

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2011**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council), Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader), Chris Bond (Cabinet Member for Environment), Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration), Christine Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health), Donald McGowan (Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Care), Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Children & Young People), Ahmet Oykener (Cabinet Member for Housing) and Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property)

ABSENT Bambos Charalambous (Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure)

OFFICERS: Rob Leak (Chief Executive), Andrew Fraser (Director of Schools & Children's Services), Neil Rousell (Director of Regeneration, Leisure & Culture), James Rolfe (Director of Finance and Corporate Resources), Asmat Hussain (Assistant Director Legal), John Austin (Assistant Director - Corporate Governance), Gary Barnes (Assistant Director Highways and Transportation), Sally McTernan (Assistant Director Community Housing Services), Bindi Nagra (Joint Chief Commissioning Officer), Nicky Fiedler (Head of Service - Policy and Partnership), Peter George (Project Manager, Housing Strategic Services) and Suzanne Linsey (Press Officer) Jacqui Hurst (Secretary)

Also Attending:

1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council). In Councillor Taylor's absence, Councillor Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader of the Council) acted as Chairman for the start of the meeting.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bambos Charalambous (Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure).

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3

URGENT ITEMS

NOTED that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Amendment Regulations 2002. These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear days in advance of meetings.

4

DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

NOTED that there were no deputations or petitions to be received at this meeting.

5

ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL

NOTED that there were no items which required referral to the Council following consideration by the Cabinet.

6

REVENUE OUTTURN 2010/11

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.30) setting out the overall Council General Fund and Housing Revenue Account outturn position for 2010/11.

NOTED

1. that the unaudited Statement of Accounts had been finalised, as detailed in paragraph 1.2 of the report. The audited accounts were due to be presented for approval to the Audit Committee on 28 September 2011 after which the Statement of Accounts would be published with the audit opinion;
2. that the Council was committed to containing its expenditure within budget. The final outturn for 2010/11 was summarised in Table 3 of the report. Overall, service departments were reporting a net underspend of £4.617m;
3. that the Corporate outturn included a number of initiatives which had been recommended to Cabinet through regular revenue monitoring reports, as detailed in paragraph 3.5 of the report;
4. the overall level of earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2011 as detailed in paragraph 3.8 of the report;

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5. that the budget risks during 2010/11 had been managed effectively through detailed revenue monitoring reports provided monthly to Cabinet. Departments had taken action to minimise budget pressures and align departmental spend to budget. The report provided clear evidence of sound financial management and efficient use of resources.

Alternative Options Considered: The options set out with regard to use of underspends were as previously agreed in the February monitoring report.

DECISION: The Cabinet agreed to

1. note the General Fund and HRA outturn for 2010/11, including the position in relation to funding project carry forwards in order to complete ongoing commitments (section 12) and the decisions taken to allocate funding arising from the Council's outturn position set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report;
2. maintain the level of the General Fund balance at £12.508m, to mitigate the potential impact of the high level of risk the Council now faces as a result of reductions in public expenditure as announced by the Government over the last year. As shown in paragraph 3.11, table 2 of the report.

Reason: To ensure that Members were aware of the outturn position for the authority including all major variances which had contributed to the outturn position.

(Key decision – reference number 3318)

7

REVENUE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT - MAY 2011

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.31) setting out the Council's revenue budget monitoring position for 2011/12 based on information to the end of May 2011.

NOTED

1. that the report indicated a projected overspend on the General Fund of £805k in 2011/12;
2. the pressures faced by Health, Housing and Adult Social Care as detailed in paragraph 5.4 of the report. It was not unusual at this point in the year for there to be a projected overspend;
3. the Treasury Management financial position as set out in section 6.1 of the report. Based on current projections the Council would have to borrow a further £60m by the end of the year in order to maintain the Council's current liquidity levels. This amount was as planned within

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the budget and was not unexpected. The Council's disposals strategy was under constant review;

4. the progress on the achievement of savings as set out in section 8 of the report;
5. that the latest monitoring report confirmed that there had been no deterioration in the financial position of the Authority;
6. the general risks to the Council in being able to match expenditure with the resources for the financial year as set out in section 12 of the report.

Alternative Options Considered: Not applicable to this report.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. noted the revenue outturn projection of £850k overspend in 2011/12;
2. agreed that services reporting pressures should formulate action plans to ensure that they remain within budget in 2011/12.

Reason: To ensure that Members were aware of the projected budgetary position for the Authority, including all major budget pressures and underspends which had contributed to the present monthly position and that were likely to affect the final outturn.

(Key decision – reference number 3317)

8

CAPITAL OUTTURN 2010/11

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 32) informing Members of the capital investment undertaken in 2010/11, and the way in which it had been funded.

NOTED

1. that the report showed that in 2010/11 the Council's capital expenditure had amounted to £115.727m compared with the programme approved in the December 2010 monitor of £116.625m. The principal achievements resulting from capital investment in 2010/11 were summarised in section 4 of the report;
2. that within Schools and Children's Services, the main priority for the 2010/11 Capital Programme had been to continue to agree proposals and progress projects to deliver additional primary places to meet increasing population growth in the Borough;

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3. a number of other significant projects including Highmead, Ladderswood and the QE11 Stadium. 106 alley gating schemes had been installed. The wheeled bin pilot had continued resulting in further diversion savings, improved performance and resident satisfaction. A number of projects had improved the quality of life for Enfield residents;
4. the significant work which had been undertaken to improve the Enfield Housing Stock with £49.5m having been spent, as detailed in section 4.2.8 of the report. Members recognised the significant work which had been undertaken by both Council and Enfield Homes Officers in jointly securing funding and ensuring that projects were successfully delivered;
5. the key risks which had been identified as set out in paragraph 8.3 of the report. The report contained details of a number of significant projects which had been successfully delivered;
6. Councillor Ayfer Orhan highlighted for Members the current situation with regard to the establishment of the Oasis Academy Hadley in Ponders End. The work had been delayed due to the Government's earlier funding decisions and the subsequent negotiations which had taken place. The project was now proceeding and the work being undertaken by Council officers in conjunction with the project co-ordinator was recognised.

Alternative Options Considered: None stated.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. noted the achievements and improved outcomes resulting from the Council's investments in capital projects (as detailed in section 4 of the report);
2. agreed the funding of the Council's capital expenditure as set out in the report (paragraph 5.3 of the report referred);
3. noted the outturn for the Council's Prudential Indicators.

Reason: To inform Members of the final position on capital expenditure and financing for the year.

(Key decision – reference number 3320)

9

APPROACH TO THE 2012/13 - 2015/16 FINANCIAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.33) setting out the Council's approach to the 2012/13 financial planning round and the update of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2012-16, so that the

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detailed work programme can be finalised, to inform Cabinet decisions later in the year.

NOTED

1. that the aim of the medium term financial planning process was to produce a balanced budget over the period of the financial plan that delivered the Council's priorities. The budget was constantly evolving and under review. The areas under particular consideration were set out in section 4.6 of the report;
2. that the capital programme would be reviewed in detail during the summer as set out in section 4.9 of the report. The short and long term borrowing costs for 2011/12 were noted together with the impact of disposals;
3. that the framework for the development of the budget was robust and in line with service delivery requirements. By considering risk as part of this process, council reserves and balances would be appropriately set to ensure the continued financial stability of the Authority.

Alternative Options Considered: No alternative options were being considered.

DECISION: The Cabinet agreed the approach to the 2012/13 – 2015/16 financial planning round, including the approach to be adopted for the budget consultation. This would also include the review and update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Reason: To agree the approach to the 2012/13 financial planning round which would incorporate budget planning over the next four years.
(Non key)

In conclusion of the finance reports presented to the Cabinet, Councillor Ayfer Orhan took this opportunity to express appreciation and thanks to Councillor Andrew Stafford and officers for the useful and informative reports which had been provided. Members recognised the significant and on-going work involved. The Council was in a sound financial state.

Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) arrived at this point in the meeting and chaired the remainder of the Cabinet meeting.

10 LEASE REGULATIONS

Councillor Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing) introduced the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.34) seeking agreement to the regulations to the lease.

NOTED

1. that there had been a number of versions of “the lease” which had been amended over the years to reflect changes in legislation. The new proposed regulations to the Lease would bring into line the standards expected from tenants and leaseholders. The amended document would be issued to all leaseholders. Consultation had taken place with all leaseholders, the Leasehold Panel and FECA;
2. Members’ request that the new regulations were put in place as soon as possible. Council officers would be liaising with Enfield Homes.

Alternative Options Considered: To vary all the Leases to include relevant clauses would be extremely costly involving negotiation with all 4,500 leaseholders to append a Deed of Variation to the Lease. However, this was not a requirement of LBE leases which contain provision that tenant would comply with “all reasonable regulations the Landlord shall from time to time make”. Not introducing any regulations would mean that in serious cases of nuisance, anti social behaviour or harassment; the council would continue to be unable to take any action effective against the leaseholder through the Lease.

DECISION: The Cabinet agreed the proposed Regulations to the Lease.

Reason: To ensure there was a consistent approach to dealing with all residents in respect of issues that cause problems on council estates and neighbourhoods. To provide an effective means of dealing with leaseholders and their sub tenants who cause serious problems for other residents on council estates.

(Key decision – reference number 3273)

11

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MUNRO REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION

Councillor Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) introduced the report of the Director of Schools and Children’s Services (No.35) setting out the potential reforms recommended by the national review of child protection services.

NOTED

1. the contents of the report and the potential reforms recommended by the national review of child protection services;
2. that this was a significant piece of work which had identified 15 recommendations aimed at creating long-term change to the current system. The identified principles of an effective child protection system were set out in section 3 of the report;

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3. Andrew Fraser (Director of Schools and Children's Services) highlighted a number of issues for Members' information. This was a high risk area of work for the Council and the level of demand was increasing. The Government had agreed the 15 recommendations in principle. There was an emphasis on reducing bureaucracy, professional development and early intervention. No additional funding was forthcoming from the Government. There was a significant amount of work to be carried out by the Council to review and reform its systems in the light of Professor Munro's recommendations;
4. that Members requested that a work in progress report be presented to the December Cabinet meeting detailing the review work which was being undertaken.

Alternative Options Considered: Not applicable.

Reason: To ensure that Cabinet Members had the opportunity to consider the findings of the national review of child protection and the implications for Enfield.

(Non-key)

12

OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Councillor Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) introduced the report of the Director of Schools and Children's Services (No.36) providing information on the inspection framework for local authority children's services.

NOTED

1. the outcomes of the Ofsted inspections and the progress made to further improve Safeguarding and Looked After Children (LAC) services in Enfield, and in particular to Referral and Assessment Services to vulnerable children in the borough;
2. that the good work undertaken by Enfield had been recognised in the inspections. Members recognised the significant work which had been undertaken by officers;
3. Andrew Fraser (Director of Schools and Children's Services) highlighted a number of points in the report for Members' information. The range and extent of the inspections for children's services as set out in the report was noted; it was a highly regulated area of work. Attached to the report at Appendix A was the action plan for service improvement implemented following the announced inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services in May 2010. Appendix B to the report highlighted the actions taken in responding to the recommendations made by Ofsted following the most recent inspection

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in Enfield: the unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment services, in March 2011;

4. Councillor Orhan praised the excellent work which was being undertaken. As a result of the unannounced inspection in March 2011 it was proposed that £350k from the Schools and Children's Services revenue under spend in 2010/11 be earmarked to ensure a consistent approach to social work practice within the Children in Need service during 2011/12. This would be used to ensure that staffing levels were maintained to ensure safe levels of service. This was a key area of work for the Council.

Councillor Orhan expressed her thanks and appreciation to officers for their continuing excellent work.

Alternative Options Considered: Not applicable.

Reason: To provide Cabinet with an update on the current inspection regime, results of the last two inspections of children's services and to highlight post inspection progress on improvement area action plans.

(Non key)

13

HIGHMEAD: FINAL APPROVAL OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Councillor Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture and Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.37) seeking approval of the amended compulsory purchase order plan.

NOTED

1. that Report No.41 also referred, as detailed in Minute No.24 below;
2. that the purpose and content of the February 2011 Cabinet report remained unchanged. The Council was committed to seeking negotiated settlements wherever possible. However, the Council required CPO powers to ensure that vacant possession could be completed to enable the regeneration of the site to proceed. The re-location of some retailers on the site was currently taking place;
3. that Members supported amended wording of the report's recommendations, as circulated at the Cabinet meeting. The decisions below reflect the amended recommendations.

Alternative Options Considered: None stated.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. resolved to make the Highmead CPO to obtain vacant possession of the Highmead (Upper Edmonton, N18) development site and for officers to continue to use reasonable endeavours to achieve a successful outcome by negotiated means;
2. agreed that recommendation 2.3 of the February 2011 Cabinet report be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Request to empower the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to authorise and process and take all the necessary steps required in the making and, if confirmed, consequent to the making of the Highmead CPO 2011”.

Reason: To ensure that vacant possession could be completed to enable the regeneration of the site to proceed.

(Key decision – reference number 3298)

14

SOUTHGATE TOWN HALL: DRAFT PLANNING BRIEF

Councillor Del Goddard (Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.38) recommending that the draft planning brief be approved for public consultation.

NOTED

1. that the earliest date that the public consultation could begin would be 25 July 2011, not 18 July as stated in the consultation report. This would allow for the required call-in period for the Cabinet decision. The consultation report and planning brief would be amended to reflect this change;
2. that a further report was due to be presented to the October Cabinet meeting;
3. Members’ concern that the delay in the start of the consultation period would mean that it would follow the end of the schools’ summer term. Members’ requested that Schools be notified of the forthcoming consultation period prior to the end of term but emphasising that this was subject to the Council’s call-in processes.

Alternative Options Considered: Doing nothing with the site and maintaining the status quo was not viable as the library lacks flexibility and on-going maintenance of the vacant town hall building was not cost effective. Complete demolition had been disregarded due to a strong desire to retain the existing Town Hall building.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. agreed the consultation proposal for the site, for inclusion in the draft planning brief;
2. approved the draft Planning Brief for public consultation and delegate any minor changes, prior to consultation, to the Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration;
3. noted the findings of the Equalities Impact Assessment of the draft Planning Brief;
4. approved the Planning Brief: Consultation Plan for implementation;
5. agreed that, following consultation on the draft planning brief, the final version would be brought back to Cabinet for adoption, along with a report seeking agreement on, and implementation of, the delivery strategy for the site.

Reason: Public consultation on a clear planning framework would enable the community to give their views on the future of the site and allow a delivery strategy to proceed, based on a fully consulted and adopted Planning Brief.

(Key decision – reference number 3311)

15

APPROVAL OF THE INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Councillor Chris Bond (Cabinet Member for Environment) introduced the report of the Director of Environment and Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.39) providing an overview of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) between North London Waste Authority (NLWA) and the seven constituent boroughs, Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs), of which Enfield is one.

NOTED

1. a number of minor amendments to the circulated report as set out below:
 - 3.43 The Refuse and Disposal and Amenity Act is **1978** (not 1975)
The Environmental Protection Act is **1990** (not 1995)
 - 6.2.5 To delete the last 5 words “**subject to para 6.2.9 below**”
 - 6.3.8 To amend 2.2.2 to insert “and the final lease terms”
 - 2.2.2 “The final decision on the inclusion or not of the HWRC, based on value for money, clarification on the recharging of existing and additional sites and approval of heads of terms **and**

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the final lease terms for the HWRC to the NLWA” (decision 2(b) below refers).

2. the key documents and timescales within the procurement process as set out in full in the report. Members praised the comprehensive report which provided complete and detailed information on the process to date;
3. Councillor Bond tabled a document highlighting the key issues contained within the report for Members' information.

Alternative Options Considered: NOTED the alternative options considered as detailed in section 4 of the report. To delay signing of the IAA until September Cabinet or later, or not to sign the IAA.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. agreed that the Council should enter into the IAA as set out in section 3 of the report, subject to final agreement;
2. agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, and Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, to agree:
 - (a) minor amendments to the IAA;
 - (b) the final decision on the inclusion or not the HWRC, based on value for money, clarification on the recharging of existing and additional sites and approval of heads of terms and the final lease terms for the HWRC to the NLWA;
 - (c) the completed Schedule 1 Part A and Schedule 2 Part A of the IAA;
 - (d) the execution of the IAA accordingly.
3. agreed the Director of Environment as the Council's representative for the purposes of the IAA (Schedule 9 refers);
4. noted that the signing of the IAA by all seven WCAs would constitute a unanimous decision to change the method of apportionment of NLWA's costs from one of charging on the basis of a flat rate for all tonnages to one of menu pricing with effect from 2016/17 for household waste, and one of Council Tax base to one of Visitors Survey for HWRC tonnages;
5. noted that agreement to the IAA did not constitute agreement to Transitional Menu Pricing, which might apply for the period 2012/13 to 2015/16;
6. agreed to amend the recommendation 2.4 in Report No.206 – Approval of the Inter Authority Agreement Statement of Principles between the North London Waste Authority and Enfield Council (Cabinet – 9 March

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2011 – KD 3129) to bring the report back to Cabinet prior to final signoff of Schedules 1 and 2 parts B and any changes to the proposed pricing and charging mechanisms.

Reason: The detailed reasons for the recommendations were set out in full in section 5 of the report.

(Key decision – reference number 3277)

16

THOMAS HARDY HOUSE FIRST FLOOR - DEVELOPMENT OF CONFERENCE AND MUSEUM FACILITIES

Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.40) seeking approval of Thomas Hardy House 1st floor as a business centre, museum space and venue for hosting conferences, the associated capital cost and revenue budget.

NOTED

1. that Report No.42 also referred, as detailed in Minute No.25 below;
2. Members requested amendments to the wording of recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 in the report which were reflected in the decisions listed below;
3. that the potential uses of the first floor of Thomas Hardy House was under consideration including museum space. It was hoped that a valuable resource would be created. However, it was recognised that appropriate capital resources and the revenue funding needed to be available for the project to proceed. The final decision on the capital costs would be delegated, as set out in decision 2 below, and any significant problems identified would be brought back to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration.

Alternative Options Considered: NOTED that a number of different options had been considered for the layout of the conference facility and the phasing of the facility: do nothing; open plan community/business space; or, sub let. The overall opinion was that the layout described in the report and identified in appendix 1 to the report would produce the best facility for customers and the Council (section 4 of the report referred).

DECISION: The Cabinet agreed

1. to approve in principle the development of Thomas Hardy House 1st floor as a business centre, museum space and venue for hosting conferences;
2. to note the capital costs identified in Report No.42 and delegate the final decision to the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance

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and Property, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture;

3. that a revenue budget be created in line with the projections in the Max Associates Business case summarised in Report No.42;
4. that the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture be tasked with conducting a soft market testing with a view to seeking partners for the management and future development of the service offer at Thomas Hardy House;
5. that the Regeneration, Leisure and Culture Department be tasked with managing both the first floor conference/museum facility and the ground floor Dugdale/Tourism and front of House elements of the building whilst the Council explored the possibilities for partnerships.

Reason: The proposal develops a facility with a permanent use that was projected to make an income for the Council, help economic growth in the town centre and attract inward investment.

(Key decision – reference number 3249)

17

ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL/SCRUTINY PANELS

There were no issues arising.

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CABINET AGENDA PLANNING - FUTURE ITEMS

NOTED the provisional list of items scheduled for future Cabinet meetings.

19

KEY DECISIONS FOR INCLUSION ON THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

NOTED that the next Forward Plan was due to be published on 15 July 2011, this would cover the period from 1 August to 30 November 2011.

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MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

21

ENFIELD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK

Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) reported on a recent meeting of the Enfield Strategic Partnership which had considered the "Child Poverty Strategy" (likely to be re-named the Child Prosperity Strategy). Andrew Fraser

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(Director of Schools and Children's Services) and Neil Rousell (Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture) would be continuing work on the Strategy. A number of documents would underpin the Strategy. In discussion Members suggested that the Strategy should be subject to further consideration within the Council's democratic structure. It was agreed that the document should be referred to the Chairs of all of the Council's Scrutiny Panels to develop within their own areas of responsibility. Andrew Fraser (Director of Schools and Children's Services) would write to the Scrutiny Panel Chairmen on behalf of Councillor Taylor.

Members asked that in future a short written summary of the issues discussed at Enfield Strategic Partnership meetings be provided to the subsequent Cabinet meeting for information. This would ensure that the Council was kept informed of the decisions reached by the Partnership.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED that an additional meeting of the Cabinet be scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 August 2011 at 7.00pm. (Councillors Doug Taylor and Del Goddard extended their apologies for absence for this meeting).

NOTED that the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet was due to take place on Wednesday 14 September 2011.

Councillor Doug Taylor stated that from September onwards, Cabinet meetings would start at 8.15pm.

23

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the items of business listed on part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

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HIGHMEAD : FINAL APPROVAL OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

Councillor Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.41).

NOTED

1. that Report No.37 also referred, as detailed in Minute No.13 above;

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2. the current situation with regard to the negotiations taking place with the remaining commercial tenants. It was necessary for CPO powers to be put in place should it not be possible to reach a negotiated settlement. Officers advised Members of the anticipated timescales should a CPO process be required.

Alternative Options Considered: None stated.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. noted and approved the amended Statement of Reasons which set out the reasons for making the Highmead CPO 2011;
2. approved the draft Highmead CPO.

Reason: To enable the Highmead development to continue to progress.
(Key decision – reference number 3298)

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THOMAS HARDY HOUSE FIRST FLOOR - DEVELOPMENT OF CONFERENCE AND MUSEUM FACILITIES

Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture (No.42).

NOTED an amendment to the wording of recommendation 2.1 of the report as reflected in decision 1 below.

Alternative Options Considered: As detailed in Report No.40, Minute No.16 above refers.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. agreed to note the Capital costs detailed in decision 2.1 of the report plus a further sum, detailed in the report, for contingency, furniture, fittings and equipment and delegate the final decision to the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and Director of Regeneration and Leisure;
2. agreed that a revenue budget be created in line with the projections in the business case summarised in paragraph 3.6 of the report;
3. agreed that approval be given to the appointment of Ingleton Wood LLP to procure and manage the above scheme subject to a waiver of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Reason: As detailed in Report No.40, Minute No.16 above refers.
(Key decision – reference number 3249)