

## LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

## MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**Members Present:**

Councillor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)	(Leader of the Council)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Lead Member, Culture and Leisure)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Marc Francis	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Rania Khan	(Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)
Councillor Joshua Peck (Vice-Chair)	(Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Oliur Rahman	(Lead Member, Employment and Skills)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	(Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)

**Other Councillors Present:**

Councillor Stephanie Eaton	(Leader Liberal Democrat Group)
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader Conservative Group)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor A A Sardar	(Scrutiny Lead Member: A Prosperous Community)
Councillor David Snowdon	

**Others Present:**

Abid Hussain	(Interim Chief Executive, Ocean NDC)
Christine Whatford	(Chair of Interim Executive Board, St Paul's Way Community School)

**Officers Present:**

Kevan Collins	– (Chief Executive)
Lutfur Ali	– (Assistant Chief Executive)
Isobel Cattermole	– (Acting Corporate Director, Children, Schools & Families)
Aman Dalvi	– (Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Isabella Freeman	– (Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services])
Stephen Halsey	– (Corporate Director, Communities, Localities &

	Culture)
Chris Naylor	– (Corporate Director, Resources)
Deborah Cohen	– (Acting Service Head, Commissioning and Strategy)
Jackie Odunoye	– (Service Head Strategy Regeneration and Sustainability, Development & Renewal)
Ashraf Ali	– (Scrutiny Policy Officer)
Alan Finch	– (Service Head, Corporate Finance, Resources)
Eloise Clarke	– (Communications Officer, Corporate Communications, Chief Executive's)
Kate Bingham	– (Acting Service Head (Resources) Children Schools and Families)
Afazul Hoque	– (Scrutiny Policy Manager, Scrutiny & Equalities, Chief Executive's)
Mark Hutton	– (Team Leader, Development Design & Conservation)
Vicki Lambert	– (Conservation Officer, Development Design and Conservation)
Richard Parsons	– (Service Head Procurement and Corporate Programme)
Jennifer Richardson	– Interim Strategic Planning Manager, Development & Renewal)
Alison Thomas	– (Private Sector and Affordable Housing Manager)
Jodie Semp Blaskey	– (Policy and Partnerships Officer, SSP, SSFD)
Chris Worby	– (Service Head, Housing Regeneration, Development & Renewal)
Louise Fleming	– (Acting Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services)

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Anwara Ali, Lead Member Adult Health and Wellbeing
- Ms Helen Taylor, Acting Corporate Director Adult Health and Wellbeing, for whom Ms Deborah Cohen, Acting Service Head Commissioning and Strategy was deputising.

**Noted.**

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed** declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6.5 “Ocean NDC Succession Strategy 2010 and Beyond” (CAB 064/090). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Ocean NDC. Councillor Ahmed was still a resident of the Ocean Estate and a former Board Member of the NDC.

**Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed** declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.4 “Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2011/12” (CAB 069/090) as his daughters attended Ben Johnson and Central Foundation Girls Schools.

**Councillor Abdul Asad** declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.5 “Smashed Alcohol Misuse amongst Young People: Report of the Scrutiny Review Working Group” (CAB 074/090) as the report related to the LAP 4 area, within which the Councillor was employed.

**Councillor Sirajul Islam** declared a personal interest in item 6.4 “Building Britain’s Future – Council Bid to Commence Council House Building” (CAB 063/090) as it related to Tower Hamlets Community Housing for which he was a board member and in item 7.2 “Grouped Schools and Mulberry School PFI Schemes – Progress Report” (CAB 067/090) as his daughter attended Mulberry School.

**Councillor Rania Khan** declared a personal interest in item 7.1 “Update on Consultation on Proposals for a National Challenge Trust at St Paul’s Way Community School” (CAB 066/090) as she was a member of the Interim Executive Board.

**Councillor Lutfur Rahman** declared a personal interest in item 7.2 “Grouped Schools and Mulberry School PFI Schemes – Progress Report” (CAB 067/090) as his daughter attended Mulberry School.

**Councillor Oliur Rahman** and **Councillor Abdal Ullah** declared personal interests in Agenda items 7.2 “Grouped Schools and Mulberry School PFI Schemes – Progress Report” (CAB 067/090) and 7.3 “Update on Building Schools for the Future Programme and Acceptance of Capital Estimates for Early Works Agreement” (CAB 068/090) as the report related to schools within their Ward.

