

Cabinet

Minutes

18 July 2022

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Monday 18 July 2022.

Present:

Chair: Councillor Paul Osborn

Councillors: Marilyn Ashton Anjana Patel
Stephen Greek Pritesh Patel
Hitesh Karia Norman Stevenson

**Non-Executive
Cabinet
Member:** Thaya Idaikkadar

**In attendance
(Councillors):** David Perry For Minute 25-37
Krishna Suresh For Minute 29

Joined virtually: Councillor David Ashton
Councillor Jean Lammiman
Councillor Mina Parmar
Councillor Ameet Jogia – Non-Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Kanti Rabadia – Non-Executive Cabinet Member
John Higgins – Non-Executive Voluntary Sector
Representative

**In attendance
virtually
(Councillors):** Peymana Assad For Minute 29
Stephen Hickman For Minute 29
Natasha Proctor For Minute 29

25. Apologies for Absence

None received.

26. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interest was declared:

Agenda Item 9 – Adult Social Care Bedded Care Strategy

Councillor Hitesh Karia, Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he worked in a care setting. He remained in the meeting while the item was discussed and agreed upon.

27. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

28. Public Questions

RESOLVED: To note that one public question had been received, responded to and the recording would be made available on the Council’s website.

29. Councillor Questions

RESOLVED: That the Councillor Questions were responded to and the recording would be made available on the Council’s website.

30. Key Decision Schedule July - September 2022

Having noted that the reports on “Harrow Strategic Development Plan (HSDP) – Progress and Review” and “Fly-tipping Update” had been deferred to the September meeting, Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the Key Decision Schedule for the period July to September 2022.

31. Progress on Scrutiny Projects

RESOLVED: To receive and note the current progress of the scrutiny reports.

Resolved Items

32. Feasibility on Potholes

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the content of the report be noted;
- (2) officers be instructed to continue the feasibility work and bring back the results of the study to a future Cabinet meeting; and

- (3) the Director of Environment be authorised to commission the study from external consultants at a cost of approximately £50k.

Reason for Decision: To review the feasibility of bringing the pothole repair function in-house.

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.

33. Adult Social Care Bedded Care Strategy

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Corporate Director of People, following consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holders for Adults and Public Health and Finance and Human Resources, be authorised to compliantly award contracts to providers to secure a block contract model for bedded care;
- (2) the commencement of the procurement of a provider for the Care and Wellbeing Service for the new Extra Care scheme at Harrow View East (Kodak East) be approved; and
- (3) the Corporate Director of People, following consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holders for Adults and Public Health and Finance and Human Resources be authorised to award the contract for the new Extra Care scheme at Harrow View East (Kodak East).

Reason for Decision: To increase the use of block provision for bedded care and increase Extra Care housing provision 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.

34. Improving the Customer Experience

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Customer Experience vision and principles be approved; and
- (2) a plan to introduce the strategy be brought back to Cabinet later this year.

Reason for Decision: On 24 May 2022 Cabinet agreed that a key priority of the Council would be to put its residents first and treat both residents and businesses as valued customers. The strategy outlined how this priority

would be achieved and bring together current activity with future proposed direction.

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.

35. Homes for Ukraine Scheme

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Director of Strategy and Partnerships, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Communities & Culture, be authorised to spend the grant received from the Government to support the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which was expected to be in the region of £2.1m in 2022/23;
- (2) the outcomes and principles for the programme, which would guide the expenditure decisions, be approved; and
- (3) the contracts with The Romanian and Eastern European Hub, Two Generations, Voluntary Action Harrow, Citizens Advice and Harrow Law Centre to deliver certain aspects of the programme, be noted.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Council was able to carry out its role in running checks and assessments on hosts and guests as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

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.

36. Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2021/22 - Final Outturn

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the revenue and capital outturn positions set out in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 in the officer report be noted;
- (2) the proposed additions and amendments to the Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 3.33 to 3.44 in the officer report be agreed; and
- (3) the Council's Trading Update as detailed in Appendix 5 to the officer report be noted.

Reason for Decision: To report the 2021-22 financial outturn position and provide an update on trading company 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.

37. Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn 2021/22

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Treasury Management outturn position for 2021/22 be noted; and
- (2) the report be referred to the Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee for review.

Reason for Decision: To keep Members informed of Treasury Management activities and performance for 2021/22 and promote effective financial management and comply with regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003, the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management, and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance, along with meeting the requirements of the Council's 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 8.11 pm).

Proper Officer

Publication of decisions:	19 July 2022
Deadline for Call-in:	5.00 pm on 26 July 2022 (Please note that Call-in does not apply to all decisions). To call-in a decision please contact: Mwimanji Chellah via email: mwimanji.chellah@harrow.gov.uk
Decisions may be implemented if not Called-in on:	27 July 2022