

**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**31 OCTOBER 2007**

COMMITTEE:

\$Councillor Mike Freer (Chairman)

Councillors

- \* Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA
- \* Andrew Harper
- \* Lynne Hillan (In the Chair)
- \* John Marshall
- \$ Matthew Offord

\* Denotes Member present  
\$Denotes Member absent on Council business

**1. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2007 were approved.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mike Freer and Councillor Matthew Offord who were away on Council business.

**3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:**

Members declared the following interests set out below:

| <b>Member</b>            | <b>Subject</b>                                                                               | <b>Interest</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Councillor John Marshall | Watling car park and adjacent lands – disposal for redevelopment<br>(Agenda Items 13 and X7) | Personal but non-prejudicial interest as he has some shareholdings in Tesco. Councillor Marshall remained in the room during discussion of this item and took part in the decision making process. |

**4. FORMER FRIERN BARNET SEWAGE WORKS (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 4)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the Council withdraws from the current negotiations with B&Q and that the site be re-marketed in accordance with the recommendations in the report.

**5. CAR PARK ADJOINING 30 ALEXANDRA ROAD, N10 2RT (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 5)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the Council's freehold interest in the land shown edged in black on the attached plan to the report, is sold on the open market.

**6. WRITE OFFS OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES AND INCOME DEBTS (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 6)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the write offs set out in the report be approved.

**7. THE FORMER WATLING BOYS CLUB, DRYFIELD ROAD, BURNT OAK, HA8 (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 7)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the Committee approves to remarket the site shown outlined on the attached location plan to the report by non-binding tender and the results to be reported to the next Cabinet Resources Committee meeting.

**8. DISTRICT SCOUT HUT AND ADJOINING LAND, AVION CRESCENT, GRAHAME PARK WAY, MILL HILL NW9 (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 8)**

The Committee noted written submissions from Mr Manson of Delo Ltd and from Paul Mew Associates on behalf of Delo Ltd, which were circulated to members of the Committee.

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the Council proceeds with the disposal of the freehold interest in the two sites to the highest bidder as identified in the accompanying exempt report.

**9. BUILDING 2, NORTH LONDON BUSINESS PARK VARIATIONS IN DETAILED LEASE TERMS AND A NEW LEASE OF PARTS OF THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 9)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED – That the Committee agree the changes in timing, areas, rents from those reported and agreed by Cabinet Resources Committee on 6 December 2006 (as detailed in paragraph 9 of the public report and in the exempt report), and enter into a separate lease for parts of the Lower Ground Floor of Building 2.

**10. MONITORING 2007/08 (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 10)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the General Fund budget monitoring position be noted.

- (2) That Directors and Heads of Service are instructed to take appropriate management action to contain emerging budget pressures.
- (3) That approval is given to a £20,000 contribution from balances to improve boundary treatment, lighting and camera surveillance at Stanhope Road car park.
- (4) Further to the request at September's meeting, to provide an update on the options available to the Council for using its investment interest windfall to promote corporate priorities, approval is given for a £500,000 contribution from balances be allocated for street environment scene (£400,000), computers for the elderly initiative (£50,000), and one off grants for the grants budget (£50,000).
- (5) That approval is given for a capital project for the acquisition of Corporate Software Licenses to be funded from the IS Licenses reserve.
- (6) That approval is given to re-profile £1,600,000 of capital spending relating to the Customer Relationship Management project from 2007/08 into 2008/09.
- (7) That approval is given for a drawdown of £358,000 from the £1,158,000 remaining within the Contingency relating to Adult Social Services NHS Pressures.
- (8) That pressures on budgets within Adult Social Care as a result of acute bed closures and increased activity are noted on the understanding that these will be kept under review with further information provided within the Monitoring report to this committee in December.
- (9) That approval is given to amend the annual Treasury Management Strategy approved in March, by restricting all future investments in building societies to the top 12, from the existing top 20 list.
- (10) That the revised Prudential Indicators are noted.
- (11) That the outstanding debt position for the Council is noted.
- (12) That the actions taken regarding the debt write-offs are noted.

**11. ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, GRANVILLE ROAD, NW2 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development – Agenda Item 11)**

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Susette Palmer (Childs Hill Ward) addressed the Committee.

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) That it be agreed in principle to meet the cost of works to the tower blocks of flats at the Granville Road Estate through the sale of surplus estate lands for residential development and that approval be given to:
  - i. the opportunity for the sale and residential development of the lands referred to in the report being the subject of marketing and a

tender invitation, with the results being reported to a future meeting of this committee; and

- ii. the appointment of external consultants, in accordance with the Council's contract procurement procedures, to undertake the marketing and tender invitation.

