

# CABINET

## 14 MARCH 2013

### DECISIONS NOTICE

(PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2013)

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken on the substantive items at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday 14 March 2013. These decisions will be implemented on the expiry of 5 clear working days, unless there is a call-in of any of the decisions (for details on how to do this, please contact Nicola Fletcher, Democratic & Electoral Services Officer on 020 8416 8050 or by email [nicola.fletcher@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.fletcher@harrow.gov.uk)) in which case any such decision may not be implemented until the resolution of the call-in process. If no request for call-in is received by 5.00 pm on Friday 22 March 2013 then the decisions will be implemented.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Daksha Ghelani, Senior Democratic Services Officer on 020 8424 1881 or by email [daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk).

#### 8 **Determination of Community School Admission Arrangements - Academic Year 2014/15**

**RESOLVED:** That, having considered the feedback from the consultation on admission arrangements for the 2014/15 Academic Year, the Community School admission arrangements be determined without any further changes to the proposed arrangements and schemes other than the following:

- (a) change to the medical pupil criterion in the Community School admission arrangements to allow priority to children who have had to attend a specific school due to his/her social needs; this would only be in wholly exceptional circumstances and where was involvement with social services and a supporting letter from a Divisional Director;
- (b) change to the sibling criteria for Whitmore High School to allow sibling priority to pupils on roll and attending the school up to year 11 at the time of the application.

**Reason for Decision:** To determine admission arrangements by 15 April in the determination year (ie by 15 April 2013) in accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted:** None.

## 9 Third Sector Strategy

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the Third Sector Strategy be noted;
- (2) the delivery of the actions listed in paragraph 2.3.2 of the report to support the delivery of the Third Sector Strategy be endorsed.

**Reason for Decision:** To demonstrate commitment and support for the Strategy.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** Not commit to delivering any actions to support the Third Sector Strategy.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted:** None.

## 10 Strategic Review of Learning Disability Accommodation

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the new Service Model, described in section 2.5 of the report, which specifically involved the following changes to services be agreed:
  - A. Bedford House** - work to achieve separation between the long-term residential, respite and day services at Bedford House. Work with the Council's Estates Department to identify a longer term option for the efficient use of Bedford House. This may include the potential sale of the building and the purchase of an alternative building which met the needs of the long-term residents in a high quality environment;
  - B. Gordon Avenue** - change the model of the service and identify a choice of alternative housing options for the service users living at the Home. To use the service as a Residential Respite provision in the future. In addition, to increase the use of alternative respite options including Harrow Shared Lives Service and communicate the range of options to families and service users;

- C. **Woodlands Drive** - change the model of the service and identify a choice of alternative housing options for the service users living at the Home;
- D. **Southdown Crescent** - de-register the service and support people to live in a supported living environment;
- E. **Roxborough Park** - maintain and develop the current model of the service delivering high quality care to people with complex autism and severe challenging behaviour. This would mean that some people who do not have complex autism and severe challenging behaviour who currently lived at the Service might be supported to move to alternative provision that met their assessed eligible needs.

- (2) the Corporate Director for Community, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holders, be authorised to agree the future model and use for Woodlands Drive with the vacant building being considered for young adults in transition who needed support to remain close to home.

**Reason for Decision:** To enable local residential service provision for adults with learning disabilities that responded to current and future demand for specialist residential services. To contribute between £600k-£1m to the achievement of Medium Term Financial Strategy savings of £2.275m in relation to residential care. To consider whether there were any residents who might be supported to live more independently.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## 11 **Revisions to the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan and Delivering Warmer Homes HECA report following public consultation**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the final draft of the revised Climate Change Strategy Action Plan be approved;
- (2) the final draft of the revised Delivering Warmer Homes (HECA) report be approved;
- (3) the submission of the Delivering Warmer Homes (HECA) report to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change be approved.

**Reason for Decision:** To ensure continued progress in delivery of the Council's Climate Change and Delivering Warmer Homes Strategies.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

**12 Provision of Building Cleaning Services for Schools and Corporate Properties**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the Schools Building Cleaning Contracts be awarded for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for up to a further 3 years, as follows:
  - contract No. 1 to Contractor A, as set out at appendix A to the report
  - contract No. 2 to Contractor B, as set out at Appendix A to the report
  - contract No. 3 to Contractor C, as set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (2) the Corporate Contracts 4 and 5 not be let under this procurement exercise and that the existing contracts be extended for a period of up to 24 months;
- (3) the negotiation, award and signature of the contract extension in resolution (2) above be delegated to the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts;
- (4) should the negotiation approved in resolution 3 above be unsuccessful, the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property and Major Contracts, be delegated authority to take whatever action may be required to keep the service in place; the action being based on the information and evaluation of the tenders provided in Appendix A of the report.

**Reason for Decision:** A full European Union Tendering Exercise had shown that awarding a 3 year contract for three schools' contracts (with an option to extend for up to a further three years) together with extending the existing contracts for Corporate Buildings offered the Council the best combination, best value and ability to review performance, customer satisfaction and price, whilst allowing the Council to further consider the market place and negotiate the most favourable position for the Council.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet:** None.

### 13 Adoption of Revised Statement of Community Involvement

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the representations received be noted, including the Council's response to them, following consultation on the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), as set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (2) the revised SCI attached at Appendix B to the report be adopted;
- (3) the Divisional Director of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration, be delegated authority to make any typographical corrections and any other non-material changes to the SCI that may become necessary prior to final publication of the SCI;
- (4) the intention to produce a summary leaflet be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To ensure that Harrow had an effective, flexible and up-to-date SCI, pursuant to section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

### 14 Locally Listed Buildings

**RESOLVED:** That the updated list of Locally Listed Buildings, as provided in Appendix A to the report, be adopted.

**Reason for Decision:** To comply with the National Planning Policy Framework requirement that planning authorities ensured that they made information about the significance of the historic environment gathered as part of plan-making or development management publicly accessible. To help protect Harrow's local historic and architectural interest and assist the Council to meet its Corporate Priority that sought to 'build stronger communities'.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** To take no action.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

### 15 Proposed Amendment to the Boundary of the Roxborough Park and the Grove Conservation Area

**RESOLVED:** That the extension to the Roxborough Park and the Grove Conservation Area, as shown at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**Reason for Decision:** As part of the ongoing programme to review the borough's conservation areas, the area adjacent to the Roxborough Park and the

Grove Conservation Area had been identified and assessed as worthy of Conservation Area status. The incorporation of this area within the Roxborough Park and Grove Conservation Area would ensure that the extended area was covered by the Council's adopted Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy (May 2008).

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** To take no action.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **16 Stanmore and Edgware Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document**

**RESOLVED:** That the draft Stanmore and Edgware Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), attached as appendix 1 to the report, be approved for a six week period of public consultation.

**Reason for Decision:** When adopted, the Stanmore and Edgware Conservation Areas SPD would constitute part of the emerging Local Development Framework. This would form material considerations in the determination of planning applications both at Planning Committees and appeal proceedings. The SPD would also provide useful guidance to relevant Council departments when dealing with issues relating to Stanmore and Edgware Conservation Areas. Before adoption could take place, formal consultation on the SPD was required.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** Not produce an SPD for the Stanmore and Edgware Conservation Areas.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **17 Strategic Performance Report - Quarter 3**

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted and the Portfolio Holders continue working with officers to achieve improvement against identified key challenges.

**Reason for Decision:** To be informed of performance against key measures and to identify and assign corrective action where necessary.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** None.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

## **18 Approval of the Pilot Harrow Help Scheme**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the one year pilot and principles of the new Harrow Help Scheme be agreed and adopted;

- (2) the one year pilot for the Emergency Relief Scheme be agreed and adopted;
- (3) the eligibility criteria for access to the Emergency Relief Scheme be agreed and adopted.

**Reason for Decision:** The Department of Works and Pension had allocated funding to all local authorities to deliver a local Welfare Provision as a result of the changes to the Social Fund.

The changes to the Social Fund were to be implemented by the end of March and therefore the Council had to have the Emergency Relief Scheme in place by 1 April, 2013 to avoid the risk of a gap in the provision of emergency support to vulnerable people living in Harrow.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** As set out in the report.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation Granted:** None.

**19 Provision of Building Cleaning Services for Schools and Corporate Properties**

**RESOLVED:** That the appendix be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To allow the appendix to be considered in conjunction with the main report at agenda item 12.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** As set out under item 12.

**Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation granted:** As set out under item 12.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.50 pm).