

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2009**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Michael Rye (Leader), Michael Lavender (Deputy Leader of the Council/Sustainable Communities & Employment & Place Shaping), Ertan Hurer (Finance & Resources), Jon Kaye (Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 & Voluntary Sector), Matthew Laban (Housing & Community Safety), Edward Smith (Adult Social Services) and Glynis Vince (Education & Children's Services)

**ABSENT** Terence Neville OBE JP (Environment and Street Scene) and Ann Zinkin (Customer Focus, Communications and Corporate Improvement)

**OFFICERS:** Rob Leak (Chief Executive), James Rolfe (Director of Finance and Corporate Resources), Ray James (Director of Health and Adult Social Care), Sue Foster (Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise), Neil Rousell (Joint Acting Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure), Philip Copland (Borough Solicitor), Martin Key (Assistant Director of Environment and Street Scene), Simon Tendeter (Assistant Director Corporate Improvement), John Austin (Assistant Director - Corporate Governance), Andrew Keeling (Press Officer) and Geoff Waterton (Head of Collection Services)  
Jacqui Hurst (Secretary)

**Also Attending:** Jacqueline Barry-Purssell (Audit Commission CAA Lead)

Councillor Doug Taylor (as Ponders End Ward Councillor), Councillor Martin Prescott (Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Ahmet Oyken, Councillor Adrian Crowshaw.

Residents of King Edwards Road for the deputation to Cabinet (Minute No.5 below refers).

**1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Terence Neville (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene), Councillor Ann Zinkin (Cabinet Member for Customer Focus, Communications and Corporate Improvement), Ian Davis (Director of Environment and Street Scene) and Asmat Hussain (Head of Legal Services).

**2**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Edward Smith (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services) declared a personal interest in Report No.216 – Business Rates – Discretionary Rate Relief (Minute No.10 below refers) in his capacity as a member of the Brackendale Tennis Club.

**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**

**DISTRICT AUDITOR'S ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER -  
AUDIT 2007/08**

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) welcomed Jacqueline Barry Pursell (Audit Commission CAA Lead) to the meeting.

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) introduced the report of the Chief Executive (No.211) accompanying the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter. The Annual Letter summarised for Members the more important matters arising from the Relationship Manager and District Auditor's audit and inspection programme for 2007/08 and commented on current issues.

Jacqueline Barry-Pursell introduced the Annual Letter providing an overall summary of the Audit Commission's assessment of the Council. The Letter was very positive for the Council which had been assessed as a four-star authority under the CPA framework.

NOTED

1. that Members' attention was drawn to the key messages and action needed by the Council as set out in the Annual Letter. The Audit Commission's overall judgement was that the Council was improving well and the Council had been classified as four stars in its current level of performance under the CPA;
2. that the Council had embarked on an ambitious transformation programme (paragraph 21 of the Annual Letter referred);
3. the service inspections which had taken place and the overall judgements for each assessment as set out in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the Annual Letter;

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4. the assessment in relation to the Council's audit of the accounts and value for money. For the purposes of the CPA, the Council's arrangements for use of resources had been assessed in five areas (as detailed in the Annual Letter). The Council had achieved a high level of performance in all elements;
5. that in looking ahead, the public service inspectorates had developed a new performance assessment framework, the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). CAA would provide the first holistic independent assessment of the prospects for local areas and the quality of life for people living there (as detailed in the Annual Letter).

Jacqueline Barry-Purssell on behalf of herself and colleagues expressed her thanks to both Members and Officers for their co-operation and assistance.

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) thanked Jacqueline Barry-Purssell (Audit Commission CAA Lead) for her attendance and presentation of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter. Members were content with the Letter and no questions were raised.

Councillor Rye also took this opportunity to express appreciation, on behalf of the Council, to Michael Haworth-Maden, who had been the Council's District Auditor over recent years. The Council's new Auditor was to be Grant Thornton.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not applicable. The District Auditor was required to issue an Annual Letter and it was essential that the Letter was considered by Council.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the contents of the Annual Letter be noted.

