

# **CABINET MINUTES**

## **14 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Chairman:** \* Councillor Bill Stephenson

**Councillors:** † Bob Currie \* Graham Henson  
\* Margaret Davine \* Thaya Idaikkadar  
\* Keith Ferry \* Phillip O'Dell  
\* Brian Gate \* Mrs Rekha Shah  
\* Mitzi Green

**In attendance:** James Bond Minute 43  
**(Councillors)** Susan Hall Minute 43  
Barry Macleod-Cullinane Minutes 43 and 50

\* Denotes Member present  
† Denotes apologies received

### **RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

#### **46. Key Decision - Emergency Planning**

Cabinet received a report of the Corporate Director of Finance, which referred to the provision of a co-ordinated response in emergency situations. Cabinet noted that, as part of the arrangements for dealing with major incidents or emergencies in London, all boroughs and the City of London were being asked to adopt the 'Gold Resolution'. In addition, the report set out the arrangements for Mutual Aid across London.

The Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services stated that, once adopted, the 'Gold Resolution' would allow the delegation of certain powers to the 'Gold Chief Executive', and would help ensure a co-ordinated response in emergencies, including that the arrangements were 'fit for purpose'. He added that it was necessary for all 33

London authorities to formally agree and accept the addendum to the Local Authority 'Gold Resolution' before it could take effect.

The Portfolio Holder identified the key aspects of the report, which were the 'Gold Resolution' and the Memorandum on Mutual Aid. He added that rota arrangements would be put in place following the adoption of the 'Gold Resolution', and he also referred to the involvement of the police in this regard. Cabinet was informed that the Memorandum on Mutual Aid was a set of guidelines for providing mutual aid between participating boroughs but that it was not legally binding and was a voluntary arrangement.

**Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council) That**

- (1) the Addendum to the Local Authority 'Gold Resolution' be approved;
- (2) the Memorandum on Mutual Aid be adopted as part of the Council's Constitution.

**Reason for Decision:** Following practical experience in exercises and recent serious incidents, the 'Gold Resolution' had been reviewed and additions identified to ensure it was fit for purpose in the future.

*[Call-In does not apply to the Recommendation].*