Minutes

Executive Scrutiny Committee
Thursday, 29 September 2011
Meeting held at Committee Room 7 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	Members Present: Councillors Eddie Lavery (Chairman), Brian Crowe, Mo Khursheed, John Riley and Brian Stead.	
	Apologies: Councillor Paul Harmsworth and Tony Little (Representative Member to Issues)	or Education
	Officers Present: Khalid Ahmed, Democratic Services Manager	
14.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Action by
	Councillor Edward Lavery declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 11 – Council Budget – Month 4 – 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Monitoring Report of the Cabinet agenda as he was a Governor of Ruislip High School. He remained in the room and took part in discussions on the item.	
15.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2011	
	Agreed as an accurate record.	
16.	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	It was agreed that all items of business were considered in public.	
17.	CONSIDERATION OF ANY CALL-INS OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2011	Action by:
	Members gave consideration to the Cabinet reports of 29 September 2011 and after careful consideration Members decided not to call-in any decision made by the Cabinet at their meeting.	
	However, the Committee requested further information and clarification on the following Cabinet reports:-	
	Cabinet Agenda Item 6 - Queens Walk Learning and Development Centre	
	On page 63 of the agenda reference was made to provisionally transferring these events subject to Cabinet approval to Adult Learning Centres across the Boroughs. One centre was listed as	

Stockley. Members asked if this would be at Stockley Academy?

[Subsequent to the meeting, officers provided the following response:

"The proposal would be for a centre on part of the Stockley Academy site on Park View Road."

Cabinet Agenda Item 7 - Transformation of Adult Social Care - Personalisation and Commissioning Plan 2011-2015

On page 88 of the agenda under the paragraph headed "Older People" the third bullet point, "of the current older people population 89% are White, 7.5% Asian and only 1.6% Black".

Members asked for clarification on this breakdown and was this referring to over 65's or 85's?

[Subsequent to the meeting, officers provided the following response:

"The ethnic breakdown referred to the over 65 population and was as follows:

White 89%, Asian 7.5%, Black 1.7%, Chinese or other 0.8% and Mixed race 0.7%. This came to 99.7% due to rounding up."]

Cabinet Agenda Item 8 - Disabilities Commissioning Plan 2011-2015

Members asked when was the consultation with service users and other stakeholders due to start and finish.

[Subsequent to the meeting, officers provided the following response:

"The consultation with service users and other stakeholders started on 3 October 2011 and was due to end in mid December. The outcome of the consultation would be reported to Cabinet in January 2012."

Cabinet Member Decision on the Council petition to allow the Ramgarhia Sikh Association Hayes to purchase the former Golden Crescent Library in Hayes: consideration of response following Council resolution

The Leader of the Opposition requested that the Chairman of the Committee give consideration to calling in the above recently published Cabinet Member Decision. Members were reminded that under the Rules of Procedure for Call-Ins, decisions made by Cabinet Members, can be called-in by agreement of the Chairman of this Committee and the lead representative of the Opposition Group on the Committee within 5 working days of the decision being

published. This decision was published on 23 September 2011 and was therefore within the time frame.

Action By:

A discussion took place amongst Members in relation to the decision. The lead representative of the Opposition Group on the Committee expressed concern at the failure of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services to take into consideration the opposition of the local MP, the six Ward Councillors, and local community groups to the Cabinet decision of 14 April 2011 to make the former Golden Crescent Library surplus to requirements.

The Member also expressed his concern at the submission of a planning application for the site, before the Cabinet Member Decision could be implemented.

The Chairman after careful consideration did not agree to the Call-In of the item as the decision had been taken after consultations with interested parties at a Petition Hearing with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services and also the Council meeting when a Petition was also discussed.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the decisions made by Cabinet at their meeting on 29 September 2011 be endorsed and noted and no call-in be made of any decision.
- 2. That officers be asked to provide responses to the issues outlined above.

Khalid Ahmed

The meeting, which commenced at 7.35pm, closed at 8.40 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Mark Braddock on 01895 250470. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.