**Reason:** Members should be aware of the important issues arising from Inspections and the audit of accounts. The Letter assists in demonstrating to the Council that its financial arrangements are sound.  
(Non-key)

## 5

### DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) welcomed Mr Fursdonn, spokesperson for the deputation, and Councillor Doug Taylor (Ponders End Ward Councillor) to the meeting and invited them to present their deputation to Cabinet.

Mr Fursdonn was accompanied by four other residents of King Edwards Road and on their behalf outlined to Members the problems that were being experienced by the actions of a local company (Spraytech, 222 Alma Road). Members noted that difficulties caused to local residents by parking in the residential area, vehicles mounting pavements, damage to property, the

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health and safety issues around the junction of King Edwards Road and Alma Road with the potential for serious accidents. Residents also felt that the plans originally submitted by the company concerned were not being adhered to. A number of complaints had been made. Some residents had been subjected to verbal threats. A petition was presented to Members as part of the deputation and photographs were provided of the problems outlined.

Councillor Michael Rye expressed Members' sympathy to local residents and their recognition of the problems which were being experienced over a considerable period of time. It was noted that there were limited enforcement action that could be taken against a legitimate business. However, the Council would investigate all possible actions which could be taken particularly in response to the health and safety issues which had been highlighted.

Councillor Doug Taylor, in his capacity as a Ponders End Ward Councillor, reiterated the detrimental effect on the quality of life of local residents. It was also noted that the amount of traffic using Alma Road was likely to increase if the proposed Academy in Ponders End went ahead. The junction concerned was dangerous and Councillor Taylor asked that consideration be given to the introduction of bollards on the pavements around the junction to prevent pavement parking. It was recognised that there were limited powers against vehicles which were legally parked.

Councillor Michael Rye responded by advising the deputation that as part of a proposed safety scheme for Alma Road double yellow lines were to be introduced at all junctions along Alma Road. It was expected that the safety scheme would be in place by June 2009. Officers would also be asked to consider the provision of bollards at this junction. The Council would consider whether it would be possible to offer the business concerned an alternative unit in the Borough to which it could re-locate. This could result in better use of resources if the business was operating from a more suitable location on an industrial estate. The Council would also approach the local police to investigate the possibility of a surveillance operation being undertaken in relation to traffic offences that may be taking place. Enforcement issues would be considered where possible. It was noted that whilst every effort would be made to progress the issues raised it was likely to be a long-term matter.

In relation to the concerns raised by residents regarding the original planning application and the conditions to be observed, Sue Foster (Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise) outlined the general planning issues and the restrictions on planning conditions. Officers would be asked to consider the original planning application which had been submitted and review the planning agreement which had been agreed.

Councillor Matthew Laban (Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety) stated that the business was located in a designated industrial area. He recognised the health and safety issues which had been highlighted and the volume of traffic which used Alma Road.

Councillor Michael Rye thanked the residents and Councillor Doug Taylor for their deputation. The issues highlighted had been noted and any possible actions would be progressed. A letter confirming the outcomes and proposed actions would be sent to Councillor Taylor to advise residents accordingly.

## **6 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT JANUARY 2009**

Councillor Ertan Hurer (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.212) setting out the Council's revenue monitoring position for 2008/09 based on information to the end of January 2009.

Councillor Hurer thanked officers for the production of a clear and concise report for Members' consideration.

### **NOTED**

1. the effect of the current economic climate and the benefit of the Council's budgetary policy in relation to reserves, for example, with the average disposal cost per tonne of recycled materials increasing from £20 to £35 (as detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report), which was beyond the Council's control;
2. that Members' attention was drawn to the planned expenditure on homelessness initiatives, as set out in the report.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not applicable to this report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed

1. to set aside further resources in respect of the new waste recycling contract (£520k) and the IT Contract re-tendering project (£700k);
2. to set aside the remaining projected underspend for the purposes described in paragraph 3.12 of the report;
3. to approve the making of recruitment and retention payments to Children's Social Workers in respect of 2008/09.

**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 2778)**

7

**EMPTY PROPERTY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS (CPO III)**

Councillor Matthew Laban (Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety) introduced the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care (No.213) inviting Cabinet to recommend that Council resolves to authorise Officers to make Compulsory Purchase Orders on five empty residential properties whose owners have proved un-responsive to attempts by Officers to bring them back into residential use.

NOTED that it was not always necessary to proceed to Compulsory Purchase Orders for the properties concerned if the owners agreed to bring them back into use. The process had proved successful in previous similar cases.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED that as all attempts to secure the consent and co-operation of the owners to return the properties referred to in the report to housing use had been exhausted, an assessment of the most appropriate course of enforcement action was carried out. Of the available options considered, namely, service of legal notices, enforces sale, empty dwelling management orders and compulsory acquisition, the latter most appropriately addresses the circumstances of the properties in question (section 7 of the report referred).

**RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** to authorise:

1. the making of five separate Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of the following properties under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004): 16 South Street, EN3 4JZ, 112 Woodberry Avenue, N21 3LB, 121 Empire Avenue, N18 1AP, 63 Osborne Road, N13 5PU, and 11 Harrington Terrace, N18 1JX, as shown on the plans appended to the report;
2. the Directors of Health and Adult Social Care and Finance and Corporate Resources to undertake all necessary steps to prepare the Orders, and all associated documentation and thereafter take all necessary procedural steps (including the conduct of a Public Inquiry if necessary) to obtain confirmation of the Orders by the Secretary of State;
3. the Director of Health and Adult Social Care and the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to take all necessary action following confirmation of the Orders to acquire the properties subject to the Orders either compulsorily or by agreement, and to deal with all matters relating to the payment of compensation and statutory interest, including instituting or defending proceedings as necessary;
4. the disposal of the properties in accordance with the Property Procedure Rules; and

5. the Directors of Health and Adult Social Care and Finance and Corporate Resources to continue to identify and prioritise resources in order to maintain an ongoing CPO programme that was proportionate and appropriate to address the needs of the Borough.

**Reason:** To secure the bringing back into use of vacant and derelict properties, thus addressing the Council's strategic regeneration and supply objectives together with Central Government and the Mayor of London's expectations cited in the report.

**(Key decision – reference number 2775)**

## 8

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-2012**

Councillor Glynis Vince (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services) introduced the report of the Joint Interim Directors of Education, Children's Services and Leisure (No.214) outlining the progress of work, the contents and timescale for the production of Enfield's Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012.

NOTED that extensive consultation had taken place. The Plan set out key themes and clear outcomes for children and young people.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED the options considered as set out in full in section 4 of the report. With major changes having taken place in the children's agenda over the life of the previous plan, it was considered more appropriate to prepare a completely new plan to help Enfield face the challenges of future years.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** to approve the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012.

**Reason:** The Children and Young People's Plan is the defining statement of strategic planning and priorities for children, young people and families in Enfield, and is a statutory local authority plan.

**(Key decision – reference number 2819)**

## 9

### **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AN INTEGRATED PERSONAL CARE AND HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT SERVICE AT SKINNERS COURT**

Councillor Edward Smith (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services) introduced the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care (No.215) summarising the joint working, tender and evaluation process carried out for the provision of an integrated care and housing related support service at Skinners Court and supporting the recommendations made herein regarding award of contract to the chosen provider.

NOTED

1. that Report No.222 agenda part 2 also referred, as detailed in Minute No.22 below;
2. the success of Skinners Court and the benefit of the proposed way forward for the residents of the facility. A comprehensive procurement process had been undertaken, whilst it was recognised that such a process could not be without risk, the recommended provider had scored well both in terms of quality and cost. A phased contract was being recommended as set out in the decision below.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED that a number of options had been considered: internally providing, contracting externally or spot purchasing. The preferred and chosen option was to put the service out to tender for the contract to be externally provided on a block contract basis.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet, following consideration of the information detailed in Report No.222, agreed to approve the award of a contract for the provision of an integrated care and housing related support service, for a term of 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years, subject to performance.

