
REPORT OF CABINET

MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2004

Chair: * Councillor N Shah

Councillors: * D Ashton * C Mote
 * Burchell * Marie-Louise Nolan
 * Margaret Davine * O'Dell
 * Dighé * Stephenson
 * Miss Lyne

* Denotes Member present

[Note: Councillor Jean Lammiman also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 642 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

632. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that the following interest was declared:

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
10. Key Decision – Management of the Council's Housing Stock	Councillor Miss Lyne	The Member indicated a personal interest arising from her membership of the ALMO Shadow Board. The Member indicated that she would act in the Council's best interests and that she did not regard her interest as prejudicial. The Member would remain in the room and participate in the discussion and would vote on the item.

633. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2004, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

634. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

The Chair indicated that item 10, Management of the Council's Housing Stock, would be considered following the procedural items.

Cabinet agreed to waive Executive Procedure Rule 15.2 in relation to the time limit for public questions.

RESOLVED: That all business be considered with the press and public present with the exception of the following items for the reasons set out below:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
12. Harrow Town Centre – Strategy and Masterplan: Complementary Traffic Management and Street scene Improvements for College Road and Clarendon Road – Appendix C	The appendix contained exempt information under Paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained confidential information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person and any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the Authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property.
17. Whitchurch Pavilion, Whitchurch	The report contained exempt information

Playing Fields

under Paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained confidential information relating to the terms proposed or to be proposed in a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or supply of goods and services.

18. Multi-Storey Car Park, The Broadway, Stanmore

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 confidential information relating to the terms proposed to the Authority in the course of negotiations for the disposal of land.

19. Greenford Road Properties

The report contained exempt information under Paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained confidential information about the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Authority under a particular contract.

635.

Petitions:

Gareth Thomas MP submitted a petition containing 2,500 signatures, the terms of which were as follows:-

“We the undersigned urge Harrow Council to do all in their power to facilitate development of the former Safeways supermarket site in North Harrow. We are concerned that the future of this key site in North Harrow is still unresolved and believe the absence of a major supermarket in North Harrow is having an adverse impact on the businesses, forcing too many local people to travel to other shopping areas (causing particular difficulties for elderly and disabled people).”

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and noted.

636.

Public Questions:

RESOLVED: To note that the following public questions had been received:-

1.

Questioner: Mr Berjis Daver

Asked of: Councillor Navin Shah (The Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet)

Question: “The Council recently passed a motion in support of the current proposal for London to host the Olympics in 2012. Does this mean that this council is officially supporting the plan to charge UP TO £95 PER ANNUM extra tax only to Council Tax payers’ for between the next 10-20 years to help pay for the Games? If so who did you consult and how is it fair to levy extra tax so selectively on less than half the adult population of the Borough when your motion said that the Council foresaw major benefits for all”?

2.

Questioner: Mr John Mitchell

Asked of: Councillor Phil O’Dell (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport)

Question: “Harrow Council is offering mothers a one off grant of £60 to help towards the cost of buying reusable cotton nappies. The use of disposable nappies is claimed to cost Harrow Council over

£100,000 per year using landfill sites because an average weekly use for one baby fills up half a wheelie bin.

What is the current take-up of this grant and what is the projected saving for the council taxpayer in this financial year”

3.

Questioner: Mr Stanley Sheinwald

Asked of: Councillor Navin Shah (The Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet)

Question: “Residents have been hit with Council Tax increases some 60% greater than the average since your administration took over in Harrow. The rate of increase has accelerated with a 26% uplift in the last two years alone but you are still intending to charge even more next year projecting 3% before inflation.

How do you explain the inability of your administration to produce a zero increase as achieved by Wandsworth and Westminster this year in spite of the extra millions you have extracted from Harrow council tax payers over several years.”

4.

Questioner: Mr David Page

Asked of: Councillor Sanjay Dighé (Portfolio Holder for Business Connections and Performance)

Question: "How much of the projected saving from Procurement and Efficiency of £6,085,000 budgeted for 2004-05 has been achieved in the first six months of this period, split by cost centre?"

5.

Questioner: Mr Michael Horam

Asked of: Councillor Navin Shah (The Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet)

Question: “The Council is looking to invest in excess of one hundred million pounds over a number of years on Information Technology and Housing maintenance. Please confirm the sum of money involved in total, what terms it is being borrowed on and the nature of the contracts which have been or are planned to be awarded.”

6.

Questioner: Mr Pravin Seedher

Asked of: Councillor Navin Shah (The Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet)

Question: “Please describe the Budget monitoring process in place in the financial year 2003/04 in the Housing Dept, covering Communication of Budgets, Capture of Actuals, Exception reporting, including how often variances and exceptions were checked (daily or weekly or monthly or yearly), by whom they were checked, the role performed by the executive (*) in monitoring variances during the financial year and what information (about variances) was passed to the executive (*) during the financial year?

(*) From previous questions I have established that executive responsibility is exercised by the Chief Executive, Senior Directors and the Cabinet.”

7.

Questioner: Mr John Harvey**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Burchell (Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing)**Question:** "As the council has recently experienced a major overspend on its housing maintenance expenditure and has admitted that its original bid for ALMO grant was significantly understated, how can the council and tenants/leaseholders of Harrow now have any confidence that the information on which the decision not to go ahead with the ALMO is reliable and realistic?"

8.

Questioner: Mr R W Price**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Burchell (Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing)**Question:** "As a Leaseholder of the London Borough of Harrow, I would like to know whether or not the Council are going to ballot the tenants and Leaseholders on this matter. The decision of the tenants and leaseholders was taken into account when the decision to go for the ALMO was taken, and they should be given the opportunity to voice their opinions. Any ballot paper put out should give a clear explanation of what an ALMO is, following the flawed information given in the press that the ALMO was in fact an RSL."

An oral answer was provided to questions 1-4 and 6-8 and, under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 15.4, Messrs Mitchell, Sheinwald, Seedher, Harvey and Price each asked a supplementary question which were additionally answered.

Councillor N Shah offered his apologies to Mr Horam as he did not have an oral answer prepared but indicated that he would provide him with a written response to his question and would be willing to discuss the issues with him.

In relation to question 2, Councillor O'Dell indicated that he would write to Mr Mitchell with further details and would be willing to discuss the issues raised.

In relation to question 6, Councillor N Shah indicated that he would, in addition to his oral answer, provide Mr Seedher with a written response to his supplementary question.

637. **Key Decision - Management of the Council's Housing Stock:**

The Executive Director (Urban Living) introduced the report, which followed on from the previous discussion at Cabinet on 14 October 2004. He drew Members' attention to the tabled recommendation, which had been prepared following the Cabinet pre-meeting with the ALMO Shadow Board earlier that evening. Members also noted the tabled documents in relation to the Housing Repairs retendering process and the draft project plan for decent homes option appraisal and tenant empowerment.

The Executive Director (Urban Living) detailed the content of the report and outlined the three options proposed by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) for Councils to achieve the Decent Homes Standard by 2010 namely, ALMO, Stock Transfer to Registered Social Landlord and Housing Revenue Account Private Finance Initiative. He advised that retention was a fourth option by which a Council could fund the necessary capital investment through its own sources. He indicated that, following a meeting with a representative of the ODPM the previous day, he was able to advise Cabinet that it had been recognised that Harrow had a unique set of circumstances and that the ODPM had indicated its support.

The Chief Executive emphasised that if the ALMO was proceeded with in its current form the existing bid was under funded. She outlined the possible uses of prudential borrowing and stated that the Council could not proceed in the current way as it was not an option for the future. The Government had indicated that its clear preference was that Authorities had to move forward and put the management of the housing stock at arms length from the Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing introduced the tabled recommendation and indicated some further amendments to the proposed wording.

A Member expressed concern in relation to the figures before Cabinet and indicated his reservations. In response to a question in relation to the legality of disbanding the ALMO, the Director of Corporate Governance advised that it was the Board that would be wound up, and that the company, which had been set up by a group of London Solicitors would, in effect, remain dormant.

Cabinet, having agreed a number of changes to the proposed tabled recommendation,

RESOLVED: (1) That the independent Directors of the Shadow Board, together with the Tenant and Councillor representatives of the Board, be thanked for their hard work in helping to establish Spire Community Homes as the Council's ALMO;

(2) that, with immediate effect, the current ALMO bid be retracted;

(3) that Prudential Borrowing be used to initiate work to enable immediate progress to be made to achieve the Decent Homes Standard for all the Council's Housing Stock by 2010;

(4) that a Cabinet Advisory Panel for Housing Improvement Options be established comprising of no more than 6 Members (3:2:1) to oversee the Options Appraisal and to make recommendations to Cabinet on the use of Prudential Borrowing;

(5) that the following be invited to appoint advisors to the Panel:-

Tenants Federation - 2
Unison - 1
ALMO Shadow Board - 2

(6) that the Panel's terms of reference be approved via a Portfolio Holder decision and noted at its first meeting which was to be held, if possible, by the end of November;

(7) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the 3 Group Leaders, be authorised to act on behalf of the Council to take whatever steps were necessary to establish, run, subscribe and appoint Directors to the company, Spire Community Homes;

(8) that central to the exercise was the need to actively engage Harrow's tenants and leaseholders on the widest possible front to empower them both to get involved in the management of their service and in the consideration of the options for the future of the Council's housing stock;

(9) that the Council's Housing Service be located within the Urban Living Professional Services Division as set out in the structure chart appended to the report of the Executive Director (Urban Living);

(10) that the Executive Director (Urban Living) be authorised to commission the necessary Stock Condition Survey required both to inform the Options Appraisal exercise and to plan for the capital investment programme;

(11) that the Executive Director (Urban Living) be authorised to re-tender the Repairs Partnering Contracts;

(12) that a report be submitted by the Panel to Cabinet on 16 December 2004.

Reason for Decision: In order to best meet the interests and needs of the Council's tenants and to meet the Government's targets for Decent Homes by 2010.

[Note: Councillors D Ashton, Miss Lyne and C Mote wished to be recorded as having abstained from voting on this item due to their lack of satisfaction with the consultation with the ALMO Shadow Board and tenants].

(See also Minute 632).

638. **Budget Monitoring as at 30 September 2004:**

The Director of Financial and Business Strategy introduced the report which outlined the current revenue, Housing Revenue Account and capital budget position. She drew attention to the revenue virements and overspends in relation to People First and Urban Living detailed in Appendix 1 to her report.

Following a number of queries from Members, the Portfolio Holder for Business Connections and Performance indicated that this item would be considered at the next meeting of the Budget Review Working Group but acknowledged that it would, in future, be preferable to discuss such reports prior to their submission to Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That the current revenue, Housing Revenue Account and capital budget position be noted and that the revenue virements recommended in Appendix 1 (Paragraph 10) and the use of Reserves detailed in Appendix 2 to the report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy be approved.

Reason for Decision: To effectively monitor the Council's revenue and capital budgets.

639. **Strategic Performance Report - Quarter 2 2004/05:**

The Director of Organisational Performance introduced the report to the Performance Board and outlined the actions being taken. He highlighted the significant areas of progress over the last quarter and the areas requiring further work.

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Organisational Performance indicated that it would be possible to include details of the performance in the previous quarter in future Strategic Performance reports to enable comparison.

Cabinet, in noting that the Harrow Benefits Services now had the best turnaround time in London for the processing of new claims, requested that their congratulations be conveyed to the staff concerned.

RESOLVED: (1) That the performance report and the actions being taken be noted;

(2) that officers note the adaptations identified by Cabinet and incorporate them into the Strategic Performance Report.

Reason for Decision: It had previously been agreed that Cabinet would receive a Quarterly Performance Information Report in its role as Performance Board.

640. **Commission for Social Care Inspection Annual Review:**

In his role as Director of Social Services, the Director of Children's Services introduced the covering report for the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) Annual Review Letter and circulated supporting documentation from Children's Services and Community Care Services setting out progress made during 2003/04. The letter set out the achievements of the Council and those areas where further work was required.

The Director reported that the CSCI had been invited to attend this meeting of Cabinet but the invitation had been declined. However, the invitation had been reissued for the December meeting.

Cabinet expressed concern and disappointment at the non-attendance of the Inspectors and also the quality of the report. Members were concerned at the lack of recognition given to the work of Council staff and service improvements, which had already been made. Members concurred that the areas of development referred to in the report were those already known to the Authority and where work was taking place.

The Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health indicated that the tone of the report was disappointing and that the improvements, although included in the report, were difficult to draw out. She reported that the tabled documents highlighted the improvements since April 2004.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Annual Review Letter be noted:

(2) that officers be instructed to take appropriate action to continue performance improvement along the lines set out in the Annual Review Letter;

(3) that staff be congratulated for their good work.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that Cabinet had complied with the requirement of Central Government for political consideration and open publication of the letter and to inform Cabinet of progress made and work still to be done as part of the overall Council improvement programme.

641. **Forward Plan 1 November 2004 - 28 February 2005:**

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the Forward Plan for the period 1 November 2004 – 28 February 2005.

642. **Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees - Review of New Harrow Project Phase 2:**

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 18, the Chair invited Councillor Jean Lammiman, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to introduce the report of the Scrutiny Review Group.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee read a summary of the key findings of the Review Group, which she indicated that she would circulate to Cabinet Members. She emphasised that the report was a 'living' document and advised that the Scrutiny Review Group would shortly be looking at New Harrow Project Phase 3 and outlined the issues that would be considered.

The Portfolio Holder for Communications, Partnership and Human Resources welcomed the report and indicated that she would be discussing the issue of communication with officers.

Cabinet, having noted an amendment from Councillor Miss Lyne in relation to recommendation 3 of the Review Group,

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Group, as now amended, be agreed as follows:-

PHASE 2 OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE NEW HARROW PROJECT

That (1) rigorous groundwork be completed prior to the adoption of all future projects and a fully documented project planning process be implemented;

(2) the role of the Area Director be supported by clear lines of accountability and the responsibilities of the post be clarified and communicated;

(3) consideration be given to supporting the sharing of information and learning experiences arising from the Project across the whole Council, Members and staff, and to establishing processes to support organisational learning in future;

(4) the Executive review what further measures might be necessary to ensure the sustainability of the project;

(5) the progress of First Contact, which was fundamental to strengthening the Council's interface with the public, continue to be expedited;

(6) the Council seek greater clarity over its key priorities and this is supported by clear statements of what would and would not be possible in given timeframes;

(7) further consideration be given to the ways in which the ownership of the NHP could be broadened;

(8) the Executive undertake a review of the process for Member engagement in the NHP and all political groups review their processes for cascading information to their Members and ensuring that their Members are aware of the relevance and importance of the more critical development opportunities offered;

(9) the Executive revisit the processes used to engage staff and the public in the change process and the Publications Panel consider the use of route maps and stories to assist in communicating the New Harrow Project message both internally and externally;

(10) the Council consider whether it would now be appropriate to rename the NHP, to recognise the mainstreaming of activities and the organisation's culture change.

PUBLIC REALM MAINTENANCE

That (1) regular monitoring reports of cleanliness, by street, be submitted to Ward Members and copied to Review Group for the next 12 months;

(2) the distribution of the area newsletters be extended to businesses and consideration is given to the options for improving communications with business communities in NHP areas, particularly in Kenton, whether through the existing newsletter or alternative means of communication;

(3) the Executive consider establishing procedures to ensure that any offers of assistance from business/local communities are communicated effectively across the Authority;

(4) the Executive consider measures to improve communications around the project with those outside the roll out areas and to publicise the timescale for the roll out to the remaining areas, together with the measures already implemented to improve PRM standards in non NHP areas;

(5) enforcement best practices in other Local Authorities be identified and consideration given to strengthening the support available to area team staff in addressing issues of enforcement, particularly from planning and legal services;

(6) work to engage the Harrow Town Centre community, particularly in relation to Youth diversionary activities, be prioritised and draws upon the review of relevant best practices in other Authorities;

(7) when entering into new contracts with existing or new contractors, ensure that adequate safeguards are built into the contract to ensure the Council exercises appropriate control over sub-contractors and, in relation to future roll-out areas, seek where possible to ensure such controls are available in the case of variations of existing contracts or entering into new ones;

(8) the establishment of new ICT provision, which was particularly critical to the effective communications between the call centre, frontline staff and managers as well as to the introduction of efficient performance monitoring process, continue to be expedited;

(9) the potential challenges associated with the incorporation of Grounds Maintenance services into consolidated PRM maintenance arrangements and the soft market testing of future roll out area(s) be prioritised and the Executive give careful consideration to maintaining effective communications with staff on these issues and to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to involve staff;

(10) the Executive give consideration to the historical way in which the grounds maintenance costs of housing land is charged to the HRA and to the alternative options which might be available, including the possible transfer of some areas away from specific housing ownership.

Reason for Decision: The New Harrow Project was central to the Council's corporate priorities. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had referred the report and its recommendation to Cabinet for consideration.

643. **Harrow Town Centre - Strategy and Masterplan: Complementary Traffic Management and Street Scene Improvements for College Road and Clarendon Road:**

The Chief Executive introduced the report and outlined the recommendations from the Town Centre Project Panel meeting held on 28 September 2004.

RESOLVED: (1) That the highway proposals set out in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4 and as shown in Appendices 1 to 4 to the Director of Strategic Planning's report be agreed;

(2) that officers be authorised to:

- (a) take all necessary steps under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to:
 - (i) remove loading restrictions on the north side of College Road over a length of 10 metres outside of No. 66 (Hygeia House) as shown in Appendix 3 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning;
 - (ii) extend the time of the loading restrictions in Clarendon Road to 'no loading at any time' between its southerly junction with Kymberley Road/College Road and the exit to the multi storey car park as shown in Appendix 4 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning;
 - (iii) introduce a loading bay at the northerly junction of Clarendon Road and Kymberley Road (at the north west corner of Kings House) as shown in Appendix 4 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning;

the details of which be delegated to officers and subject to any formal objections to the traffic order;

- (b) take all necessary steps under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to:
- (i) relocate the pelican crossing in College Road by Harrow-on-the-Hill Station approximately 10 metres to the west and widen the crossing to 8 metres as shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning;
 - (ii) relocate the pelican crossing on Greenhill Way by No. 58 approximately 15 metres to the east as shown in Appendix 4 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning;

the details of which be delegated to officers;

- (c) take all necessary steps under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or instruct Transport for London under the London Hackney Carriages Act 1850 to:
- (i) reduce the capacity of the taxi rank in College Road by Harrow on the Hill station from 3 to 2 taxis;
 - (ii) introduce a new taxi rank on the south side of College Road outside of No. 51 (former post office);

as shown in Appendices 1 and 3 to the report of the Director of Strategic Planning, the details of which be delegated to officers and subject to any formal objections to the traffic order.

Reason for Decision: To address the Council's corporate priority of enhancing the environment. The proposed measures were in line with the strategic direction for the Town Centre set out in the Town Centre Development Strategy.

644. **Re-appointment of subsidiary body memberships:**

RESOLVED: (1) That the membership of the Cabinet, agreed at Council, be noted;

(2) to re-appoint the following bodies with the membership detailed in the appendix to these minutes:-

New Harrow Project Panel
 Town Centre Project Panel
 Best Value Panel
 Better Government for Older People Panel
 Education Admissions and Awards Panel
 National Non-Domestic Ratepayers Consultative Panel
 Publications Panel
 South Harrow Study Panel
 Strategic Planning Advisory Panel
 Supporting People Panel
 Wealdstone Regeneration Panel
 Budget Review Working Group
 Community Consultative Forum
 Education Consultative Forum
 Employees' Consultative Forum
 Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum
 Harrow Admissions Forum;

(3) that the membership of the Grants Panel and the Traffic Panel be increased to 10 members and include Councillors Rekha Shah and Miss Lyne as members of the Grants Panel with Councillor Navin Shah appointed as fifth reserve, and Councillor Burchell as a member of the Traffic Panel;

(4) that, Councillor Burchell be appointed as Chair to the Housing Improvement Options Advisory Panel, the Membership of which is as follows:-

<u>Members</u>	Burchell	Knowles	Miss Lyne
	Currie	Anjana Patel	
	(Vacant)		

(5) to appoint the Chairs to Subsidiary Bodies as set out in the Appendix to these minutes;

(6) that Councillor Margaret Davine be appointed to the Fostering Panel;

(7) that the Assistants and Spokespersons be appointed as set out in the Appendix to these minutes.

Reason for Decision: To re-establish the bodies following the re-determination.

[Note: Councillors D Ashton, Miss Lyne and C Mote wished to be recorded as having voted against resolution 3 as the Major Minority Group appeared to be changing the rules of proportionality to suit their purposes].

645. **The Council's Calendar of Meetings 2005/6:**

The Chief Executive introduced the report, which outlined the Calendar of Meetings for the Authority for the Municipal Year 2005/6. Members noted the addition of two religious festivals in November 2005 and January 2006.

Members indicated that the Calendar for May 2006 required further consideration and requested that Sunday appear as the left hand column of the Calendar.

RESOLVED: That the Calendar of Meetings for the Authority for the Municipal Year 2005/6 be approved.

Reason for Decision: The Calendar of Meetings was approved on an annual basis at approximately this time of year for the succeeding Municipal Year. Its advance approval allowed Members and officers to identify forward commitments.

646. **Council Notice Boards and Billboards:**

The Executive Director (Urban Living) introduced the report which outlined the contractual position in relation to Council notice boards and billboards.

RESOLVED: That the contractual position be noted.

Reason for Decision: The legal requirement to give a full year's notice of non-renewal of the contract with Adshel allowed for a new provider to be identified to improve the current provision of community notice boards.

647. **Whitchurch Pavilion, Whitchurch Playing Fields:**

Members considered a confidential report from the Executive Director (Urban Living) in relation to Whitchurch Pavilion, Whitchurch Playing Fields.

In response to a Member's question, the Interim Head of Valuation confirmed that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet in relation to the marketing of the remaining properties.

RESOLVED: (1) That the letting of Whitchurch Pavilion on a lease be approved, in principle;

(2) that the Director of Professional Services (Urban Living) be authorised to conclude a letting to Potters House Nursery on the basis set out in the report of the Executive Director (Urban Living).

Reason for Decision: To enable the building to be let and brought back into use.

648. **Multi-Storey Car Park, The Broadway, Stanmore:**

Members considered a confidential report from the Executive Director (Urban Living) in relation to the Multi-Storey Car Park, The Broadway, Stanmore.

Cabinet, in looking forward to the reprovisioning of a multi storey car park in Stanmore,

RESOLVED: (1) That the Director of Professional Services be authorised to conclude compensation arrangements with the tenants;

(2) that the total costs of £420,000 be met from the balance in the Commuted Car Park Fund (which currently stood at £300,488), £182,200 having already been reflected in the Council's capital programme.

Reason for Decision: To effect proposals resolved by Cabinet on 29 May 2002 to (1) conclude arrangements with tenants for temporary displacement and agreement to new leases upon completion of the new car park and (2) to demolish the multi-storey car park and replace it with a surface level car park.

649. **Greenford Road Properties:**
Members considered a confidential report from the Executive Director (Urban Living) in relation to the Greenford Road Properties.

RESOLVED: To retain ownership of the four properties indicated in the report of the Executive Director (Urban Living) and appoint a Registered Social Landlord as a development agent to modernise the properties to Decent Home standards (which were below Housing Corporation/Harrow scheme design standards), in recognition of the narrow frontages and limited space standards within the properties.

Reason for Decision: The four properties on Greenford Road had been vacant since Spring 2003 following handback from West Hampstead Housing Association. They were in poor condition and required extensive refurbishment and rear extensions to provide modern facilities and to meet decent home standards.

650. **Extension and Termination of the Meeting:**
In accordance with the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 22.2 (Part 4D of the Constitution) it was

RESOLVED: (1) At 9.59 pm to continue the meeting until 10.15 pm;

(2) at 10.14 pm to continue until 10.30 pm and;

(3) at 10.30 pm to continue until the completion of business.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 10.52 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR NAVIN SHAH
Chair

APPENDIX 1LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2004/2005

(Membership in order of political group nominations)

(I) CABINET (10)

	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>
	(7)	(2)	(1)
<u>I. Members</u>	Burchell Margaret Davine Dighé Marie-Louise Nolan O'Dell N Shah (CH) Stephenson	D Ashton C Mote	Miss Lyne

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEES 2004/2005**(1) NEW HARROW PROJECT PANEL (6) (Non-proportional)**

	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>
	(3)	(2)	(1)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Margaret Davine N Shah Stephenson * (CH)	D Ashton C Mote	Miss Lyne
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve Members</u>	1. Burchell 2. Marie-Louise Nolan 3. O'Dell		

(2) TOWN CENTRE PROJECT PANEL (6) (Non-proportional)

	(3)	(2)	(1)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Burchell * (CH) O'Dell N Shah	D Ashton C Mote	Miss Lyne
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve Members</u>	1. Stephenson 2. Margaret Davine 3. Dighé		

(CH) = Chair
(VC) = Vice-Chair

CABINET ADVISORY PANELS 2004/2005

(Membership in order of political group nominations)

Labour**Conservative****Liberal
Democrat****(1) BEST VALUE PANEL (7)****(4)****(3)****I.
Members****Bluston* (CH)
Currie
Idaikkadar
Burchell****D Ashton *
Vina Mithani
Pinkus****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Omar
2. Dighé
3. N Shah
4. Ray1. Osborn
2. Arnold
3. Billson**(2) "BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE" PANEL (5)****(3)****(2)****I.
Members****Margaret Davine
Ann Groves* (CH)
Lavingia****Billson
John Nickolay *****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Blann
2. Thammaiah
3. Toms1. Kara
2. Mrs Kinnear
3. Seymour

Advisers (Non Voting): one representative of each of the following organisations:-

Age Concern (Harrow) – Betty Arrol
Diwa Asian Women's Association - Punitha Perinparja
DSS Benefits Agency – Sunita Patel
Harrow Council for Racial Equality - Prem Pawar
Metropolitan Police Service – (Vacant)
Primary Care Trust Representative**(3) EDUCATION ADMISSIONS AND AWARDS PANEL (3)****(2)****(1)****I.
Members****Choudhury
Toms* (CH)****Janet Cowan****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Ray
2. Ann Groves
3. Omar1. Kara
2. Vina Mithani
3. Mrs Joyce Nickolay

(Advisers: Teacher representatives - Mr D Jones/(Vacancy))

(4) GRANTS PANEL (10)

	(5)	(4)	(1)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Nana Asante Bluston Harrison* (CH) Mrs R Shah Thammaiah	Arnold Marilyn Ashton Mrs Joyce Nickolay * Anjana Patel	Miss Lyne
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve</u> <u>Members</u>	1. Omar 2. Lavingia 3. Idaikkadar 4. O'Dell 5. N Shah	1. Billson 2. Myra Michael 3. Mary John 4. Janet Mote	1. 2.

(5) HOUSING IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS ADVISORY PANEL (6)

	(3)	(2)	(1)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Burchell * (CH) Currie (Vacant)	Knowles Anjana Patel	Miss Lyne
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve</u> <u>Members</u>	-	-	-

(6) NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATEPAYER CONSULTATIVE PANEL (4)

	(2)	(2)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Choudhury * (CH) Idaikkadar	Kara Myra Michael
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve</u> <u>Members</u>	1. Bluston 2. Toms 3. Burchell	1. Versallion 2. Vina Mithani 3. Harriss

(7) PUBLICATIONS PANEL (6)
(non-proportional membership)

	(3)	(2)	(1)
<u>I.</u> <u>Members</u>	Harrison Marie-Louise Nolan* (CH) Stephenson	Knowles Jean Lammiman *	Branch
<u>II.</u> <u>Reserve</u> <u>Members</u>	1. Foulds 2. Burchell 3. Lent	1. Osborn 2. Janet Cowan 3. Seymour	1. Thornton 2. Miss Lyne

(8) SOUTH HARROW STUDY PANEL (14) #

Membership to include Ward Councillors - Harrow on the Hill, Rayners Lane, Roxbourne and Roxeth Wards [Non-proportional]

(7) (7)

**I.
Members**

Burchell	Arnold
Currie	Billson
Dharmarajah	Harriss
Idaikkadar	Mrs Kinnear *
Ingram * (CH)	Mrs Joyce Nickolay
Miles	Anjana Patel
Ray	Versallion

Advisers: Tenant representatives of the Rayners Lane Regeneration Steering Group:-
Mr M Brown, Ms L Duggan, Mrs P Maurice and Ms S McGregor
Youth Minister, Christchurch, Roxeth Hill: Mr G Dickinson
Representative of South Harrow Traders: Mr C Hall and Ms S Palmer

(9) SUPPORTING PEOPLE PANEL (5)

(3) (2)

**I.
Members**

Margaret Davine* (CH)	Myra Michael
Ann Groves	Silver *
Lavingia	

**II.
Reserve
Members**

1. Burchell	1. Vina Mithani
2. Thammaiah	2. Jean Lammiman
3. Ismail	3. Billson

(10) TRAFFIC PANEL (10)

(5) (4) (1)

**I.
Members**

Burchell	Arnold	Branch
Choudhury	Harriss	
Miles * (CH)	Kara	
Anne Whitehead	John Nickolay *	
Ismail		

**II.
Reserve
Members**

1. Ray	1. Mrs Bath	1. Thornton
2. Bluston	2. Anjana Patel	2. Miss Lyne
3. Currie	3. Osborn	
4. Kinsey	4. Seymour	

Advisers (Non-Voting):-

One representative of the Cyclists' Touring Club – (Vacancy)
One representative of Harrow Association for Disabled People - Mrs R Carratt
One representative of Harrow and District Pedestrians' Association – (Vacant)
One representative of Harrow Public Transport Users' Association - Mr A Wood
One representative of the Metropolitan Police (Traffic Branch) – Mr N Faul

(11) STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL (7)**(4)****(3)****I
Members****Burchell* (CH)
Idaikkadar
N. Shah
Anne Whitehead****Marilyn Ashton *
Mrs Bath
Mrs Kinnear****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Blann
2. Bluston
3. Ray
4. Miles1. Kara
2. Versallion
3. Harriss**(12) WEALDSTONE REGENERATION PANEL (6)****(3)****(3)****I.
Members****Harrison
Lavingia
Marie-Louise Nolan* (CH)****Marilyn Ashton*
Harriss
Vina Mithani****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Ann Groves
2. Blann
3. O'Dell1. Kara
2. John Nickolay
3. Billson

Co-opted Member: Councillor Miss Lyne (Liberal Democrat Group) Executive Procedure Rule 2.3(c)

Advisers (Non-Voting):-

(i)	Harrow Public Transport Users Association:	Mr A Wood
(ii)	Local Business Employers (of medium/large size firms):	Mr M Garratt (Kodak)
(iii)	North West London Chamber of Commerce:	Mr R Page
(iv)	Wealdstone Active Community Representatives:	Mrs B Harvey /Mrs J Skidmore
(v)	Wealdstone Traders' Association	Mrs S Hall (Chair)/ Dr O Amele
(vi)	Harrow Association of Disabled People	Mr S Addy
(vii)	Additional Wealdstone Business' Representatives:	Mr T Arens (Heriot Catering)

(CH)

= Chair

(VC)

= Vice-Chair (appointments currently outstanding)

*

Denotes Group Members on Panels for consultation on administrative matters.

