Minutes

Executive Scrutiny Committee
Thursday, 29 March 2012
Meeting held at Committee Room 7 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	Members Present: Councillors Eddie Lavery (Chairman), John Riley (Vice-Chairman), Brian Crowe, Paul Harmsworth, Mo Khursheed and Brian Stead.	
	Representative Member for Education Issues: Tony Little – Roman Catholic Diocesan Representative.	
	Officer Present: Khalid Ahmed, Democratic Services Manager	
38.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Tony Little declared a Personal Interest in Cabinet Agenda Item 13 – Primary Schools Capital Programme Update because he was a School Governor at Pinkwell Primary School. He remained in the room and took part in the discussions.	
39.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2012	
	Agreed as an accurate record.	
40.	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	
	It was agreed that all items of business be considered in public.	
41.	CONSIDERATION OF ANY CALL-INS OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 29 MARCH 2012	
	Members gave consideration to the Cabinet reports of 29 March 2012 and after careful consideration Members decided not to call-in any decision. The Committee endorsed all decisions made by the Cabinet at their meeting.	
	However further information was required on the following two items:	
	Cabinet Agenda Item No. 5 - Towards a Community Infrastructure Levy for Hillingdon	
	The Committee asked what methods will be used for consultation on the Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document and Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule	
	[Subsequent to the meeting, officers provided the following response:	

"In accordance with Government Guidance, the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, supporting evidence documents and Planning Obligations SPD will be subject to a 6 week consultation period. Both documents will be posted on the Council's website and hard copies will be made available in public libraries and the Hayes One Stop Shop. Officers will organise separate drop-in sessions for Members, local residents and businesses to explain the proposals and depending on comments received, follow up meetings will be organised.

At the end of the 6 weeks, a report will be prepared on the consultation responses for both documents. In accordance with the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule will go back to Cabinet to seek approval for a second round of consultation. The nature and extent of this process will be outlined in the Cabinet Report, which will also seek approval for further consultation on the Planning Obligations SPD, should this be required.

The final round of consultation for the Charging Schedule will be a public examination chaired by an independent planning inspector where interested parties will have the opportunity to make representations on the document and supporting evidence."]

Cabinet Agenda Item No. 8 - Hillingdon's Equality and Diversity Policy

Reference is made to consultation having been carried out with internal stakeholders: what form did this consultation take?

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

"The Equality and Diversity policy and objectives were developed through the Corporate Equality and Diversity Group and consulted upon with Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service, representing all areas of the Council.

The delivery based objectives in the Policy were included from existing corporate plans and strategies, which would have also benefited from both internal and external consultation in their development."]

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the decisions made by Cabinet at their meeting on 29 March 2012 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.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30pm, closed at 7.50pm.

Next meeting: 26 April 2012 at 7.30pm or at the rising of Cabinet

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. Circulation of these minutes are to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.