**Councillor Abdal Ullah** declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Update on Consultation on Proposals for a National Challenge Trust at St Paul’s Way Community School” (CAB 066/090) as a Governor of Queen Mary University.

**Noted.**

### **3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

At this juncture the Chair:

- Informed members of the Cabinet that the Assistant Chief Executive had received one valid request as follows:
  - Local residents from Cardigan Road, E3 and representatives of businesses on the Roman Road in respect of item 6.1 “Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Guidelines – Adoption of the Drafts (CAB 061/090)

Accordingly the Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Cabinet, and it was: -

##### **Resolved**

1. That the deputation be received; and
2. That business be considered in accordance with the order of business detailed in the agenda.

At this juncture the Chair informed members of the Cabinet that a statement had been **Tabled** by the deputation, a copy of which would be interleaved with the minutes.

Following receipt of the deputation, points of clarification sought from and given and a short address from Councillor Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, the Chair thanked the deputation for coming to address the Cabinet and then **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Cabinet and it was: -

##### **Resolved**

1. That the following deputation be formally received and noted: -

Mr A Tucker of Cardigan Road Residents, in respect of Agenda item 6.1 “Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Guidelines – Adoption of the Drafts (CAB 061/090).”
2. That the points raised by the deputation be given consideration during the Cabinet deliberation of the item of business to which the deputation related; and
3. That any outstanding issues raised by the deputation be referred to the Corporate Director Development and Renewal for attention and response in writing within 28 days, in accordance with the Authority’s Constitution (Part 4, Rules of Procedure, Section 4.1 Council Procedure Rules, Rule 20 Deputations).

## 5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 5.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered

The Chair informed Members that Councillor Sirajul Islam, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, had **Tabled**:

- A sheet of questions arising from the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009, in respect of the unrestricted business contained in the agenda for consideration (pre-scrutiny questions).
- A sheet detailing the advice / comments relating to the Budget and Policy Framework report to be considered: Agenda item 8.1 "Gambling Act 2005 – Three year review of Gambling Policy" (CAB 070/090).

Councillor Islam, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, addressed the members of the Cabinet:

- Thanking Councillor Joshua Peck, Deputy Leader of the Council, for attending the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the previous evening for the "Scrutiny Spotlight"; and outlined the key issues which the discussion focussed.
- Reporting consideration of a report on the Gambling Policy and outlined the issues raised.
- Reporting consideration of a report on the Third Sector Strategy, thanking Councillor Rania Khan, Lead Member for Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, and outlining the issues raised.
- Updating Members on the outcome of the Dangerous Dogs Scrutiny Challenge Session.
- Key Issues or Questions (Pre Scrutiny)  
Informing members of the Cabinet that he had nothing to add to the questions/comments raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the tabled paper regarding:
  - Item 6.2 "Amendment to the Statement of Community Involvement" (CAB 061/090)"
  - Item 8.1 "Gambling Act 2005 – Three year review of gambling policy (CAB 070/090)
  - Item 10.1 "Procurement Developments" (CAB 076/090)
  - Item 10.3 "Accelerating Delivery of key priorities" (CAB 078/090)

The Chair thanked Councillor Sirajul Islam for presenting the contribution of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and then **Moved**, and it was

#### **Resolved**

That the questions/ comments/ advice of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted, and that these be given consideration during the

Cabinet deliberation of the items of business to which the questions/ comments/ advice related.

## 5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Nil items.

Councillor Joshua Peck **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Cabinet, and it was

### **Resolved**

That the order of business be varied to consider item 10.3 "Accelerating Delivery of Key Priorities" (CAB 078/090) first, and then the rest of the business in the order it appeared on the agenda.

(For the purposes of the minutes, the items will appear as listed on the agenda.)

## 6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

### 6.1 Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Guidelines – Adoption of the Drafts (CAB 061/090)

Councillor Marc Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points and addressed the points raised in the Deputation as follows:

- There were issues surrounding the regeneration of Roman Road and more work was needed. It was important to secure a retail anchor for the area, such as a supermarket, which would attract more visitors to the area and help with the regeneration. It was also recognised that work needed to be done with developing the smaller businesses on the Roman Road.
- The wording of the report could be amended to reflect the inclusion of a 4 storey building in the area.

Councillor Joshua Peck, Deputy Leader of the Council, outlined the initiatives for the regeneration of the Roman Road and highlighted the need to secure a retail anchor in the area.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendations set out in the report and it was

### **Resolved**

1. That the responses to the public consultation undertaken by the Authority in respect of the draft Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Guidelines for the 7 newly designated conservation areas, be noted;
2. That the 25 new and modified Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Guidelines, attached at Appendix C to the report (CAB 061/090) be approved as planning guidance, subject the amendment to reflect the four story buildings on the Roman Road, to support the broader conservation policies contained with the Local Development Framework, now adopted by the Authority as Interim Planning Guidance; and
3. That it be noted that officers will create a leaflet for public distribution based on the adopted character appraisals and management guidelines.

## **6.2 Amendment to the Statement of Community Involvement (CAB 061/090)**

Councillor Marc Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points.

Ms Jennifer Richardson, Interim Strategic Planning Manager, responded to the questions tabled by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as follows:

- The Neighbourhood Manager could be added to the list of people notified about major planning applications and planning policy consultation. Any comments would need to be received within the specified consultation period.
- Summary versions of the Statement of Community Involvement could be provided.
- The Community Planning and Liaison Officer would further improve the consultation process.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendations set out in the report and it was

### **Resolved**

That the amended Statement of Community Involvement, including the minor amendments made following the consultation period, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report (CAB 061/090), be adopted.

### 6.3 Progressing the Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme (CAB 062/090)

Councillor Marc Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points, in particular highlighting the progress with the Fish Island Action Plan.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendations set out in the report and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the updated LDS set out in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 062/090) be approved for submission to the Secretary of State, via the Government Office for London, and to the Mayor of London, via the Greater London Authority;
2. That the updated LDS shall have formal effect four weeks after submission to the Secretary of State, provided that the Secretary of State does not propose to issue a call-in direction; and
3. That the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal be authorised to make factual changes or minor changes to the approved scheme if so directed by the Secretary of State via Government Office for London.

### 6.4 Building Britain's Future - Council Bid to commence House Building (CAB 063/090)

Councillor Marc Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points as follows:

Funding had been made available by the Government's Housing Minister to build 17 new homes.

The Council had made a bid for £8.7m from the Homes and Communities Agency in the second round for a further 88 homes.

Members welcomed the report and expressed the wish to commence building without delay as it would improve the lives of many Borough residents.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendations in the report and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the details of the recent bid for funding submitted to the HCA for Council House Building in Tower Hamlets set out in sections 7 to 9 of the report (CAB 063/090) ("the Bid") be noted;



2. That the Corporate Director of Development & Renewal upon confirmation that the Bid has been granted by the HCA and following consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal) and the Corporate Director Resources be authorised to agree terms and enter into a grant funding agreement with the HCA;
3. That the inclusion of the scheme within the capital programme be approved and a Capital Estimate for the sum of £3,522,000, be adopted;
4. That prudential borrowing of £1,352,237 as part funding of the scheme be approved;
5. That the Corporate Director of Development & Renewal following consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal) and the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised to invite and evaluate tenders for contracts required to carry out the development the subject of the Bid and where appropriate award contracts to suitable tenderers;
6. That the use of the council owned plots of land on the Greenways Estate, Approach Estate and Wapping Estate, as identified in section 7 of the report (CAB 063/090) for the development the subject of the Bid, be approved;
7. That the Corporate Director of Development & Renewal be authorised to approve the use of Council properties other than those identified in section 7 of the report (CAB 063/090) for the development the subject of the Bid should there be constraints preventing use of the presently identified sites; and
8. That it be noted that officers will work up a pipeline of schemes to position the Council for a round of bids to the HCA in October 2009.

## **6.5 Ocean NDC Succession Strategy 2010 and Beyond (CAB 064/090)**

Councillor Rania Khan, Lead Member Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points.

A discussion followed where Members welcomed the report and made the following points

- It was hoped that the good work carried out by the NDC would continue
- The CCAP Project was important as it would help residents into work.

The Chair in **Moving** the recommendations set out in the report

- Thanked Mr Abid Hussain, Interim Chief Executive of the Ocean NDC and the Board Members and that the recommendations were for important improvements to residents' lives.

and it was

**Resolved**

1. That the Ocean New Deal Communities Succession Strategy be approved on behalf of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets as the accountable body for the Ocean New Deal for Communities Programme; and
2. That the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal be delegated power to amend the Succession Strategy prior to its submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

**6.6 Award of Contracts for THH Housing Capital Programme (CAB 065/090)**

Councillor Marc Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points.

A discussion ensued, in which Members welcomed the report and made the following comments:

- There was a wish to see local contractors used where possible, but some concern that contractors should be vetted to prevent the employment of spurious contractors; and then monitored through the length of the contract.
- The process should be used to drive efficiency savings.
- Companies which had been fined by the Government for price fixing would not be included in the list of contractors.

Ms Jackie Odunoye, Service Head, Strategy Regeneration and Sustainability, responded to Members' concerns and gave assurances that Tower Hamlets Homes worked with criteria set by the Council and that it was required to monitor for Value for Money through the life of the contract. Members' concerns would be taken on Board and officers would report back to Members with the final list of contractors.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

**Resolved**

1. That the appointment of contractors to the frameworks be approved as follows:
  - 1.1.1 Asbestos – Woods Building Services Ltd trading as AA Woods (Asbestos Abatement); Erith Contractors Ltd; and K&K Industrial Services Ltd.
  - 1.1.2 Boosted Water – GEM Environmental Building Services Ltd; Kent Heating Services Ltd; and Thames Engineering & Maintenance Services Ltd.

- 1.1.3 Communal Decorations – Alfred Bagnall & Sons (Restoration) Ltd; Bell Decorating Group Ltd; and Connaught Partnerships Ltd.
- 1.1.4 Concrete Repairs – Alfred Bagnall & Sons (Restoration) Ltd; Connaught Partnerships Ltd; and Mulalley & Company Ltd.
- 1.1.5 Door Entry / CCTV – AJS Ltd; Cartel Security Systems Ltd; and Dennis Johns Electrical Ltd.
- 1.1.6 Electrical Rewiring – AJS Ltd; R Dunham UK Ltd; and PFL Electrical Ltd.
- 1.1.7 Lifts – Acre Lifts Ltd, Temple Lifts Ltd, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lifts Ltd.
- 1.1.8 Roofs – Amber Construction Services Ltd; Asphaltic Ltd; and Breyer Group Plc.
- 1.1.9 Water Tanks – Hertel (UK) Ltd; Kent Heating Services Ltd; and Reef Water Solutions.
- 1.1.10 Windows & Doors – Anglian Windows Ltd; LSSD UK Ltd trading as Homesafe; and Sovereign Group Ltd.
- 1.1.11 General Refurbishment, including internal modernisation – Apollo Property Services Group Ltd; Connaught Partnerships Ltd; and Lakehouse Contracts Ltd.
- 1.2 The award of the contract for works to Rapley House to Maybrick Ltd in the sum of £325,000.
- 1.3 The award of the contract for works to Rhodewell Road to Kent Heating Services in the sum of £272,957.
- 1.4 The award of the contract for works to the Pitsea Estate (Billing House, Dowson House and Lipton Road) to Thomas Sinden Ltd in the sum of £1,795,524.
- 1.5 The award of the contract for works to Bracken House to Connaught Partnerships Ltd in the sum of £516,795.
- 1.6 The award of the contract for works to Wainwright House to Russell Trew Ltd in the sum of £131,222.
- 1.7 The award of the contract for new lifts at Ansell House to Acre Lifts Ltd in the sum of £625,816.
- 1.8 The award of the contract for new lifts at Clelland, Goodrich, Kemp and Piggott Houses to Patron Lifts Ltd in the sum of £588,940.

- 1.9 The award of the contract for new lifts at Yates, Danvers and Hanson Houses to Patron Lifts Ltd in the sum of £603,230.
- 1.10 Stock Condition Survey (para 6):
- (i) Review the Housing Investment and HRA Planned Maintenance programmes to assess the need for and viability of a full stock condition survey at a total cost of up to £2.045 million, and subject to the identification of compensatory HRA efficiency savings agree to undertake a programme of surveys as outlined in paragraph 6 of the report.
  - (ii) (ii) The award of the contract for the Stock Condition Survey to Savills plc in the sum of up to £1,995,000.
- 1.11 Grant Funded Insulation Scheme (Para 7)
- (i) The inclusion of the scheme in the Housing Capital Programme for 2009/10 and 2010/11, and the adoption of a capital estimate in the sum of £2,058,000 (£1,790,000 works costs; £268,000 fees & oncosts);
  - (ii) The award of contracts for grant funded insulation works to (a) Mark Group Ltd from the LHC framework up to a value of £1,490,000, and (b) Eaga Insulation from the LHC framework up to a value of £300,000.

## **7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

### **7.1 Update on Consultation on Proposals for a National Challenge Trust at St Paul's Way Community (CAB 066/090)**

Ms Isobel Cattermole, Acting Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points and tabled an update on the consultation exercise in relation to proposals for a National Challenge Trust at St Paul's Way Community School. The overall response had been that parents were supportive of the proposals.

A discussion followed where Members welcomed the report and raised the following points:

- It was proposed that the decision relating to any proposal brought forward by the Interim Executive Board should be delegated to the Chief Executive and Acting Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families after consultation with the Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Children, Schools and Families, subject to no material changes being made.

- Parent Governors should live in and be representative of the Borough. It was therefore proposed to amend the numbers of elected Parent Governors in the proposed composition of the Governing Body.

Mr Kevan Collins, Chief Executive, responded to Members' questions and advised that the composition and appointment of the Parent Governors was the responsibility of the Trust. The Trust had undertaken to be representative of the Borough and all appointments would be made in an open and transparent way. However, the comments made by Cabinet Members would be relayed to the Interim Executive Board. There had been issues with poor governance at the school and it was felt that the proposals set out in the report would provide the maximum number of parent governors.

The Chair, in **Moving** the recommendations, welcomed the report and thanked Ms Christine Whatford, Chair of the Interim Executive Board, for attending the meeting. The Chair stressed that more community involvement in the running of the school was needed to make it more accountable to the community as a whole and it was

### **Resolved**

1. That the results of the consultation process for establishing a National Challenge Trust at St Paul's Way Community School be noted;
2. Determine whether a recommendation should be made to the IEB of St Paul's Way to proceed to publish and consult on a statutory proposal for a National Challenge Trust at St Paul's Way; and
3. That it be noted that a further report will be brought to Cabinet in relation to any proposal brought forward by the IEB for information purposes only, with the decision to be delegated to the Chief Executive and Acting Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families after consultation with the Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Children, Schools and Families, subject to no material changes being made.

## **7.2 Grouped Schools and Mulberry School PFI Schemes – Progress Report (CAB 067/090)**

The Chair **Moved** and it was

### **Resolved**

That the contents of the report (CAB 067/090) be noted.

### 7.3 Update on Building Schools for the Future Programme and Acceptance of Capital Estimates for Early Works Agreement (CAB 068/090)

Ms Isobel Cattermole, Acting Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families, updated Members on the current position relating to the Bethnal Green Centre. Bethnal Green Centre would be used for decant purposes (school age pupils) from April 2010 for a period of 2-3 years to allow facilities nearby for school aged pupils whilst BSF building works were carried out. It was then intended that the College would return in accordance with a prescribed process.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the Council be authorised to enter into Design and Build Contracts, ICT Services Contracts, Facility Management Agreements and Early Works Agreements (if considered necessary by the Corporate Director Children Schools and Families) with the Tower Hamlets Local Enabling Partner on Morpeth School, Sir John Cass School, Oakland's School and Ian Mikardo School, together with any documents incidental to these BSF schemes, the terms of each agreement or document to be agreed by the Corporate Director of Children Schools and Families, provided and conditional upon each scheme being within the Council's affordability envelope;
2. That the Corporate Director of Children Schools and Families be delegated the function of agreeing the terms of each agreement or document as referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report (CAB 068/090); and
3. That the progress on the BSF Programme and in particular Partnership for Schools approval of Tower Hamlets BSF Outline Business Case for Wave 5 schools, be noted.

### 7.4 Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2011/12 (CAB 069/090)

In considering the item, Members expressed a wish to enable parents in the Borough to gain admission for their children to Tower Hamlets schools. Ms Isobel Cattermole, Acting Corporate Director Children, Schools and Families undertook to look into the concerns raised by Members and report back to the Cabinet in the New Year.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

That the annual consultation be undertaken in relation to:

- The co-ordinated schemes for admission to primary and secondary schools in 2011/12 and for 'In – Year' Admissions from 2010/11.
- The published admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled schools, as set out in Appendix E to the report (CAB 069/090)

## **8. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**

### **8.1 Gambling Act 2005 – Three year review of Gambling Policy (CAB 070/090)**

Mr Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director Communities Localities and Culture, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points and addressed the questions and comments tabled by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and made the following points:

- There was a need to make the licensing process for transparent and to improve the Council's website.
- Officers would investigate the issues surrounding on-line gambling.

Members expressed concern over the number of betting shops in the Borough and questioned whether they were appropriate considering the number of visitors expected to the Borough during the Olympics. Officers undertook to consider the inclusion of a saturation policy. Members requested a monthly update on applications submitted to the Council under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That it be noted that the Gambling Policy will be presented to Full Council on 9 December 2009;
2. That Full Council be recommended to approve the Gambling Policy;
3. That Members receive a monthly update on applications submitted to the Council under the Licensing Act 2003.

### **8.2 Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report (CAB 071/090)**

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the Annual Report of the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Adults Board in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 071/090) and the work of the Board, be noted; and
2. That a member champion for the work of Safeguarding Adults as referred to in paragraph 3.11 of the report (CAB 071/090), be nominated.

### **8.3 Extension of Service Agreements with domiciliary care – adult social care (CAB 072/090)**

Councillor Joshua Peck, Deputy Leader of the Council proposed an amendment to ensure that all complaints and quality were reviewed.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the extension of the Service Agreements listed in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 072/090) up to 31 March 2011 be agreed subject to a review of complaints and quality; and
2. That it be noted that a further report will be presented to a future meeting of the Cabinet on proposals to tender domiciliary care provision.

### **8.4 Parental Engagement in Secondary Education: Report of the Scrutiny Working Group (CAB 073/090)**

Councillor A A Sardar, Scrutiny Lead Member: A Prosperous Community, at the invitation of the Chair introduced the report and outlined the salient points.

The Chair, in **Moving** the recommendations welcomed the report and thanked Councillor Sardar and it was

#### **Resolved**

That the scrutiny review report as agreed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee in May 2009 (Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 073/090)) and the associated action plan (Appendix 2), be noted.



### **8.5 Smashed, Alcohol Misuse amongst young people: Report of the Scrutiny Working Group (CAB 074/090)**

Mr Lutfur Ali, Assistant Chief Executive, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points, in particular highlighting the need for further work to be done in communicating a message about sensible drinking to young people.

The Chair, in **Moving** the recommendations in the report thanked the Scrutiny Lead and the Scrutiny Review Working Group for the work carried out and it was

#### **Resolved**

That the scrutiny review report as agreed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April 2009 (Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 074/090)) and the associated action plan (Appendix 2) be noted.

## **9. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

### **9.1 Integrated Health and Social Care Services in Tower Hamlets (CAB 075/090)**

The Chair **Moved** and it was

#### **Resolved**

1. That the proposals for the further development of integrated health and social care services on a more localised basis, be noted
2. That the proposals going forward for informal consultation and further development as described in paragraphs 3.24 – 3.30 of the report (CAB 075/090) be agreed; and
3. That it be noted that a further report will be provided for Cabinet decision, setting out the final proposals for service integration and the detailed governance arrangements.

## **10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

### **10.1 Procurement Developments (CAB 076/090)**

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Lead Member for Resources and Performance at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points, in

particular highlighting that the process should not add unnecessary bureaucracy.

Mr Richard Parsons, Service Head Procurement, responded to the question tabled by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Mr Ali added that the Action Plan in the Third Sector Strategy took into account the issue of Procurement.

A discussion ensued in which Members welcomed the report and made the following comments:

- Local diverse suppliers should be encouraged and assurance was needed that equality assessments were included for local businesses.
- The process should deliver Value for Money.
- The relevant Corporate Director should not chair the Competition Board when that Director has a conflict of interest.

In response to Members' concerns officers advised that the Competition Board would act as a tollgate process and would rigorously scrutinise all potential high value suppliers. The Strategy would embed social objectives in the process.

The Chair, in **Moving** the recommendations asked officers to consider the concerns of the Lead Member and it was

### **Resolved**

1. That the developments in the Council's Procurement, including the restructure of the Procurement & Corporate Programmes Service and the Competition Board, be noted
2. That the Corporate Procurement Strategy in Appendix One of the report (CAB 076/090) be agreed subject to an emphasis on encouraging diverse local suppliers;
3. That the Procurement Procedures in Appendix Two of the report (CAB 076/090) be agreed; and
4. That the Action Plan be developed to support the Procurement Strategy.

## **10.2 Third Sector Strategy (CAB 077/090)**

Councillor Rania Khan, Lead Member Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, at the request of the Chair in introducing the report summarised the salient points.

Members welcomed the report and thanked the officers and Members involved. Mr Lutfur Ali, Assistant Chief Executive, addressed the points raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, stressing that lessons had been

learnt from the previous Council for Voluntary Services and that the recruitment process would be fair and transparent.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

**Resolved**

That the Third Sector Strategy and Action Plan attached to the report (CAB 077/090), be approved.

### **10.3 Accelerating Delivery of Key Priorities (CAB 078/090)**

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Lead Member Resources and Performance, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report summarised the salient points therein:

- The report set out proposals for using available one-off funding to produce real, measurable improvements in service delivery against the six key budget priorities identified by the Cabinet at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
- A total of £9.224m had been identified to fund the Local Priorities capital programme for 2010/11.

Councillor Rofique Ahmed, Lead Member for Culture and Leisure, advised that the proposals contained in the Leisure Facilities Strategy, which had been agreed at the previous meeting of the Cabinet, would help to deliver improvements to residents and that there would be an item reported to the next meeting setting out proposals for Poplar Baths.

A discussion followed, during which Members welcomed the report and thanked the Leader of the Council, fellow Lead Members and officers for their efforts to address the fundamental issues affecting residents of the Borough and deliver improvements which would make a difference to their lives. The following points were made:

- The additional money for Council housing was welcomed which would address the Cabinet priority of reducing overcrowding.
- The proposals surrounding Luncheon Clubs would make a difference to the lives of older people and the investment in tree planting would improve the quality of the public realm.
- The £100 Council Tax rebate for residents over the age of 60 would also make a difference to the lives of older residents.
- Indicative education results for 2008/09 showed that significant achievements had been made which were welcomed.
- Provision of laptops would help to improve GCSE results and ESOL classes would help students.
- Free swimming would be provided to families in the Borough from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The Chair moved that Council Procedure Rules be suspended to allow Councillor Peter Golds to speak, at which point he expressed overall support

for the recommendations contained in the report. Councillor Stephanie Eaton was also given the opportunity to speak.

Ms Deborah Cohen, Acting Service Head Commissioning and Strategy and Mr Chris Naylor, Corporate Director of Resources, responded to the questions tabled by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as follows:

- Consultation had taken place on the existing strategy and it was therefore no need to conduct further consultation on the luncheon club element.
- A breakdown of the bids impacting on a number of themes was provided, which were set out in the appendix to the report.

The Chair in **Moving** the recommendations set out in the report

- Thanked Cabinet colleagues and all officers involved and welcomed the proposals which would deliver important improvements and make a difference to the lives of all residents

and it was:

### **Resolved**

1. That the proposals for accelerating delivery against key priorities as set out in the report (CAB 078/090), be agreed;
2. That the Council Tax payers where the person responsible for payment is over 60 years of age will be entitled to a £100 discount against their Council Tax bill for 2009/10, pro-rated for bills not covering the full year; and
3. That funding £270,000 be provided for the Third Sector Strategy by virement from other Council Third Sector budgets.

## **11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

Nil Items.

## **12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions (CAB 079/090)**

The Chair **Moved** and it was

### **Resolved**

That the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions as set out in Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 079/090), be noted.

### 13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair **Moved** and it was

**Resolved:**

That pursuant to regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting:

- (a) As it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted in Section Two of the agenda, that if members of the public were present during consideration of this business there would be disclosure of exempt information.
- Exempt information is defined in section 100I and, by reference, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”). To be exempt, information must fall within one of the categories listed in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 12A, must not fall within one of the excluded categories in paragraphs 8 and 9 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.
    - Agenda item 15.1 “Demolition of 1-94 Cotall Street” (CAB 080/090) contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)”
- (b) As although there is a public interest favouring public access to local authority meetings, in this case the Cabinet concluded that given the information contained in:
- Agenda Item 15.1 “Demolition of 1-94 Cotall Street” (CAB 080/090) relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) that the public interest in maintaining the exemption on the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.

### 14. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### 14.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Exempt / Confidential Business to be considered.

Nil Items.

**14.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Nil Items.

**15. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

**15.1 Demolition of 1-94 Cotall Street (CAB 080/090)**

Recommendations Agreed.

**16. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

Nil Items.

**17. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**

Nil Items.

**18. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

Nil Items.

**19. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

Nil Items.

**20. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

Nil Items.

**21. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil Items.

The meeting ended at 7.57 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Lutfur Rahman  
Cabinet