

CABINET

16 JUNE 2016

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2016.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor Sachin Shah

Councillors:

* Sue Anderson	* Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown	† David Perry
* Keith Ferry	* Kiran Ramchandani
† Glen Hearnden	* Mrs Christine Robson
* Graham Henson	* Adam Swersky

Non-Executive Member: † David Perry

In attendance:

Richard Almond	Minute 392
Susan Hall	Minute 392
Barry Macleod-Cullinane	Minute 392
Janet Mote	Minute 392

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

387. Minute's Silence

The Leader of the Council proposed a minute's silence in memory of Jo Cox MP who had died that afternoon after being shot and stabbed in her constituency in Birstall, West Yorkshire. The Leader said that such incidents were an attack on democracy. All those present at Cabinet observed a minute's silence.

A further minute's silence was observed in memory of those who had been killed in a recent hate attack against the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and

Transgender) community in Orlando. The Leader wished to show solidarity and support for the LGBT Community in Harrow and the UK.

388. Welcome

The Leader of the Council welcomed Councillor Adam Swersky to his first Cabinet meeting in his capacity as Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation.

The Leader also welcomed Mr Ged Curran of the Harrow Peer Review Group who was seated in the public gallery.

389. Apologies for Absence

Received from Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Employment, and Councillor David Perry, Non-Executive Member of Cabinet.

390. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interest was declared:

Agenda Item 8 – Revenue and Capital Outturn 2015-16

During consideration of this item, upon mention of The Bridge by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Commercialisation in his introduction, Councillor Sue Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that a family member attended The Bridge and had campaigned on its behalf. She would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

391. Petitions

Petition – Planning Application Objection – Hillview Road

Councillor Susan Hall presented a petition signed by 116 residents with the following terms of reference:

“We, the undersigned, object to the planning application number P/2452/16 on the grounds that the proposed development to demolish the existing detached house and to replace it with two semi-detached houses on one plot is an overdevelopment which is out of keeping with the area and would set a precedent which would break existing covenants and change the low density nature of Hillview Road.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be referred to the Divisional Director of Regeneration and Planning and the Planning Committee for consideration.

392. Questions

To note that no public questions had been received. Councillor questions accepted were responded to and any recording placed on the Council's website.

393. Key Decision Schedule - June to August 2016

RESOLVED: That the Key Decision Schedule be noted.

394. Progress on Scrutiny Projects

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

RESOLVED ITEMS

395. Revenue and Capital Outturn 2015-16

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the revenue and capital outturn position for 2015/16 be noted;
- (2) the contributions to reserves, outlined in paragraphs 21, 24 and 26 of the report, be approved;
- (3) the revenue carry forwards of £1.793m, outlined at paragraphs 27 and 28 and detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, and which have been agreed by the Director of Finance in accordance with Financial Regulations, be approved;
- (4) the debt write off and lease surrender, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report, be approved;
- (5) the Housing Revenue Account debt write off, outlined in paragraph 31 of the report, be approved;
- (6) the carry forwards on the Capital Programme, outlined in table 4, paragraph 32 refers, and set out at Appendix 2 of the report, and which have been agreed by the Director of Finance in accordance with the Financial Regulations, be approved;
- (7) the reduction in the Capital Programme, outlined in paragraph 34 of the report, be noted;
- (8) the virement changes in quarter 4 2015/16 to the Capital Programme, outlined in paragraph 35 of the report, be noted;
- (9) the virements in the 2016/17 Capital Programme, detailed in paragraph 36 of the report, be approved;
- (10) the addition to the 2016/17 Capital Programme of £150k, as set out in paragraph 37 of the report, be approved;
- (11) the conversion of a £1m loan to a grant in the 2016/17 Capital Programme, as set out at paragraph 47 of the report, be approved;
- (12) the timetable for accounts completion and external audit review, as outlined in paragraphs 54 and 55 of the report, be noted.

Reason for Decision: To report the financial position as at 31 March 2016.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: None.

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

396. Treasury Management Outturn 2015/16

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the outturn position for treasury management activities for 2015/16 be noted;
- (2) the report be referred to the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee for review.

Reason for Decision: To promote effective financial management and comply with the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) Regulations 2003 and other relevant guidance. To be availed of treasury management activities and performance.

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.

397. Welfare Reform Scrutiny Review Group

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted;
- (2) a response report the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Group submitted to the July Cabinet meeting by the relevant Directorate(s);
- (3) the Chair of the Review Group and an opposition Member of the Review Group be invited to present the findings to the July 2016 Cabinet meeting in accordance with the Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol.

Reason for Decision: To receive and request a response for Cabinet's consideration in line with the Constitution.

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].

398. Final Report of the Social and Community Infrastructure Scrutiny Review

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received and noted;
- (2) a response report to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review be submitted to the July 2016 Cabinet meeting by the relevant Directorate(s);
- (3) the Chair of the Review Group and an opposition Member of the Review Group be invited to present the findings to the July Cabinet meeting in accordance with the Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol.

Reason for Decision: To receive and request a response for Cabinet's consideration in line with the Constitution.

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].

399. Political Assistants

On behalf of Cabinet, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Sachin Shah wished Andreas Geroski, Political Assistant for the Labour Group, and David Mercier, Political Assistant for the Conservative Group, who were both leaving the services of the Council, well for their future.

The Leader added that working in a political system provided for a challenging role and which when combined with the work of politicians and those of officers made their roles interesting.

The Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Susan Hall, stated that David was considered to be the Group's right-hand person and would be sorely missed by both Councillors and Officers. She wished both David and Andreas well for their future.

Those present applauded their work and wished them well.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.32 pm, closed at 7.24 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	17 June 2016
Deadline for Call-in:	<p>5.00 pm on 24 June 2016</p> <p>(Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions).</p> <p>To call-in a decision please contact:</p> <p>Vishal Seegoolam on 020 8424 1883 or email: vishal.seegoolam@harrow.gov.uk</p> <p>Alison Atherton on 020 8424 1266 or email: alison.atherton@harrow.gov.uk</p>
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	25 June 2016