

CABINET MINUTES

13 SEPTEMBER 2012

[DRAFT MINUTE]

Chairman: † Councillor Bill Stephenson

Councillors:

* Bob Currie	* Graham Henson
* Margaret Davine	† Phillip O'Dell
* Keith Ferry	* David Perry
* Brian Gate	* Sachin Shah

In attendance: Susan Hall Minute 482
(Councillors) Paul Osborn Minute 482

* Denotes Member present
† Denotes apologies received

RESOLVED ITEMS

495. Public Realm Integrated Services Model: Business Case

The Divisional Director of Environmental Services introduced the report, which set out a summary of the full business case developed for the Public Realm Integrated Services Management (PRISM) transformation project intended to change the arrangements for service delivery in the Environment Division of the Directorate of Environment and Enterprise. The proposals would also achieve savings for 2013/14 previously identified in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Cabinet also considered a confidential appendix setting out the full business case for the proposals.

The Divisional Director added that the proposals, if approved, would entail in an increased use of new technology which would also help ensure a greater presence and visibility on the borough's streets, reduce the number of staff

employed although front line service would be protected, and a different way of working.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Enterprise, corrected the reference to the Trading Standards service in paragraph 7 on page 459 of the agenda. The service was described as outsourced to Brent, but it was in fact a formal partnership between Harrow and Brent Councils, hosted by Brent. The Portfolio Holder asked how the project impacted on Service Standards.

The Divisional Director acknowledged the correction made and, in relation to the question, replied that the project protected current Service Standards and would introduce greater efficiency and performance management, thereby improving value for money.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the implementation of the Transformation Project for the Public Realm Integrated Services Model, as set out in the Full Business Case, be agreed;
- (2) the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise, in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety, take the necessary actions to implement the Project.

Reason for Decision: To achieve the savings targets agreed previously in the MTFS and transform the services covered by the Project.

Alternative Options considered and rejected: As set out in appendix 2 of the officer report.

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

498. Public Realm Integrated Services Model: Business Case

RESOLVED: That appendix 2 be noted.

Reason for Decision: To allow the appendix to be considered in conjunction with the main report at agenda item 17.

Alternative Options considered and rejected: As set out under item 17.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member / Dispensation granted: As set out under item 17.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.50 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR THAYA IDAIKKADAR
Chairman