To note the membership of the following informal body.

BUDGET REVIEW WORKING GROUP (6) (Non-proportional)**(3)****(2)****(1)****I.
Members****Burchell
Dighé * (CH)
Idaikkadar****D Ashton *
Pinkus****Thornton****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Ray
2. Currie
3. Choudhury1. Romain
2. John Cowan
3. Mrs Kinnear1. Miss Lyne
2. Branch

CONSULTATIVE FORUMS**“ADVISORY” COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 102(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, APPOINTED BY CABINET**

(Membership in order of political group nominations)

Labour**Conservative****(1) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE FORUM (7)****(4)****(3)****I.
Members****Nana Asante * (CH)
Currie
Lavingia
Omar****Arnold
Janet Cowan *
Anjana Patel****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Bluston
2. Gate
3. Burchell
4. N Shah1. Harriss
2. Kara
3. Mrs Champagne**(2) EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM (7)****(4)****(3)****I.
Members****Gate
Ismail
Ray
Stephenson* (CH)****Mrs Bath
Miss Bednell *
Janet Mote****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Thammaiah
2. Marie-Louise Nolan
3. Miles
4. Lent1. Kara
2. Vina Mithani
3. Jean Lammiman

(Representatives of the Teachers', Governors', Elected Parent Governor Representatives', Denominational Representatives' and Arts Culture Representatives' Constituencies)

(3) EMPLOYEES' CONSULTATIVE FORUM (7)**Council Representatives****(4)****(3)****I.
Members****Currie
Marie-Louise Nolan* (VC)
N Shah
Toms****Mrs Bath *
Janet Cowan
Mrs Joyce Nickolay****II.
Reserve
Members**1. Lent
2. Gate
3. Burchell
4. Lavingia1. Billson
2. Janet Mote
3. Osborn**Employee Representatives**Six UNISON Representatives Mary Cawley, Anna Jackson, Kim La Frenais, Martin Nolan, Debbie Prasad, Charlie Sumner
Three HTCC Representatives (To be advised)

(Note: The Chair of the Employees' Committee shall be an Employee side representative in 2004/2005, and the Vice-Chair is to be appointed by the Council side. These appointments shall thereafter alternate in succeeding years).

(4) TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' CONSULTATIVE FORUM (4)

(2) (2)

I.
Members**Currie* (CH)**
Margaret Davine**Billson**
Knowles * (VC)**II.**
Reserve
Members1. O'Dell
2. Burchell
3. Gate1. Harriss
2. Mary John
3. Mrs Joyce Nickolay**"ADVISORY" COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 85A OF THE SCHOOLS STANDARDS FRAMEWORK ACT 1998****HARROW ADMISSIONS FORUM (3)****Labour****Conservative**

(2)

(1)

Ray
Stephenson**Janet Cowan****Other Representatives**

Community Schools (Governor)	-	Mary Graham
Community Schools (Primary)	-	Sue Jones
Community Schools (Secondary)	-	Allan Jones
Jewish School	-	Dr Ian Abrahams
Roman Catholic School	-	Mike Murphy
Church of England School	-	Mrs S Hinton
Church of England Diocese	-	Kris Uttley
Catholic Schools Diocese	-	Miss M Roe
Primary Elected Parent Governor Representative	-	Mr H Epie
Secondary Elected Parent Governor Representative	-	Mr Sutcliffe
Harrow Council for Racial Equality	-	Prem Pawar
Early Years Development Partnership	-	Helena Tucker
Social Services Representative	-	(Vacancy)

(CH)
(VC)
*

= Chair

= Vice-Chair

Denotes Group Members on Panels for consultation on administrative matters.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANTS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO 2004/05**(1) LABOUR GROUP**

Assistants without Portfolio will be responsible to the Leader of the Council. This will enable the Assistants to work on a wider range of projects.

The following Members will form the pool of Assistants to the Portfolio Holders:-

Councillors

Choudhury
Ismail
Ray

(2) CONSERVATIVE GROUP

(i) The following Members will act as Assistants:-

Councillor Miss Bednell
Councillor Silver

(ii) The following Members have been nominated as spokespersons:-

Portfolio Area**Spokesperson**

Education
Social Services
Urban Living
Planning
Business Connections
Organisational Development

Councillor Miss Bednell
Councillor Silver
Councillor Mrs Kinnear
Councillor Mrs Ashton
Councillor Ashton
Councillor C Mote

(3) LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

The following Member will act as an Assistant:-

Group Member of Cabinet**Assistant**

Councillor Miss Lyne

Councillor Branch