session.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

For: 6

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

The Committee;

RESOLVED – to approve the additional planning services and associated charges (detailed in Appendix 1).

14. THE BARNET GROUP (TBG) BUSINESS PLAN

Having declared an interest Councillor Houston left the room and did not take part in the discussion or the vote.

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 the business plan attached as Appendix A and note the draft delivery plan attached as Appendix B.

15. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the work programme.

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

There were none.

17. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee,

RESOLVED - that the press and public, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, be excluded from the meeting.

18. EXEMPT-PLANNING ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The Committee;

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

19. EXEMPT-THE BARNET GROUP (TBG) BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee;

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

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

There were none.

The meeting finished at 20:10