**Reason:** The tenderers had been subject to a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation process. The award of the integrated care and support contract to the contractor proposed, provides the most effective solution in terms of cost and quality in a limited competitive market and represents value for money for the Council (section 5 of the report referred).

**(Key decision – reference number 2764)**

**10**

## **BUSINESS RATES - DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF**

Councillor Ertan Hurer (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.216) proposing a change to the Council's Discretionary Business Rate Policy, effective from 1 April 2010.

Members welcomed the report and the benefits that the proposed change would provide.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The Council could continue with the existing policy but this may adversely affect sports clubs for no benefit to our community.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed that the additional paragraph shown below be inserted into the discretionary rate relief policy:

“Sports clubs which can demonstrate that they would be financially disadvantaged by becoming a Community Amateur Sports Club will be

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granted up to 80% discretionary rate relief in accordance with the previous discretionary rate relief policy which was effective up to 31 March 2009.”

Members noted that as one year’s notice of change needed to be given this change would take effect from 1 April 2010.

**Reason:** To ensure no sports clubs were disadvantaged by the change in policy.  
(Non-key)

### 11

#### **AWARD OF IT HARDWARE CONTRACT TO SUCCESSFUL E-AUCTION SUPPLIER**

Councillor Ertan Hurer (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.217) seeking approval to award a contract following an eAuction in conjunction with other public sector bodies and the Office for Government Commerce (OGC).

NOTED that the aim of the process was to maximise the number of participants, and thereby the total value of the resulting contract, ultimately achieving for all participants the best possible price for PCs and laptops. The financial viability of each supplier had also been assessed by the Office for Government Commerce.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The Council had considered a stand alone tender purely for the Council’s own purchases but this was unlikely to achieve the value for money of an e-auction based on a pooled total of £42.5m spend over two years.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet

1. noted that this procurement was in train;
2. agreed to approve in principle the award of the new IT equipment contract to the successful bidders;
3. agreed to delegate examination and approval of the contract detail to the portfolio holder (Cabinet Member).

**Reason:** This was considered to be the best opportunity to achieve demonstrable value.

**(Key decision – reference number 2812)**

### 12

#### **ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANELS: CALL-IN - FUTURE OF COUNCIL LEISURE FACILITIES**

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Councillor Jon Kaye (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector) introduced the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (No.219) following its consideration of a call-in relating to the decision made by Cabinet on 11 February 2009 on the future of the Council's Leisure Facilities. As an outcome of the call-in, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had agreed to refer the original decision back to Cabinet for re-consideration.

Councillor Michael Rye welcomed Councillor Martin Prescott (Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) to the meeting.

### NOTED

1. that under the call-in procedure Cabinet was now required to formally reconsider its original decision on this item and decide whether, having taken account of the issues raised by Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it wished to amend or reconfirm that decision;
2. the issues raised by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the reference back to Cabinet, as set out in the report. The Committee was asking that the Cabinet consider amending the wording of its original decision;
3. Councillor Kaye having considered the issues raised by the Committee felt that the Cabinet should re-confirm its original decision which was clear for officers and any companies wishing to participate in the procurement process. Companies may be deterred from bidding if they felt that there was a possibility that the Council would wish to bring the service back in-house;
4. in response, Councillor Martin Prescott advised Members that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had not disagreed with the decision in principle but it had felt that the original report presented to Cabinet had not provided enough information to enable Members to eliminate option A (bring the operation of the leisure facilities back in house);
5. Councillor Rye did not support the revised recommendation proposed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The original report to the Cabinet had provided clear information on the options available to the Council and the financial implications of the options presented. The legal implications set out for Members had been substantial. The report had provided sufficient information to advise Members and enable a clear decision to be taken. The Scrutiny Commission would be examining in detail the liquidation of the Leisure Trust;
6. Councillor Lavender highlighted paragraph 3.7 of the original report to Cabinet stating that a specialist consultant would be engaged to help develop the specification and run the procurement that would be based on the "Competitive Dialogue" approach to selecting an operator

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(Option B). It was noted that there would need to be a public sector comparator to demonstrate value for money for the Council.

