Decisions of Cabinet

12 April 2010

Cabinet Members:

* Cllr Lynne Hillan (Chairman)

- * Melvin Cohen, LL B* Richard Cornelius
- * Helena Hart
- * Sachin Rajput
- * Andrew Harper
- * Robert Rams

* denotes Member present

1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2010 were approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS:

All Cabinet Members were present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

No interests were declared.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No questions were received.

5. CORPORATE PLAN 2010–2013 (Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance – Agenda Item 5):

For the reasons given in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Corporate Plan, as attached at Appendix A, be approved, subject to the amendments set out in the tabled addendum.
- 2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any required amendments prior to publication, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN 2010/11–2012/13 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services – Agenda Item 6):

For the reasons given in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

- * Joanna Tambourides
- * Daniel Thomas
- * Daniel Webb

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Children and Young People Plan 2010/11 2012/13 be approved for onward referral to Council.
- 2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Children and Young People Plan prior to its approval by Council, as it may be needed to reflect updated financial and performance information.
- 3. That the changes in legislation taking effect from 1 April 2010, making the Barnet Children's Trust Board a statutory body, be noted.

7. REFERENCE FROM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE: COMMENTS ON THE HOUSING STRATEGY (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 7):

The Committee received the comments of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee on the Housing Strategy.

8. HOUSING STRATEGY (Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration – Agenda Item 8):

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration requested that Cabinet note that an Equalities Impact Assessment had been completed when the Housing Strategy had been prepared.

Following consideration of the comments of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee and for the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Housing Strategy 2010-2015, as appended to the report of officers, be approved and formally adopted.
- 2. That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration be authorised to agree any further minor changes to the Housing Strategy, in consultation with the Leader, prior to publication.

9. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR INITIATIVE (Report of the Leader of the Council – Agenda Item 9):

For the reasons given in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Director of Planning, Housing and Regeneration be instructed to explore the Private Rented Sector Initiative, in 2010/11 linked to Future Shape.
- 2. That, following such exploration, the Director of Planning, Housing and Regeneration be instructed to develop further the Business Case for establishing a Barnet Private Rented Sector Initiative vehicle for future presentation to Cabinet.
- 3. That authority be given to the Director of Planning, Housing and Regeneration to appoint relevant external advisors to advise on the Private Rented Sector Initiative and the Council's proposed participation in such a

vehicle, and authority be given to the relevant Cabinet Member, through Delegated Powers, to approve external advisors.

10. DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Community Engagement – Agenda Item 10):

In discussing the report, Cabinet agreed that the Director of Environment and Operations should continuously monitor the impact of the Designated Public Order Place (once in-situ) and seek to share some of the £5,000 cost of implementing the Order with the Police.

For the reasons given in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED – That the creation of a Designated Public Place Order, covering the environs of Cricklewood Town Centre within Childs Hill Ward, as set out in appendix 2 to the report of officers, be approved.

11. REFERENCE FROM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE: TASK AND FINISH GROUP REVIEW: HOMELESSNESS AND YOUNG PEOPLE (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 11):

Cllr Anne Hutton, Chairman of the Task and Finish Group attended the meeting, presented the Group's report and discussed its contents with Cabinet Members.

Cabinet noted that monitoring of the Notting Hill Housing Trust contract for floating support would be undertaken by the relevant overview and scrutiny committee.

Cabinet generally endorsed the recommendations of the Group, made through the Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and in accordance with the comments of Cabinet Members for Housing & Regeneration and Children's Services

RESOLVED – That Cabinet thanked the Task and Finish Group for their report which was very helpful and welcomed their recommendations. The only issue raised was that Recommendations 1 and 5 appeared to duplicate the Children and Young People's Plan.

12. REFERENCE FROM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE: TASK AND FINISH GROUP REVIEW: ROAD RESURFACING (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 12):

Cllr Dean Cohen, Chairman of the Task and Finish Group attended the meeting, presented the Group's report, and discussed its contents with Cabinet Members.

Cabinet generally endorsed the recommendations of the Group, made through the Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee, and in accordance with the comments of Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of this Task and Finish Group were in general very helpful and constructive, and tribute be given to the Group for their work. Cabinet agreed with the Group that there is a more efficient way of running the road resurfacing programme and that the asset management system being proposed is the way forward. The additional recommendations in c) i) and ii) of the Group's report must be subject to resources being available.

13. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: -

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended):

Agenda Subject

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X1. Exempt information relating to item 9 in public session – Private Rented Sector Initiative

14. EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 9 IN PUBLIC SESSION – PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR INITIATIVE (Agenda Item X1)

RESOLVED – That the information contained within the exempt report be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm