

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.35 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY 2008

**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, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Lead Member, Culture and Leisure)
Councillor Anwara Ali	(Lead Member, Health & Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Lead Member, Employment and Skills)
Councillor Marc Francis	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Clair Hawkins	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	(Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Fazlul Haque
Councillor Shafiqul Haque
Councillor Tim O'Flaherty

Others Present:

Officers Present:

Aaron Cahill	– (Interim Housing Strategy Manager, Housing Strategy, Development & Renewal)
David Baker	– (Strategy Manager, Homelessness and Housing Advice Services, Adults Health & Wellbeing)
Isobel Cattermole	– (Service Head, Resources, Children's Services)
Kevan Collins	– (Corporate Director, Children's Services)
Colin Cormack	– (Head of Homelessness and Housing Advice Services, Adults Health & Wellbeing)
Jill Embleton	– (Empty Property and Compulsory Purchase Officer, Private Housing Improvement, Development & Renewal)
Paul Evans	– (Interim Corporate Director Development &

	Renewal)
Alan Finch	– (Service Head Corporate Finance, Resources)
Tony Finnegan	– (Communications Officer, Media and Public Relations, Chief Executive's)
Isabella Freeman	– (Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services] and Monitoring Officer)
John Goldup	– (Corporate Director, Adults Health and Wellbeing)
Stephen Halsey	– (Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)
Stephen Hartley	– Cabinet Executive Assistant, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Fiona Heyland	– (Waste Services Group Manager, Waste Management, Communities, Localities & Culture)
Chris Holme	– (Service Head Resources, Development & Renewal)
Shazia Hussain	– (Interim Director Tower Hamlets Partnership, Communities, Localities & Culture)
Michael Keating	– (Acting Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Executive's)
Carrie Kilpatrick	– (Supporting People Manager, Supporting People, Adults Health & Wellbeing)
Carmel Littleton	– (Service Head Young People and Learning, Children's Services)
Hayley Miller	– (Building Schools for the Future Programme Manager, Children's Services)
John Roog	– (Service Head, Older People and Homelessness, Adults Health & Wellbeing)
David Saunders	– (Head of Markets, Markets Services, Communities, Localities & Culture)
Martin Smith	– (Chief Executive)
Ann Sutcliffe	– (Service Head Building Schools for the Future, Children's Services)
Jebin Syeda	– (Scrutiny Policy Officer, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's)
Helen Taylor	– (Service Head, Commissioning & Strategy, Adults Health & Wellbeing)
Alison Thomas	– (Private Sector and Affordable Housing Manager, Housing Development, Development & Renewal)
Angus Taylor	– (Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

The following is a record of those decisions taken by the Cabinet at their meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2008.

Please note that the order of business was varied by resolution of the Cabinet, however for ease of reference the decisions taken are set out below in the order detailed in the agenda.

Most decisions may be ‘called in’, by the Assistant Chief Executive, for scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 9th September 2008 on receipt of a written request.

The **deadline** for the receipt of any such written request is **5.00pm on Friday 8th August 2008**. Such requests should be made to John Williams, Service Head Democratic Services-Tel 020 7364 4204.

The request to “call in” a decision must comply with the requirements set out in the Council’s Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Rules 16.2 and 16.3). This sets out the time-scale for “call in”, those persons who may “call in” and those details the request must contain.

The Council’s Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Rule 16.4 **sets out those decisions that may not be “called in”** for further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Report authors will be advised by Democratic Services if any decision in respect of an item they have placed on the agenda has been “called in”.

Any decision not “called in” for scrutiny can be implemented on Monday 11th August 2008.

Any decision ‘called in’ for scrutiny but supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday 9th September 2008, can be implemented the following day, Wednesday 10th September 2008.

Any decision ‘called in’ for scrutiny but not supported by Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be referred back to the Cabinet for further consideration on Wednesday 10th September 2008.

COUNCILLOR L. RAHMAN (CHAIR) IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor S. Islam, Deputy Leader of the Council and Vice-Chair of Cabinet.
- Councillor A. Asad, Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Mr C. Naylor, Corporate Director Resources for whom Mr A. Finch, Service Head Corporate Finance, Resources was deputising.

Noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rofique. U. Ahmed declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.4 “Housing Priority Areas 2008/10”. The declaration of interest was made on

the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to London Borough of Tower Hamlets leaseholders and Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed was an LBTH leaseholder.

Councillor A. Ullah declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.4 "Housing Priority Areas 2008/10". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to London Borough of Tower Hamlets leaseholders and Councillor A. Ullah was an LBTH leaseholder.

Councillor O. Ahmed declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 10.2 "Working Neighbourhoods Fund". The declaration of interest was on the basis that Leaside Regeneration Limited had previously received funding from the Working Neighbourhood Fund and Councillor Ahmed was an employee of Leaside Regeneration Limited.

Councillor L Rahman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6.3 "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 020/089) and the exempt/ confidential appendix thereto Agenda item 16.1 (CAB 020/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Spitalfields and Banglatown area and Councillor Rahman was a Ward member for Spitalfields and Banglatown.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.1 "Tower Hamlets Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2013". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to service provision relating to domestic violence, the Gateway Housing Association operated two shelters for victims of domestic violence including those from Tower Hamlets, and Councillor Peck was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 "Strategic Review of Supporting People Floating Support Services". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Authority's provision of floating support services, some of which were provided by the Gateway Housing Association, and Councillor Peck was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.3 "The Future of Telecare in Tower Hamlets". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner's practice in Spitalfields).

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9.1 "Extension to Lifeline Contract for Substance Misuse Services for Children and Young People". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report made reference to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali

was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner's practice in Spitalfields).

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9.2 "Responses to the Recommendations of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Tobacco Cessation". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner's practice in Spitalfields).

Noted.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

Resolved

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 2nd July 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

Action by:

ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (M. KEATING)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services (A. Taylor)

4. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Statements **Tabled** by:

- Stakeholder in property at 47 Brick Lane
- Stakeholder in property at 805 Commercial Road

Resolved

1. That the following deputations be formally received and noted: -
 - Mr H. Uddin, Stakeholder in property at 47 Brick Lane, in respect of Agenda Item 6.3 "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 020/089).
 - Mr M. A Matin and Ms J. Matin, Stakeholders in property at 805 Commercial Road, in respect of Agenda Item 6.3 "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 020/089).
2. That the points raised by the deputations be given consideration during the Cabinet deliberation of the item of business to which the deputations 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).

Action by:

INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR – DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (P. EVANS)

Service Head Major Project Development, Development and Renewal (O. Whalley)

Empty Property and Compulsory Purchase Officer, Private Housing Improvement, Development and Renewal (C. Ward/ J. Embleton)

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Two Sheets arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29th July 2008 **Tabled** on behalf of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- Detailing key issues or questions relating to unrestricted business to be considered (pre-scrutiny questions).
- Detailing the advice / comments relating to the Budget and Policy Framework report at Agenda item 10.3 "Resource Allocation and Budget Review 2009/10 - 2010/11" (CAB 033/089)

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 and comments related.

Action by:

ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (M. KEATING)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services (A. Taylor)

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

Nil items.

6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

6.1 Recycling Improvement Plan For Tower Hamlets (CAB 018/089)

Resolved:

That the actions set out in the Recycling Improvement Plan 2008 - 2011 summarised at section 4 of the report (CAB 018/089) be endorsed.

Action by:

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES & CULTURE
(S. HALSEY)**

Head of Waste Management, Waste Management, Communities, Localities & Culture, (F. Heyland)

6.2 Review of Public Footway Trading Fees and Charges 2008/2009 (CAB 019/089)

Resolved:

1. That the levels of fees and charges for Footway Licensing in Tower Hamlets as set out in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 019/089), effective from 1st September 2008, be approved, subject to a 28 day period of consultation with footway licensees following publication of a Notice of Variation of Charges to be issued by the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture;
2. That the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture undertake further consultation with the Footway Licensees on the fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 019/089); and
3. That the Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture be authorised to set the final level of fees and charges for footway licensing following the outcome of consultation.

Action by:

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES & CULTURE
(S. HALSEY)**

Service Head Environmental Control, Communities, Localities & Culture (B. Jones)

Head of Markets, Market Services, Communities, Localities & Culture (D. Saunders)

6.3 Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties (CAB 020/089)

Councillor L Rahman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6.3 "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 020/089) and the exempt/ confidential appendix thereto Agenda item 16.1 (CAB 020/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Spitalfields and Banglatown area and Councillor Rahman was a Ward member for Spitalfields and Banglatown.

