

Decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee

2 December 2014

Members Present:-

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

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

Also in attendance
Councillor Reuben Thompstone

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2014 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

None.

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

Councillor Ross Houston declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Housing Committee element of the Business Planning 2015/16 – 2019/20 report as a Council appointed representative on the Board of The Barnet Group Ltd.

Councillor Dean Cohen declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Environment Committee element of the Business Planning 2015/16 – 2019/20 report as he was currently in negotiations in talks with a street lighting company.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Ms Barbara Jacobsen made public comments on agenda item 7 (Business Planning 2015/16 – 2019/20).

Details of the questions asked and the published answers were provided with the agenda papers for the meeting. Verbal responses were given to the supplementary questions at the meeting.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. BUSINESS PLANNING 2015/16-19/20

The Leader and theme committee chairmen presented the Business Planning 2015/16 – 2019/20 report.

Following discussion of the report Councillor Alison Moore **MOVED** that the report be referred to Council. The referral was supported by:

Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Alon Or-bach
Councillor Ross Houston
Councillor Barry Rawlings

RESOLVED that having received the requisite number of support for referral, the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration by Full Council.

8. FREE PARKING BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Environment Committee Chairman, Councillor Dean Cohen, presented the report.

RESOLVED that:-

1. That the Committee approves the request from the Environment Committee for a temporary variation to Parking Fees and Charges to enable free parking in Barnet's town centres for the three weekends before Christmas for this and the next three years.
2. That the Committee note the estimated £90,000 per annum 'cost' for this initiative and confirm that this be funded from the Environment Committee Budget.

9. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Chief Executive presented the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Committee note the report.
2. That the Committee consider and approve any changes to the Inter-Authority Agreement with Harrow Council, and the side agreement, necessary to implement

the proposals detailed in the report, subject to the Leader and Chief Executive being given authority to negotiate changes to the agreement.

10. INDEPENDENT TRANSPORT OPERATIONS FOR SEN AND PASSENGER TRANSPORT UPDATE

RESOLVED that the Committee approve the increases as set out in the report in the approved contractors' spend and the overall annual value of the Independent Transport Operations for SEN and Passenger Transport contracts for the approved suppliers for 2014/15.

11. BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD - EVERSHEDES CONTRACT EXTENSION

Having been put to the vote the Committee

RESOLVED to agree the extension and variation of the contract for Eversheds as external advisors on the Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration Scheme, including a waiver of Contract Procedure Rules on the grounds described in the report.

Votes were recorded as follows:

In favour: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the report.

The Committee agreed that the revised Barnet / Harrow inter-authority agreement and side-agreement be added to the work programme.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm