
REPORT OF CABINET

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2004

Chair: * Councillor Foulds

Councillors: * D Ashton * C Mote
 * Burchell † O'Dell
 * Margaret Davine * N Shah
 * Dighé * Stephenson
 † Miss Lyne

* Denotes Member present
 † Denotes apologies received

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**476. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2004 be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Cabinet.

477. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that no interests were declared.

478. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That the substantive item of business for this special meeting be considered with the press and public excluded for the reasons set out below:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
6. Harrow Town Centre Strategy and Master Plan.	The report contained exempt information under Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained information relating to the terms proposed by the authority in the course of negotiations for the acquisition of property.

479. **Petitions:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no petitions submitted to this meeting.

480. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that in the circumstances of the short notice given for the convening of this special meeting there were no public questions under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 15.

481. **Harrow Town Centre Strategy and Master Plan:**

The Special Meeting received a confidential report from the Chief Planning Officer in this matter, further to Minute 473 of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 March 2004.

Arising from the decision then reached it had become necessary to report back to the Cabinet urgently on recent information appertaining to a particular site in the Town Centre and on the options available to the Council in seeking to secure the original development objectives.

The meeting evaluated the options, taking into account the expert advice and the implications related to each.

RESOLVED: (1) That it be agreed not to pursue the acquisition of the site at the present time (as an update to Minute 473);

(2) that advice on the timing and appropriateness of a Compulsory Purchase Order in the current situation be noted, while the Cabinet would strongly recommend such action if progress has not been made towards a successful development ;

(3) that it be agreed, at the present time, that the Council's objectives would be best served by developing partnerships with landowners to implement the emerging master plan.

Reason for Decision: To progress the Council's stated objective of promoting Harrow Town Centre.

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Site Security:

The incidence of anti-social behaviour associated with the vacated building on the particular site in the Town centre was noted.

RESOLVED: That officers be requested to verify the structural safety of the vacated building and to seek the agreement of the relevant site owners to an early demolition on grounds of health and safety.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 4.00 pm, closed at 4.33 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR A T FOULDS
Chair