**Alternative Options Considered:** None – in order to comply with the Council's Call-In procedure.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet, as required under the Council's call-in procedure,

1. reconsidered its original decision on the future of the Council's Leisure Facilities;
2. having taken account of the issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the reference back, decided to reconfirm the wording of its original decision, having demonstrated in its discussion that the views expressed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been taken into account as part of the reconsideration process.

**Reason:** To complete the call-in process in respect of this item, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Council's Constitution.

**(Key decision – reference number 2780)**

### 13

#### ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL

**AGREED** that the following items be referred to the Council:

1. Report No.211 – District Auditor's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter – Audit 2007/08
2. Report No.213 – Empty Property Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOIII)
3. Report No.214 – Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012

### 14

#### CABINET AGENDA PLANNING - FUTURE ITEMS

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

### 15

#### KEY DECISIONS FOR INCLUSION ON THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

NOTED that the next Forward Plan was due to be published on 14 April 2009. The Plan would cover the period from 1 May to 31 August 2009.

**16  
MINUTES**

**AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4 March 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Leader as a correct record.

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MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**18  
ENFIELD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK**

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) advised Members of a meeting of the Enfield Strategic Partnership which had taken place the previous week. The meeting had included a presentation on the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012. The meeting had been observed by a representative from the Audit Commission.

**19  
NOTICE OF WORK IN PROGRESS**

**19.1 Environment and Street Scene**

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council), on behalf of Councillor Terence Neville (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene) reported that there were to be more opportunities for re-cycling of plastics in the Borough with a contract due to commence on 6 April 2009. The success of the Council's actions against fly-tipping in the Borough was highlighted.

Members were pleased to note that Enfield Road Safety and the Enfield Road Safety Partnership had been successful in receiving a "highly commended" award at the prestigious London Transport Awards for their partnership project "Safe Drive Stay Alive – Enfield". The Safe Drive Stay Alive – Enfield was a powerful piece of Theatre in Education aimed at reducing road casualties among 16-18 year olds. Members noted that despite an increase in traffic in the Borough the number of road casualties had fallen which demonstrated the success of traffic schemes in the Borough.

**19.2 Education and Children's Services**

Councillor Glynis Vince (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services) reported on the successful launch of Enfield's "Children in Care Council", the Council would be meeting approximately every eight weeks.

Members were advised of the new Borough wide campaign "You've got to be in it to win it" which was designed to improve school attendance in Enfield. Positive views on the campaign had been received from school pupils.

Councillor Vince reported that she had attended a Children's Trust Conference earlier today with Rob Leak (Chief Executive) and Neil Rousell (Joint Interim Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure). The exceptional work being undertaken in Enfield had been recognised.

### **19.3 Adult Social Services**

Councillor Edward Smith (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services) reported that following the Council's Beacon Award success, a number of requests had been received by the Council to share best practice. The Government would be allocating the Council £68k to meet the costs incurred in this respect.

Councillor Smith reported that an Independent investigation into the recent missing vulnerable person has been initiated with the full support of the family involved. The investigation will examine the actions of the agencies involved and the lessons to be learnt for the future. In the meantime the Council had reviewed its risk assessments and staff had been reminded of the Council's expectations. Members would be advised of the outcome of the investigation.

### **19.4 Housing and Community Safety**

Councillor Matthew Laban (Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety) was pleased to advise Members that contracts had now been exchanged in respect of the Comprehensive Development Initiative areas in the Borough; 32 housing units would be provided of which 20 would be large family homes. The Council would have 100% nomination rights.

