

## Decisions of the Performance and Contract Management Committee

11 November 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Anthony Finn (Chairman)  
Councillor Sury Khatri (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Geof Cooke	Councillor Shimon Ryde
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Daniel Seal
Councillor Kathy Levine	Councillor Dr Devra Kay (In place of Arjun Mittra)
Councillor Ammar Naqvi	Councillor Lisa Rutter (In place of John Marshall)
Councillor Reema Patel	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor John Marshall      Councillor Arjun Mittra

### 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: DUE TO A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY WITH THE MICROPHONES, THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7.33 PM.**

### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Arjun Mittra, who was substituted for by Councillor Dr. Devra Kay.

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### 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Geof Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 8 (Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring Report) by virtue of a) himself being a Governor of Summerside School, which was referred to in the report, and b) of his wife being a Governor at Danegrove School.

**4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)**

There were none.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)**

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

Officers undertook to provide extra information

**6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)**

**7. MEMBERS ITEM - COUNCILLOR COOKE - THIN CLIENT MODEL**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Geof Cooke introduced his Member's Item.

Following discussion, the Chairman MOVED that the Committee request to be provided with the following report at their next meeting:

"That Committee receives a report that provides an update and assessment of the clienting/contract management arrangements that are operating across council contracts and services, alongside the annual review of reports of CSG and Re and provide a description how performance is monitored and challenged"

**RESOLVED that the Committee receives a report that provides an update and assessment of the clienting/contract management arrangements that are operating across council contracts and services, alongside the annual review of reports of CSG and Re and provide a description how performance is monitored and challenged.**

**8. THE BARNET GROUP - ANNUAL REPORT**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Troy Henshall, the Deputy Chief Executive at The Barnet Group introduced the report, which provided the financial position of the Barnet Group for the year ending March 2014. The Committee noted a reported loss of £871,000, prior to subsequent account adjustments being made in relation to pensions.

**RESOLVED that the Committee note The Barnet Group Annual Report.**

**9. QUARTER 2 MONITORING REPORT 2014/15**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. John Hooton, the Deputy Chief Operating Officer introduced the report which provided the delivery and financial performance of both contracted and non-contracted services.

The Committee considered the report.

Councillor Reema Patel MOVED the following motion which was SECONDED by Councillor Ammar Naqvi:

*“That the Performance and Contract Management Committee request that the Adults and Safeguarding Committee consider in detail the relationship between the working conditions of care workers in Barnet and the outcome and performance of the provision of social care in Barnet.”*

Votes were recorded as follows:

In Favour	5
Against	5
Abstentions	0

Following a tie, the Chairman used his casting vote. The motion was lost.

A Member commented on an error made by Re: in relation to a planning decision which was incorrectly considered in private session, and questioned why it was not included on the evening’s agenda. The Committee noted that the error had occurred during Quarter Three. Claire Symonds, the Commercial and Customer Services Director advised that she expected the matter to be recorded in the Quarter 3 report. Following a question from a Member, Ms. Symonds advised that it would be possible to provide data in the Quarter 3 report breaking down the detail of complaints by area. There were several detailed question raised by Members on matters contained in the report, which were answered by Officers. In relation to specific residents’ issues regarding council tax, Members were asked to bring specific cases to the attention of Anna Earnshaw, Operations Director of Capita.

During the consideration of the above item, Councillor Davey left the meeting at 8:58 pm.

**RESOLVED that:-**

**1. The Committee agree the following referrals to thematic committees:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>REFERRAL</b>
<b>Policy and Resources</b>	<b>To note the current capital slippage and to address the capital forecasting and profiling process to ensure less slippage between years.</b>
<b>Adults and Safeguarding</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Assets, Regeneration and Growth</b>	<b>To note the concern of the Performance and Contract Management Committee of the tight timescales for the relocation of the Depot when considering the update report at the next meeting of the committee.</b>
<b>Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding</b>	<b>To note the current academic performance when considering the Education and Skills options.</b>
<b>Community Leadership</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>To note, during finalisation of the Parking Policy, the increasing number of transactions and to be aware of the variation from budget in the Special</b>

	<b>Parking Account.</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>To note the increasing homelessness levels and rising accommodation costs as part of the finalisation of the Housing Strategy.</b>
<b>General Function Committee</b>	<b>To note the requirement of Delivery Units to complete workforce plans by the end of 2014/15 to outline appropriate levels of agency resourcing.</b>

2. The Committee is asked to note the quarter 2 2014/15 revenue budget and capital position contained in paragraphs 1.11 and 1.14.
3. The Committee is asked to refer to Policy and Resources Committee the request for the funding of pressures on permit income within the Special Parking Account (£1.020m) be funded from contingency, as outlined in section 1.11.
4. The Committee is asked to note the Agency Costs for the quarter 2 2013/14 as detailed in paragraph 1.16.
5. The Committee is asked to note the Treasury position outlined in paragraph 1.18.
6. The Committee is asked to approve the projected £31,136m capital slippage of the outturn at quarter 2 2014/15, as outlined in Appendix C.
7. The Committee is asked to note the additional information requested at committee on the 23 July 2014; HR Schools update, as set out in Appendix I.
8. The Committee is asked to note the additional information requested regarding Single Person Discounts, as set out in Appendix J.
9. The Committee are asked to refer for approval the write off of Sundry debt of £0.166m as set out in table 14 to the Policy and Resources Committee.

#### **10. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme and noted that in addition to the items referred to in the Work Programme, that the Committee would receive the report as requested by the Committee at Agenda Item 6 (Member's Items)

**RESOLVED that the Committee note the Forward Work Programme.**

#### **11. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

The meeting finished at 21:58