

CABINET

15 OCTOBER 2015

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2015.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor David Perry

Councillors:

* Sue Anderson	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	* Kiran Ramchandani
* Keith Ferry	* Sachin Shah
* Glen Hearnden	† Anne Whitehead
* Graham Henson	

In attendance: Richard Almond Minute 259
Barry Macleod-Cullinane Minute 259

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

256. Apologies for Absence

Received from Councillor Anne Whitehead, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Older People.

257. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members.

258. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

259. Questions

Councillor questions accepted were responded to and any recording placed on the Council's website. Councillor questions 6 to 11 were not reached at Cabinet and the Councillors would be provided with written responses which would be placed on the Council's website. There were no public questions.

260. Key Decision Schedule - October to December 2015

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the Key Decision Schedule.

261. Progress on Scrutiny Projects

RESOLVED: To note the progress made on scrutiny projects.

RESOLVED ITEMS

262. Events Policy

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the draft Events Policy be approved for consultation;
- (2) the Divisional Director of Commissioning Services be authorised to take all necessary steps to consult on the proposed Policy;
- (3) it be noted that the outcome of the consultation would be reported back to Cabinet with any amendments considered appropriate, for final approval;
- (4) the application forms, terms and conditions, set out at Appendix A to the report, be noted.

Reason for Decision: To balance the need to hold events with the Council's obligations to residents, businesses and visitors, ensuring that these activities continue to be regarded by all as safe, lawful, successful and fair. To ensure that Members and the public were aware of what level of service would be delivered. To make public how this delivery would be monitored.

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

263. Advertising Board Policy

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the draft A-Board Policy, set out at Appendix A to the report, be approved for consultation with key stakeholders;

- (2) the Divisional Director of Commissioning Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety, be authorised to review the consultation responses, make amendments as appropriate and adopt the A-Board Policy;
- (3) the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Crime and Community Safety be authorised make amendments to the Policy.

Reason for Decision: The Council recognised that advertising boards were a useful tool for small businesses but needed to balance that against the issues they presented for members of the public. The Policy sought to ensure that A-Boards were properly set up, managed correctly and operated in a way that benefited the business, enhanced the public realm and did not cause a problem for other users of the highway.

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.

264. Proposal to expand the Stag Lane Schools

RESOLVED: That the statutory proposals to expand permanently Stag Lane Infant and Nursery School by one form of entry (30 pupils) from 1 September 2016 and Stag Lane Junior School by one form of entry (30 pupils) from 1 September 2019 be approved.

Reason for Decision: To fulfil the Council's statutory duties to provide sufficient school places in its area.

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.

265. School Expansion Programme

RESOLVED: That the update on the implementation of the School Expansion Programme be noted.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Local Authority to fulfil its statutory duties to provide sufficient school places in its area.

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.

[Call-in does not apply to items that have been noted].

266. Universal Credit (UC), Delivery of Front End Services and authorisation to enter into Delivery Partnership Agreement

RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be noted that the roll out of Universal Credit (UC) was scheduled to commence in Harrow during October 2015;
- (2) the Corporate Director of Resources and Commercial be authorised to negotiate and finalise the Delivery Partnership Agreement (DPA) and agree reimbursement costs with the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP);
- (3) a Harrow Council bespoke Delivery Partnership Agreement (DPA), running from October 2015 to 31 March 2016, be approved and entered into with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to deliver a number of ancillary services relating to the roll-out of Universal Credit (UC), as detailed in the report;
- (4) the Corporate Director of Resources and Commercial, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Major Contracts, be authorised to enter into future similar arrangements for Universal Credit (UC) post 31 March 2016, subject to negotiation of appropriate funding.

Reason for Decision: To assist the DWP with the roll out of UC and to support residents in the claim process.

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.

267. Progress made on the Administration's Priority of Tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence - Contract Award and update on Strategy

Having considered the confidential appendix, it was

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Domestic and Sexual Violence Contract be awarded to Hestia Housing and Support for a period of two years commencing on 4 November 2015 with an option to extend, at the sole discretion of the Council, for a further period or periods of up to two years; the value of the contract for the initial two year period was £552,000 and would rise to £1,104,000 if the whole two years permissible by extension were used;
- (2) the refresh of the Harrow Domestic and Sexual Violence Action Plan be approved.

Reason for Decision: To ensure continuation of the provision of preventative services and intervention in high risk cases of domestic and sexual violence to help keep residents safe.

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.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.31 pm, closed at 7.07 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	16 October 2015
Deadline for Call-in:	5.00 pm on 23 October 2015 (Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions). To call-in a decision please contact: Vishal Seegoolam on 020 8424 1883 or email: vishal.seegoolam@harrow.gov.uk Alison Atherton on 020 8424 1266 or email alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	24 October 2015