Members were advised that the Council was awaiting further information following the Government's recent announcement regarding the level of housing rents. To date no guarantee had been provided of the expected shortfall in funding that would arise from a reduction in the level of rents charged, this could affect housing investment proposals. In addition, Members noted with concern the administrative costs of approximately £30 - £40k in implementing any change at this stage. This could have a detrimental effect on other proposed areas of investment such as play areas.

### **19.5 Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector**

Councillor Jon Kaye (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector) was pleased to advise Members of the launch of the new Millfield Youth Theatre.

The results of the Children's Book Award was due to be announced at the Intimate Theatre on 26 March 2009.

Congratulations were extended to the Edmonton County School Year 8 Basketball Team who had recently won the Borough finals.

Members were pleased to note that a new mobile library was due to be launched at Worcesters School on 31 March 2009.

## **19.6 Finance and Resources**

Councillor Ertan Hurer (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) advised Members that no system unavailability had been suffered by the Council due to the Conficker virus.

Financial Management Services had reported that the Pension Fund remained in a healthy condition despite the banking crisis and current economic downturn.

Members were pleased to note that the Land Charges service had retained its BSISO 90001 accreditation.

Councillor Hurer reported that Geoff Waterton, Environmental Champion in Finance and Corporate Resources had been encouraging users of the Civic Centre restaurant to recycle by distributing free re-usable mugs.

The Revenue Information Service had dealt with the highest level of customer telephone enquiries and counter visits to date on 17 March 2009 (578 calls and 682 counter visits).

## **19.7 Sustainable Communities and Employment and Place Shaping**

Councillor Michael Lavender (Deputy Leader/Sustainable Communities and Employment and Place Shaping) reported that the pathfinder play schemes were being rolled out across the Borough. In addition, consultation was continuing regarding a proposed multi-use games area on Meyer Green, the scheme had not been rejected as reported in the local press.

Members noted the outcome of the Mayor of London's "Help a London Park" funding campaign. Arnos Park had received the 9<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes. Councillor Lavender expressed his concern over the funding process. The Council would consider the work required to the park and investigate the possibility of the Council's own capital expenditure being used to fund the work required to the Park.

A successful prosecution had taken place in relation to fly-tipping on allotments in the Borough.

Councillor Lavender praised the work which was being undertaken by Officers in relation to the Council's Place Shaping Strategy and Local Development Framework and he outlined the progress being made to date. It was noted that approximately 150 Council staff had participated in the Place Shaping tours of the Borough.

## 19.8 Leader of the Council

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) reported that a meeting of the North London Strategic Alliance had taken place the previous week. An interesting presentation had been received on Housing provision in London.

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### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Cabinet had been scheduled to take place on Wednesday 29 April 2009 at 8.00pm at the Civic Centre.

## 21

### EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** in accordance with the principles of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

## 22

### AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AN INTEGRATED PERSONAL CARE AND HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT SERVICE AT SKINNERS COURT

Councillor Edward Smith (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services) introduced the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care (No.222) setting out the details of the evaluation process undertaken to support the recommendation contained within the part one report.

NOTED

1. that Report No.215 also referred as detailed in Minute No.9 above;
2. the comprehensive procurement process which had been undertaken as set out in detail in the report. The clear outcome of the evaluation process in relation to the recommended provider was noted.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The alternative options which had been considered were detailed in full in section 4 of the report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed that approval be given to award the contract for the provision of an integrated care and housing related support service contract to the provider detailed in the report for a term of 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years, subject to performance.

**Reason:** The award of the integrated care and support contract to the contractor proposed, provides the most effective solution in terms of cost and

quality in a limited competitive market and represents value for money for the Council (section 5 of Report No.215 referred)

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)

**(Key decision – reference number 2764)**

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### **ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANELS**

Councillor Jon Kaye (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector) introduced the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (No.223).

Members noted the contents of the report (Report No.219 as detailed in Minute No.12 above also referred).

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended)

**(Key decision – reference number 2780)**

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.