Resolved

1. That the land and buildings at 47 Brick Lane, 805 Commercial Road, 122 Bethnal Green Road, and 109 Wellington Row, as identified on the plan attached at Appendix 5 (Exempt/ confidential appendix – part two of the agenda), be made the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under the provisions of Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 for the purpose of providing housing accommodation;
2. That the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal) be authorised, after consultation with the Lead Member Housing and Development, to take all necessary steps to:
 - (a) make and obtain confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order
 - (b) obtain possession of the properties and land following confirmation
 - (c) complete the acquisition of the properties and land and effect immediate disposal in line with the Council's strategic regeneration objectives;
3. That a capital estimate of £1,590,000 within the Housing Investment Programme 2008/09 and 2009/10 be adopted to allow the purchase by the Authority of the Freehold interests in the properties referred to in resolution.1 above, inclusive of legal costs and possible interest payments on fees;
4. That the Interim Corporate Director of Development & Renewal be authorised, after consultation with Lead Member Housing and Development to enter into negotiations to acquire the four properties by agreement, failing which a CPO will be made. The properties will then be sold on the open market with prospective purchasers entering into a binding legal agreement to renovate the properties and bring them back into residential use; and
5. That the resources generated from the sale of the properties be used to regenerate the local area by bringing empty properties back into circulation. They will therefore be 100% usable. The receipts will then be earmarked from the Local Priorities Programme to retrospectively fund the purchase of the properties cited in resolution 1 above.

Action by:**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL****(P. EVANS)**

Service Head, Major Project Development, Development and Renewal (O. Whalley)

Empty Property & Compulsory Purchase Officers, Development & Renewal (C. Ward) (J. Embleton)

6.4 Housing Priority Areas 2008/10 (CAB 021/089)

Councillors Rofique. U. Ahmed and **A. Ullah** declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6.4 "Housing Priority Areas 2008/10" shortly after commencement of Cabinet consideration of this item of business, and withdrew from the proceedings for the remainder of the consideration of this item of business, being 6.45pm.

Councillor Rofique. U. Ahmed declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.4 "Housing Priority Areas 2008/10". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to London Borough of Tower Hamlets leaseholders and Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed was an LBTH leaseholder.

Councillor A. Ullah declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6.4 "Housing Priority Areas 2008/10". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to London Borough of Tower Hamlets leaseholders and Councillor A. Ullah was an LBTH leaseholder.

Resolved:

That the proposals set out in section 4 of the report (CAB 021/089) be agreed.

Action by:

INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL (P. EVANS)

Interim Service Head Housing Strategy & Development, Development & Renewal (J. Odunoye)

Interim Housing Strategy Manager (A. Cahill)

Councillors Rofique. U. Ahmed and **A. Ullah** re-entered the proceedings following the conclusion of the Cabinet deliberations in respect of this item, being 6.50pm.

7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

7.1 Building Schools for the Future - Procurement and Programme Update including Selection of Selected Bidder (CAB 022/089)

Special circumstances and reasons for urgency Agreed.

Resolved:

1. That the consortium Bouygues Partnership for Education and Community (BPEC) be granted Selected Bidder status in relation to the

Authority's procurement of its Building Schools for the Future programme;

2. That the Corporate Director Children's Services be authorised, after consultation with the Corporate Director Resources, the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal) and Lead Member Children's Services to:
 - i approve and sign on behalf of the Authority the letter granting Selected Bidder status, having resolved any outstanding commercial issues within the Council's affordability envelope;
 - ii meet the Selected Bidder costs in the event that Contractual Close cannot be achieved by 31st December 2008, authorise the approval of the Final Business Case, finalise and execute any documents, agreements and any ancillary documents required to implement the Building Schools for the Future programme;
3. That the Corporate Director Resources be authorised to sign the Certificates required by Section 3 of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997;
4. That the adoption of a capital estimate for the Wessex Centre of £4.0m be approved and the Corporate Director, Children Services be authorised to approve the acceptance of the related tender for the Wessex Centre, within the agreed funding allocation of £4.0m including works, fees and Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment; and
5. That the Corporate Director, Children Services proceed to tender for the D&B contract to deliver the new HUB facilities at the Wessex Centre.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head, Building Schools for the Future, Children's Services (A. Sutcliffe)

7.2 Proposal to Establish the Cambridge Heath Sixth Form through a Prescribed Alteration under the School Organisation Regulations 2007 (CAB 023/089)

Resolved:

That the prescribed alteration, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 023/089), be approved in accordance with the School Organisation Regulations 2007, to establish the Cambridge Heath Sixth Form on the basis set out in the body of the report.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head, Young People & Learning, Children's Services (C. Littleton)

7.3 Constitution of the Schools Forum (CAB 024/089)

Resolved:

1. That the reconstitution of the Schools Forum with the Terms of Reference and revised membership, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 024/089), be agreed with effect from 31 August 2008;
2. That, in future, appointments to the Schools Forum be made at the start of the academic year (September); and
3. That the terms of reference at Appendix A and the Good Practice Guide at Appendix B of the report (CAB 024/089), which have been drafted in consultation with Legal Services to reflect the new membership and requirements of the Schools Forum (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, be approved.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head Resources Children's Services (I. Cattermole)

Head of Pupil & Student Services, Children's Services (H. Franek)

8. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

8.1 Tower Hamlets Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2013 (CAB 025/089)

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.1 "Tower Hamlets Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2013". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to service provision relating to domestic violence, the Gateway Housing Association operated two shelters for victims of domestic violence including those from Tower Hamlets, and Councillor Peck was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Resolved:

1. That the Tower Hamlets Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013 and associated action plan attached at Appendix A and B respectively to the report (CAB 025/089), be approved; and
2. That the Partnership Management Group of the Tower Hamlets Partnership be invited to endorse the strategy as a homelessness strategy for the Partnership as a whole.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULTS HEALTH & WELLBEING (J. GOLDUP)

Head of Homelessness and Housing Advice Services, Adults Health and Wellbeing (C. Cormack)
Strategy Manager, Strategy and Performance, Adults Health and Wellbeing (D. Baker)

8.2 Strategic Review of Supporting People Floating Support Services (CAB 026/089)

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 “Strategic Review of Supporting People Floating Support Services”. The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Authority’s provision of floating support services, some of which were provided by the Gateway Housing Association, and Councillor Peck was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Resolved:

1. That that the services identified in paragraph. 4.2 of the report (CAB 026/089) be decommissioned, as set out in section 5,, with effect from 1st June 2009;
2. That a competitive tendering process be conducted to procure a new pattern of services as set out in section 6 of the report (CAB 026/089);
3. That the Corporate Director Adult Health and Wellbeing be authorised to enter into contracts arising from the procurement process recommended in resolution 2 above, after consultation with the Supporting People Commissioning Body and the Lead Member, Health and Wellbeing; subject to the availability of resources following the review of Area Based Grant.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULTS HEALTH & WELLBEING (J. GOLDUP)
Service Head Commissioning & Strategy, Adults Health and Wellbeing (H. Taylor)
Supporting People Manager, Supporting People, Adults Health & Wellbeing (C. Kilpatrick)

8.3 The Future of Telecare in Tower Hamlets (CAB 027/089)

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.3 “The Future of Telecare in Tower Hamlets”. The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner’s practice in Spitalfields).

Resolved:

1. That Telecare services should in future be available as a preventive service to people with low or moderate needs for care and support, rather than one restricted to those with substantial or critical needs as defined by the Council's eligibility criteria for community care services;
2. That Telecare (including the existing Care Alarm service) should be a free service; and
3. That that the policy changes referred to in resolutions 1 and 2 above be effective from 1st October 2008.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULTS HEALTH & WELLBEING (J. GOLDUP)
Service Head Older People and Homelessness, Adult Services Management Team, Adults Health & Wellbeing (J. Roog)

9. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**9.1 Extension to Lifeline Contract for Substance Misuse Services for Children and Young People (CAB 028/089)**

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9.1 "Extension to Lifeline Contract for Substance Misuse Services for Children and Young People". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report made reference to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner's practice in Spitalfields).

Resolved:

1. That authorisation be given, pursuant to Procurement Procedures paragraph 2.1.1 (b), for an exception to the general provisions of paragraphs 2.5.1 (requirement for 6 tenders) and 2.5.2 (requirement for public notice) of the Procedures in respect of the proposed contract extension; and
2. That the Corporate Director Children's Services be authorised to extend the contract with Lifeline for the provision of support and treatment for young people suffering from substance misuse for six months, subject to satisfactory performance against the objectives set out in the existing contract.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head Strategy, Partnerships and Performance, Strategy Commissioning & Partnerships, Children's Services (N. Parish)

9.2 Responses to the Recommendations of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Tobacco Cessation (CAB 029/089)

Councillor A Ali declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9.2 "Responses to the Recommendations of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Tobacco Cessation". The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust and Councillor Ali was an employee of the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (partner in general practitioner's practice in Spitalfields).

