

# CABINET

## 22 JANUARY 2013

### DECISIONS NOTICE

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken on the substantive items at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 22 January 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 Wednesday 30 January 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(b) Draft Climate Change Action Plan and Draft Delivering Warmer Homes (HECA)

**RESOLVED:** That the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To receive comments as part of the consultation process.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None.

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

*[Call-in does not apply].*

## 9 Response to Scrutiny Review of Housing Revenue Account Self Financing

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

**Reason for Decision:** To enable the response to the recommendations to be formalised.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None.

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

*[Call-in does not apply].*

## 10 Transformation of Day Services in Harrow

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) consultation to include steps to rationalise internal Day Services provision in line with spare capacity identified and in order to deliver the MTFS target of £600k in a year be approved;
- (2) through consultation be developed with relevant stakeholders, including service users, carers, staff and Unions, including a long-term vision for a transformed model for day opportunities for people with learning disabilities, physical disability and sensory impairment and older people in Harrow;
- (3) alternative models for day opportunities be considered and a range of options that increase opportunities for social inclusion, maximise choice and control, improve health and well-being, increase employability and deliver efficiencies be developed;
- (4) the Corporate Director of Community, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s), be authorised to:
  - design and implement the consultation plan for service users, carers and families, staff, Unions and other key stakeholders;
  - prepare a final report with the results of the consultation and detailed recommendations for consideration by Cabinet in July 2013.

**Reason for Decision:** Involvement of key stakeholders was a central aspect of this review which aimed to ensure that services were strategically aligned and financially affordable for the future.

To further develop the way that Day Services work in the borough. To establish a service model that supports the government's ambition to offer personal budgets to at least 70% of service users with a strong focus on Direct Payments by 2013; deliver £600k revenue savings over 2013/14 and 2014/15; support greater

integration of health and social care services in order to develop improved, seamless, preventative services; develop a continuum of services that service users would want to buy, which responds to the prevention agenda and support independence and inclusion; enable people to purchase these through the Council's on-line social care portal; promote diversity and quality in the provision of services including increasing culturally specific services, in line with the Care and Support Bill; respond to the changing demographic profile of people who use Day Services; encourage communities to take an increasingly prominent role in supporting vulnerable groups through the development of community capacity and social capital – breaking down barriers and moving towards greater social inclusion; ensure that the Council uses the buildings available in the most effective and efficient ways; support staff delivering services and offer greater job satisfaction and job security.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** To do nothing by continuing to provide and commission services as done currently.

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

## 11 Calculation of Business Rates Income for 2013/14

**RESOLVED:** That, having considered the information given in the report, the following be agreed:

- (1) the Non Domestic Rates (NDR) estimates and calculations be calculated in accordance with the draft regulations, as follows:

		£m
	Projected NDR Income 2013/14	49.083
Less	Payable to DCLG (50% Central Share)	(24.541)
Less	Payable to the Greater London Authority (20%)	<u>(9.817)</u>
Equals	Amount to be retained by Harrow (30%)	<b>14.725</b>

- (2) the above information be provided to the Secretary of State and Greater London Authority (GLA) by 31 January 2013.

**Reason for Decision:** To fulfill the Council's anticipated statutory obligation to provide estimates and calculations in relation to NDR for 2013/14.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None.

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

*[Call-in does not apply].*

## 12 Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2013/14

**RESOLVED:** That, having considered the information given in the report, the following be agreed:

- (a) band D equivalent number of taxable properties be calculated as shown in the report, in accordance with the government regulations;
- (b) provision for uncollectable amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 be agreed at 2.50%, producing an expected collection rate of 97.50%;
- (c) subject to resolutions (1) and (2) above, a Council Tax Base for 2013/14 of 76,874 Band D equivalent properties (being 78,845 x 97.50%) be approved, allowing for payment in lieu of Ministry of Defence properties.

**Reason for Decision:** To fulfill Council's statutory obligation to set the Council Tax Base for 2013/14.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None.

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

*[Call-in does not apply].*

## 13 Draft Capital Programme 2013-14 to 2016-17

**RESOLVED:** That the draft Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved for consultation, with the final version being presented to the February 2013 meeting of Cabinet.

**Reason for Decision:** To enable the Council to have an approved Capital Programme for 2013-14.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None.

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

## 14 West London Alliance Accord

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the new West London Alliance (WLA) Accord be adopted, as the basis of ongoing collaborative working amongst the boroughs of Hounslow, Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hillingdon, with authority being given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services, to agree any appropriate minor alterations to the Accord;

- (2) the Chief Executive be authorised to agree Harrow's annual financial contributions to the WLA to be met from existing budget provision.

**Reason for Decision:** To underpin Harrow's participation in the collaborative working to achieve service improvement and efficiencies amongst participating Councils and ensure Harrow is a part of the growing programme of collaboration, as described in the WLA's first Annual Report.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** To do nothing, which was not considered to be a viable option.

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

## **15 Calendar of Meetings 2013/14**

**RESOLVED:** That, subject to minor amendments and Annual Council commencing at 6.30 pm, the Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2013/14 be approved.

**Reason for Decision:** To facilitate the planning and forward commitments of both Members and officers. To allow the room booking arrangements to be put in place at the earliest opportunity.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:** None other than it was considered prudent to have a programme in place.

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

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.40 pm).