

CABINET

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Monday, 12 October 2009.

PRESENT: Councillor Lourie (Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Partnerships) (Chair), Councillor Acton (Cabinet Member for Environment), Councillor Carr (Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing), Councillor Dodds (Cabinet Member for Performance), Councillor Eady (Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education), Councillor Trigg (Cabinet Member for Traffic, Transport and Parking) and Councillor Williams (Cabinet Member for Communities).

88. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jaeger and Councillor Knight.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

90. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 be received and approved and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

91. REPRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (IF ANY)

None.

92. MATTERS RAISED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

93. MATTERS RAISED BY NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

94. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE FOR RECONSIDERATION (IF ANY)

None.

95. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

A. DEMENTIA SCRUTINY TASK GROUP REPORT

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Davies, Chair of the Task Group, who commended the report to Cabinet and praised the strength in partnership working during the scrutiny review.

The Cabinet welcomed the work of the task group and congratulated Councillor Anna Davies in her capacity as the Carers' Champion.

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. the recommendations in Appendix A be agreed and referred onto the Chair of the Mental Health Redesign Group (Head of Joint Mental Health & Substance Misuse Commissioning) for response and action; and
2. the Head of Service Development, Adult and Community Services and Head of Joint Mental Health & Substance Misuse Commissioning to report back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on progress in six months.

96. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT PAY ON FOOT EQUIPMENT IN ARRAGON ROAD AND PARADISE ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

RESOLVED that approval be given retrospectively to the Cabinet Member decision to waive the Contract Standing Orders for, and provide approval for, the purchase of a replacement Pay on Foot equipment.

97. RECESSION RESPONSE AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Cabinet was advised that the South London Leaders' Group had complimented this Authority for the actions it was taking to address the recession.

The Cabinet noted that from April 2010, the Local Economic Assessment would be a new statutory duty placed on all top tier and unitary authorities. The Cabinet considered the report before it to be a good basis from which to develop the assessment.

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. it be noted that to provide clarity the Economic Development Fund has been separated into the General Economic Development Fund and the Recession and Recovery Fund (Para 3.3 of the report);
2. the report setting out the impacts of the recession in the borough (Appendix 1) be noted and the Council's contribution to the updated Action Plan (Appendix 2) be

- agreed;
3. the proposed use of the Recession and Recovery Fund (Appendix 3), including the extension of the Town Centre Opportunities scheme (Appendix 3, Item 4) be agreed; and
 4. delegated authority to the Head of Policy and Design to agree allocations in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cabinet Member for Environment on use of the fund be agreed.

98. THE 2008 PLACE SURVEY

The Cabinet commended the report and noted that Richmond Upon Thames had the second highest score in London, after the City of London, with 92.1% of residents saying that they were satisfied with the borough as a place to live in (National Indicator 5).

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RESOLVED that the proposals addressing the findings of the Place Survey 2008 be agreed.

99. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME: 09/10 DELIVERY

The Cabinet noted that National Indicator (NI) 155, delivery of affordable homes, was a key target for this Authority; and because the supply of units had reduced significantly, there would be a shortfall in the number of affordable homes that would be delivered by March 2011. The Cabinet was advised that the Council was taking immediate action to help meet this target through two proposals:

- the Richmond First Scheme; and
- an extension of the Purchase and Repair Scheme

Both schemes rely on existing properties.

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. the proposed extension to the Purchase and Repair scheme as outlined in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.8, funded from the remainder of the 09/10 Housing Capital Programme together with a forward commitment from the 10/11 programme be agreed; and
2. the proposed 'Richmond First' scheme as outlined in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.28, funded from the 10/11 Housing Capital Programme be agreed.

100. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN EXCESS OF £100,000

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

RESOLVED that the grants listed in Appendix A of the report be awarded.

101. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE 2009/10

The Cabinet noted that of the five primary schools that had been inspected by OFSTED during the last quarter, two were considered outstanding and two as good. It was also noted that the Youth Service figures for 2008/09 showed a 40% increase in the number of individuals achieving an accredited outcome (a nationally recognised qualification).

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RESOLVED that:

1. the progress in relation to key priorities, including actions and targets within the Corporate and Community plans and performance against national indicators as summarised in the Performance Report at Appendix A be noted; and
2. the actions being taken where performance is identified as Amber or Red be noted.

CHAIR

The meeting ended at 7.16pm

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 15 October 2009

Date decisions effective: 23 October 2009

Decisions to above will come into force and may then be implemented on 23 October 2009 unless subject to call-in by two Members of the following Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

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| 97, 98, 100 and 101 | Co-ordination, Finance and Performance Commission |
| 96 | Environment and Sustainability |
| 95 and 99 | Health, Housing and Social Care |