Resolved:

1. That subject to (a) below the Action Plan attached at Appendix A to the report (CAB 029/089), in response to the recommendations from the Health Scrutiny Panel Working Group on Tobacco Cessation, be approved;

Addition of new Recommendation 10.

That in relation to the various tobacco cessation initiatives set out in the action plan the Primary Care Trust undertake a locally focused communications campaign utilising local expertise (eg Council expertise in targeting BME communities) and resources (eg BME media) to an optimum;

2. That the contents of the report of the Health Scrutiny Panel Working Group on Tobacco Cessation, attached at Appendix B to the report (CAB 029/089), together with the findings and associated conclusions/ recommendations be noted.

Action by

ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (M. KEATING)

Scrutiny Policy Officer, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's (S. Matin)

10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

10.1 Tower Hamlets Partnership Governance Refresh (CAB 030/089)

Resolved:

That, subject to (a) below, the proposed Governance Structure for the Tower Hamlets Partnership, attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 030/089) be approved and implemented from September 2008: -

- (a) Local Area Partnership Steering Groups operating arrangements – Revision to allow for co-chairing by a local resident.

Action by
CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE
(S. HALSEY)

Interim Director of Tower Hamlets Partnership, Tower Hamlets Partnership Communities, Localities And Culture (S. Hussain)

10.2 Working Neighbourhoods Fund (CAB 031/089)

Councillors O. Ahmed having declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 10.2 “Working Neighbourhoods Fund” withdrew from the proceedings at the commencement of consideration of this item of business, being 7.25pm.

Councillor O. Ahmed declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 10.2 “Working Neighbourhoods Fund”. The declaration of interest was on the basis that Leaside Regeneration Limited had previously received funding from the Working Neighbourhood Fund and Councillor Ahmed was an employee of Leaside Regeneration Limited.

Resolved:

1. That the level of Working Neighbourhood Fund funding available in 2008/09 and the two subsequent financial years be noted;
2. That the commissioning strategy for the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, set out at Appendix A of the report (CAB 031/089), be agreed; and
3. That the commissioning process involving the Tower Hamlets Partnership set out at Appendix B to the report (CAB 031/089), including addressing the key issues for decision in section 4, be agreed.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)
INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR – DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (P. EVANS)
CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE
(S. HALSEY)

Councillor O. Ahmed re-entered the proceedings following the conclusion of the Cabinet deliberations in respect of this item, being 7.38pm.

10.3 Resource Allocation and Budget Review 2009/10 - 2010/11 (CAB 033/089)

Motion **Tabled** by Councillor J. Peck, Lead Member Resources and Performance

Resolved:

1. That the financial outlook and draft medium term projection set out in the body of the report (CAB 033/089), be noted;
2. That it be agreed that revenue budget inflation should be funded at the levels set out in the body of the report (CAB 033/089), and that any inflation in excess of this should be met from within the budgets for the Services affected (paragraph 4.3.5);
3. That it be noted that £1.5million is available for ongoing service improvement growth from 2009-10, and that there is scope to identify further resources by zero-basing Area Based Grant;
4. That the Cabinet's five priorities for this budget round will be;
 - Reducing over-crowding
 - Raising GCSE results to be the best in the country
 - Reducing levels of youth unemployment
 - Tackling anti-social behaviour and crime
 - Improving cleanliness and quality of the public realm;
5. That it be noted that Agenda Item 6.4 "Housing Priority Areas 2008/2010" (CAB 021/089) brings forward costed proposals that accord with the priorities of the Authority to deliver early improvements in frontline Housing services;
6. That it be noted that Agenda Item 10.2 "Working Neighbourhoods Fund" (CAB 031/089) directly addresses the Cabinet's priority for tackling youth unemployment and raising educational performance at GCSE level.
7. That Corporate Directors be requested to prepare budget proposals for 2009/10 -2010/11 in accordance with the following parameters.
 - (a) A review of the allocation of Area-Based Grants to identify efficiencies to add to the £1.5m available for service improvement growth
 - (b) In principle agreement of the earmarking of £2.4million for £300,000 for each Local Area Partnership (LAP) that can be allocated for General Fund service improvements in the identified priority areas, through a process of participatory budgeting, and to request Directorates to bring forward scalable proposals that can be implemented at different levels in each Local Area Partnership (LAP)

- (c) Bringing forward proposals for capital projects that will deliver improvements in youth provision, community safety and public realm;
8. That £5.6million of General Fund balances be earmarked for budget risks as set out in the body of the report (CAB 033/089);
 9. That £1.0m of General Fund balances be earmarked towards one-off investments in in-year service improvement (CAB 033/089);
 10. That the previous Cabinet decision that in the first year of the new parking permit charging structure, 2008/09, based on emissions/engine size, net additional receipts accruing to the Authority as a result of the introduction of this structure, be allocated to road safety and environmental improvement schemes. (Minutes of Cabinet 6th February 2008, Item 6.1 "Review of Parking Services Fees & Charges" refers), be noted; and it be agreed that a sum equivalent to the additional income within the Parking Control Account, being the estimated additional proceeds in 2008/09 resulting from the introduction of Emissions-Based Car Parking Charges, be earmarked to a fund for public realm and road safety improvements;
 11. That Corporate Directors be requested to bring forward proposals that will deliver in-year step change improvement in youth services, tackling anti-social behaviour and crime, and improving the cleanliness and quality of the public realm;
 12. That the Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture be requested to bring forward proposals for in-year one-off measures in respect of the fund for public realm and road safety improvements;
 13. That Corporate Directors prepare service and financial planning submissions in accordance with the outline process and timetable set out in section 9 of the report (CAB 033/089); and
 14. That carry forwards of budget from 2007/08 to 2008/09 in respect of National Non Domestic Rate savings on school properties (£134,000) and the replacement programme for desktop PCs (£224,000) be agreed; and the ring fencing of Local Authority Business Growth Incentives (LABGI) funding, as set out in paragraph 4.11.3 of the report (CAB 033/089), be noted.

Action by**CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)**

Service Head of Corporate Finance Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)

ALL CORPORATE DIRECTORS [Resolutions 7, 11 and 13]**CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE (S. HALSEY) [Resolution 12]**

10.4 Financial Review 2011/12 - 2013/14 (CAB 032/089)**Resolved:**

1. That the contents of the report (CAB 032/089) be noted; and
2. That Corporate Directors be requested to identify proposals for efficiencies to address the projected funding gap identified from 2011/12 onwards.

Action by**CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)**

Service Head of Corporate Finance Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)

ALL CORPORATE DIRECTORS [Resolution 2]**10.5 Use of Consultants - Responses to the Recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Group (CAB 034/089)****Resolved:**

1. That the Action Plan attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 034/089), in response to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group on Use of Consultants, be approved; and
2. That the contents of the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group on Use of Consultants attached at Appendix 2 to the report (CAB 034/089), together with the findings and associated conclusions/recommendations be noted.

Action by**ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (M. KEATING)**

Scrutiny Policy Officer, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's (S. Matin)

10.6 Diversity and Equality Action Plan 2008/09 (CAB 035/089)**Resolved:**

1. That subject to (a) below the Diversity and Equality Action Plan 2008/09, attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 035/089), be approved; and
 - (a) Inclusion of the new local performance indicator "The percentage of the top paid 5% of staff who are of Bangladeshi origin"
2. That a review of the Authority's performance against targets set out in the 2008/09 Diversity and Equality Action Plan be undertaken 3 months

after implementation and the outcome of the review reported to Cabinet for consideration.

Action by

ACTING ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (M. KEATING)

Diversity and Equality Coordinator, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's (F. Jones)

10.7 Award of the Corporate Catering Contract (CAB 036/089)

Report Withdrawn.

Action by

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Service Head Customer Access, Resources (C. Symonds)

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972.

14. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

15. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

16. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

16.1 Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties - Exempt Confidential Appendices to Unrestricted Report (CAB 037/089)

Councillor L Rahman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6.3 "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 020/089) and the exempt/ confidential appendix thereto Agenda item 16.1 (CAB 020/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Spitalfields and Banglatown area and Councillor Rahman was a Ward member for Spitalfields and Banglatown.

Exempt/ Confidential appendix to the unrestricted report "Compulsory Purchase Action for 4 Long-Term Vacant Properties" (CAB 037/089) [Agenda item 6.3] noted.

17. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

18. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

19. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Nil items.

20. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

21. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

22. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

Martin Smith
CHIEF EXECUTIVE