

Decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee

10 January 2017

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Dean Cohen	Councillor Alon Or-Bach
Councillor Tom Davey	Councillor Sachin Rajput
Councillor Paul Edwards	Councillor Barry Rawlings
Councillor Anthony Finn	Councillor Joan Scannell
Councillor Ross Houston	

Also in attendance

Councillor Geof Cooke (as substitute)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alison Moore

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting of 1 December were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alison Moore. Councillor Geof Cooke attended as substitute member.

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

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Public comments were received from Mr John Dix on agenda item 7, Future Library provision in New Barnet.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. FUTURE LIBRARY PROVISION IN NEW BARNET

The Committee considered the report.

Following discussion of the report and matters raised in the public comment Councillor Richard Cornelius moved that an additional recommendation be included to note that the intention is that maximum use of the library space should be made while the Leisure Centre is open, and that this will form part of discussion with the new Leisure Centre provider. This was duly seconded and unanimously agreed.

On the recommendations in the report and new recommendation four being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	7
Against	0
Abstain	5

RESOLVED – That the Committee

- 1. Note the results of the public consultation and the Equalities Impact Assessment attached in Appendices A and B.**
- 2. Agree that the Partnership library in East Barnet be re-located to the new leisure facility at the Victoria Recreation Ground (subject to planning consent).**
- 3. Agree to fund the potential requirement for up to £500k capital contribution towards the cost of the new library, to be added to the council's capital programme for 2017/18.**
- 4. Note the intention is that maximum use of the library space should be made while the Leisure Centre is open, and that this will form part of discussion with the new Leisure Centre provider.**

8. LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS SCHEME

The Committee considered the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were declared as follows:

For	12
Against	0
Abstain	0

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the recommendation of the London Councils Leaders' Committee for an overall level of expenditure of £8,899,000 in 2017/18, involving total borough contributions of £7,668,152 and a levy on Barnet of £335,671, be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Resources be instructed to inform the Chief Executive of London Councils accordingly.**

9. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the forward work programme. It was noted that there had been some additions to the work programme and that some items had been moved from February to March meeting. It was noted that these changes had been made in the published work programme.

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

There were none.

The meeting finished at 7.25 pm