

# Cabinet

## Minutes

### 10 September 2020

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2020.

**Present:**

**Chair:** Councillor Graham Henson

**Councillors:** Sue Anderson  
Simon Brown  
Keith Ferry  
Phillip O'Dell  
Varsha Parmar  
Christine Robson  
Krishna Suresh  
Adam Swersky

**Non-Executive  
Cabinet  
Member:** Antonio Weiss

**Non-Executive  
Voluntary  
Sector  
Representative:** John Higgins

**In attendance  
(Councillors):** Richard Almond For Minute 347  
Marilyn Ashton For Minute 347  
Paul Osborn For Minute 343 to 353  
Anjana Patel For Minute 347  
Sachin Shah For Minute 351

**343. Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**344. Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** To note that the declaration of interests, which had been published on the Council website, be taken as read.

**345. Petitions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no petitions had been received.

**346. Public Questions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that one public question had been received and responded to and the recording had been placed on the website.

**347. Councillor Questions**

**RESOLVED:** The Councillor Questions were responded to and the recording placed on the Council's website.

**348. Key Decision Schedule - September - November 2020**

**RESOLVED:** To note the contents of the Key Decision Schedule for the period - September - November 2020.

**349. Progress on Scrutiny Projects**

**RESOLVED:** To note the current progress of the scrutiny reports.

**RESOLVED ITEMS**

**350. Local Outbreak Control and Intervention - Covid-19**

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the plans to manage a local outbreak of Covid-19 within Harrow be noted, including liaison with partner agencies, communications strategy, community engagement and exercise of enforcement power;
- (2) the Chief Executive be authorised, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the Director of Public Health, to issue communications for the purpose of reducing transmission of Covid-19, including communicating advisory restrictions on movement in advance of legal restrictions;
- (3) the Corporate Director, Community, be authorised, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to issue a direction under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) No.3 Regulations 2020.

**Reason for Decision:** The Council was responsible for having a Local Outbreak Plan to manage the outbreak of any communicable disease, including Covid-19. Whilst this plan was led by the Director of Public Health, the success of any plan would be dependent on multi-agency working, effective enforcement and timely communications and community engagement.

**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.

### 351. Harrow Strategic Development Partnership - Appointment of Preferred Bidder

In emphasising the importance of the strategic development partnership, the Leader wished to express his gratitude towards all officers and advisers involved in the process. Having noted the confidential appendices to the report and taken into account the reference from the Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 September 2020, it was

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the outcome of the Competitive Dialogue stage of the procurement process under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as outlined in the report, be noted;
- (2) the appointment of Bidder B as Preferred Bidder with whom the Council would seek to establish the Harrow Strategic Development Partnership (HSDP) be approved;
- (3) the procurement process proceed to the Preferred Bidder Stage ('PB Stage') so the Preferred Bidder's proposal could be clarified, specified and optimised in accordance with the procurement regulations, in particular to formalise the structure of the vehicle, finalise legal documents and conclude the HSDP Business Plan;
- (4) a further report be submitted to Cabinet, anticipated in the early part of 2021, which would seek authority to approve the HSDP Business Plan, make the procurement award, enter into the contractual documents and formally incorporate the Harrow Strategic Development Partnership.

**Reason for Decision:** In order to appoint a Preferred Bidder to establish the Harrow Strategic Development Partnership, enabling the development of the Council's three Core Sites and delivery of the Council's regeneration objectives.

**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.

### 352. School Organisation Update and School Capital Programme

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the update on the implementation of the school expansion programme, the School Roll Projections 2020-2032 report and the changes in the overall school organisation landscape, be noted;
- (2) the Corporate Director, People be authorised, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Finance & Resources and Children, Young People & Schools to undertake all procurement required to deliver the programme, including the amalgamation projects set out in the report;
- (3) the Corporate Director, People, be authorised, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Finance & Resources and Children, Young People & Schools to award contracts following each procurement associated with the Schools Expansion Programme;
- (4) the Corporate Director, People, be authorised, following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Resources and Children, Young People & Schools, to:
  - a. identify schools, including academy schools, to receive capital funding for projects required for SEND education provision in accordance with the SEND Strategy;
  - b. for any maintained/community schools identified, to undertake a procurement process and award the contracts

**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.

### 353. Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2020/21 - Quarter 1 as at 30th June 2020

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the revenue and capital forecast positions set out in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.4 of the report, be noted;
- (2) the grave concerns being expressed at the legacy impact of COVID-19 over the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the work being undertaken on finance sustainability, as set out in paragraphs 2.47 to 2.48 of the report, be noted;
- (3) the proposed additions to the Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 3.28 to 3.31 of the report, be approved;

- (4) progress on the Council's Trading Update as at Quarter 1, as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report, be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** To report the 2020/21 forecast financial position as at Quarter 1 (30th June 2020), to update Cabinet on trading company performance and to seek approval for Capital Programme adjustments which required Cabinet approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

**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 6.30 pm, closed at 8.32 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	<b>11 September 2020</b>
Deadline for Call-in:	<b>5.00 pm on 18 September 2020</b> <b>(Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions).</b> To call-in a decision please contact:  Daksha Ghelani on 020 8424 1881, email <a href="mailto:daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk">daksha.ghelani@harrow.gov.uk</a>
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	<b>19 September 2020</b>