**12. STONEGROVE AND SPUR ROAD HOUSING ESTATES REGENERATION SCHEME – DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS TO SECURE TENANTS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development – Agenda Item 12)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) That approval be given to:

- i. the making of a discretionary payment to the secure tenant referred to in the exempt report; and
- ii. discretionary payments in lieu of Home Loss and disturbance payments being made to the secure tenants from existing rented accommodation on the Stonegrove and Spur Road housing estates when they either move into new rented units in the first phase development or voluntarily move off the estate.

**13. WATLING CAR PARK AND ADJACENT LANDS – DISPOSAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT (Report of the Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport – Agenda Item 13)**

The Committee noted an amendment to the second line of paragraph 9.1 of the report in that it should read "*edged black*" and to the last line of the paragraph which should read "*edged hatched*".

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) That subject to confirmation that the offer satisfies the requirements of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Committee accepts the conditional offer from St James Investments to acquire the freehold of Watling car park and other lands as detailed and upon the basis set out in this and the exempt report; and
  - i. approves the further appointment of Donaldsons to provide the further advice to the Council as set out in the report; and
  - ii. instructs the appropriate Chief Officers to complete the transaction.

**14. CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT (Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance and the Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 14)**

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Members' report, the Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) That for the reasons set out in the report, the Council increase its existing SAP application to include a Customer Relationship Management solution.
- (2) That the Committee waives paragraph 5.6 of the Contract Procedure Rules to enable the additional services to be awarded to LogicaCMG.
- (3) That subject to a satisfactory outcome of negotiation with LogicaCMG, LogicaCMG be commissioned to provide the additional services.
- (4) That upon conclusion of these negotiations, the Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources with the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance be authorised to accept the additional services.

**15. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: -**

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs as indicated of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006):

| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>Subject</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Exemption Category</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| X1.                | Exempt information relating to item 4 in public session - Former Friern Barnet Sewage Works                                                                                            | 3                         |
| X2.                | Exempt information relating to item 5 in public session - Car Park adjoining 30 Alexandra Road, N10 2RT                                                                                | 3                         |
| X3.                | Exempt information relating to item 8 in public session - District Scout Hut and Adjoining Land, Avion Crescent, Grahame Park Way, Mill Hill NW9                                       | 3                         |
| X4.                | Exempt information relating to item 9 in public session - Building 2, North London Business Park Variations in detailed lease terms and a new lease of parts of the Lower Ground Floor | 3                         |
| X5.                | Exempt information relating to item 11 in public session - Estate Improvement Scheme, Granville Road, NW2                                                                              | 3                         |
| X6.                | Exempt information relating to item 12 in public session - Stonegrove and Spur Road housing estates regeneration scheme – discretionary payments to secure tenants                     | 3                         |
| X7.                | Exempt information relating to item 13 in public session - Watling car park and adjacent lands – disposal for redevelopment                                                            | 3                         |

16. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 4 IN PUBLIC SESSION – FORMER FRIERN BARNET SEWAGE WORKS (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item X1)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
17. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 5 IN PUBLIC SESSION – CAR PARK ADJOINING 30 ALEXANDRA ROAD, N10 2RT (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item X2)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
18. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 8 IN PUBLIC SESSION – DISTRICT SCOUT HUT AND ADJOINING LAND, AVION CRESCENT, GRAHAME PARK WAY, MILL HILL NW9 (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item X3)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
19. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 9 IN PUBLIC SESSION – BUILDING 2, NORTH LONDON BUSINESS PARK VARIATIONS IN DETAILED LEASE TERMS AND A NEW LEASE OF PARTS OF THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR (Report of the Leader/Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item X4)**  
The Committee noted an amendment to the second line of paragraph 9.3 of the report in that it should read “7 January 2008”.  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
20. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 11 IN PUBLIC SESSION – ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, GRANVILLE ROAD, NW2 (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development – Agenda Item X5)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
21. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 12 IN PUBLIC SESSION – STONEGROVE AND SPUR ROAD HOUSING ESTATES REGENERATION SCHEME – DISCRETIONARY PAYMENTS TO SECURE TENANTS (Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development – Agenda Item X6)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.
22. **EXEMPT INFORMATION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEM 13 IN PUBLIC SESSION – WATLING CAR PARK AND ADJACENT LANDS – DISPOSAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT (Report of the Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport – Agenda Item X7)**  
RESOLVED – That the exempt information be noted.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm