

## **PRESENT**

### **Members of the Committee**

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Councillor Merrick Cockell - Leader (Chairman)

Councillor Daniel Moylan, Deputy Leader, Planning Policy, Housing Policy  
and Transportation

Councillor Fiona Buxton - Housing Services, Adult Social Care, Public  
Health and Environmental Health

Councillor David Campion, B.A. (Arch.), Dip.T.P., F.R.I.B.A., M.B.C.S. -  
Corporate Services

Councillor James Husband, Education and Libraries

Councillor Warwick Lightfoot, Community Safety

Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown - Regeneration, Environmental  
Management and Leisure

Councillor Shireen Ritchie - Family and Children's Services

Councillor Paul Warrick - Service Improvement

### **Others in Attendance**

Councillor Miss Barbara Campbell, Lead Member

Councillor Dr. Iain Hanham, Lead Member

Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Lead Member

Councillor Miss Doreen Weatherhead, Lead Member

## **PART A (PUBLIC) MINUTES**

### **A1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thomas  
Fairhead.

### **A2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **A3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2006**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the addition of the following under minute A2:

Councillor Moylan declared a possible conflict of interests in agenda item B1 - Ellesmere Contract on the grounds of his designated role as shareholder representative in Chelsea Care Company Limited. As he had not received a dispensation from the Standards Committee allowing him to take part in this decision, he would leave the meeting during the course of the discussion.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive and the Director of Personnel and General Services also declared a potential conflict of interest in item B1 - Ellesmere Contract on the grounds of their involvement in the setting up of Chelsea Care Company Limited and stated that they would leave the meeting during the course of the discussion.

#### **A4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN NORTH KENSINGTON**

Councillor Paget-Brown introduced the report, drawing Members' attention to the various neglected sites in North Kensington listed in appendix A that required environmental improvement. The work facing each site would comprise a mixture of landscaping works and other environmental improvements and it was intended that work would begin shortly on those schemes prioritised by the Steering Group. Cabinet noted that there would be on-going publicity as each site was cleaned up.

Councillor Paget-Brown was confident that once this work was completed, the improvements would be much valued by local residents.

RESOLVED -

That the allocation of £150,000 to the improvement of neglected sites in North Kensington be noted.

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#### **A5 INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED SECURITY TO PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINES**

Councillor Paget-Brown reported that the installation of clam units to the Pay and Display machines was essential in order to keep ahead of those seeking to defraud the Council. The Council had suffered a substantial loss of revenue due to jammed machines, despite corrective action taken, and installation of the clam units was recommended in view of their success in combating paper jamming and preventing the use of foreign coins. Cabinet noted that annual

savings would be at least £200,000 per year with break even expected within two years.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That option 3 to fit the clam units in two stages as funding is made available, be agreed;
- (ii) That approval be given for the virement of £276,237 from Pay and Display income for 2006/07 to fund stage 1 of option 3 as included in the Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring report elsewhere on the Cabinet agenda.

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## **A6 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - SECOND QUARTER**

The Executive Director for Finance, Information Systems and Property introduced the report, highlighting the two areas of demand-led management that would need to be kept under review. Home Care represented the greatest financial pressure for the Housing, Health and Adult Social Care Business Group, however the level of savings was much improved over the last year. The Special Educational Needs Transport was likely to overspend by £0.3 million and Councillor Husband stated that he would prefer that the overspend was met from the corporate contingency fund for this year.

RESOLVED -

That Cabinet agree reserve transfers and virements as follows:

- (i) On Housing, Health and Adult Social Care
  - (a) the underspend on the Supporting People budget be transferred to the Supporting People Reserve;
  - (b) a draw down of £120,000 be agreed from the Repairs and Renewals Fund in 2006/07 to fund the projected overspend on the IT budget in Adult Social Care;
  - (c) a one-off virement of £176,000 be agreed between the Under 65's Placements Budget and the Home Care Budget;
  - (d) the provision for the Elm Park Gardens Basements scheme in the Capital Programme be increased by £124,000 in 2006/07, to be funded from capital receipts;
  - (e) the capital budget for the HRA Main Programme be rephrased to £23.802 million for 2006/07, in line with

the projected outturn, with the balance transferred to 2007/08;

- (f) should negotiations with the PCT result in a projected overspend for the Business Group, then a release from the Corporate Contingency be approved to meet this overspend.
- (ii) On Families and Children, to meet the cost increase for SEN travel for 2006/07 from corporate contingency;
- (iii) On Transport, Environment and Leisure Services
  - (a) a virement of £276,000 from the Pay and Display income budget to install clam units to Pay and Display machines;
  - (b) micro landscaping projects at an estimated cost of £150,000 are funded from general Business Group underspendings and the WRWA and other Waste Management budgets be adjusted accordingly; and
- (iv) On Corporate Services, a virement of £250,000 from Land Charges and Registrars income to Halls Lettings income.

**Action by:**

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**A7 ANY OTHER ORAL OR WRITTEN PUBLIC ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no such items.

**A9 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED-

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the proceedings by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted, as follows:

**B1 - HEATHERLEY SCHOOL OF FINE ART**

**Public summary of decision:**

Officers were authorised to complete an agreement with the Thomas Heatherley Education Trust in accordance with the terms set out in the report and to agree detailed terms and any other matters in order for such an agreement to be concluded.

The meeting ended at 7.08 pm

**CHAIRMAN**

