

**Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy  
Overview Committee**

**10 February 2010**

**Minutes**



**HILLINGDON**  
LONDON

	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Councillors Richard Lewis (Chairman), Peter Curling, Liz Kemp, Robin Sansarpuri and Michael White.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Councillors Sid Garg (Councillor Peter Curling substituting) and Carole Melvin.</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Nigel Cramb (Partnerships and Business Engagement Manager – Deputy Chief Executives), Helena Webster (Economic Development Manager – Deputy Chief Executives) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).</p>	
50.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
51.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010</b></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
52.	<p><b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b></p> <p>It was agreed that all items of business were considered in public.</p>	
53.	<p><b>Budget Proposals 2010/11 – Comments From POCs</b></p> <p>Members were reminded that as part of the Council’s Constitution, Policy Overview Committee had a role to review the Cabinet’s budget proposals which had been agreed at Cabinet on 17 December 2009. Each Policy Overview Committee had given consideration to budget proposals relating to the service areas within their remit and their comments were submitted to this Committee for comment and to be referred to Cabinet.</p> <p>Members considered the following comments:</p> <p><b>Residents’ &amp; Environmental Services POC</b></p> <p>“That members noted the Budget Proposals Report and asked for their concerns at the part year saving by the reduction of 1 post from the Local Development Framework Team to be noted.”</p>	<p><b>Action By:</b></p>

	<p><b>Education and Children’s Services POC</b></p> <p>“1. The Education and Children’s Services Policy Overview Committee would like Cabinet to note that the Committee welcome the 0% increase of specific fees and charges in some schools in the Borough.</p> <p>2. The Committee would like to highlight their concerns over the significant issue of the availability of additional funding of the Asylum Service through the government’s grant regime and hope the Cabinet note the Committee’s concerns.”</p> <p><b>Resolved –</b></p> <p>1. That the comments made by Residents’ and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee and Education and Children’s Services Policy Overview Committee be submitted to Cabinet for their meeting to be held on 18 February 2010.</p>	<p><b>Khalid Ahmed</b></p>
<p>54.</p>	<p><b>Draft Scoping Report for Second Major Review – “To Review the Impact of Public Funded Business Support and the Success of New Business Start Up within Hillingdon”</b></p> <p>Members were reminded that at their last meeting on 20 January 2010 discussion took place on the scope for this Committee’s second major review. Comments made by Members covered a wide ranging number of issues which could be linked into linked and overlapping areas namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centres and their role in the local economy</li> <li>• The role of the Local Authority and</li> <li>• Business support to Small and Medium Enterprises</li> </ul> <p>Officers informed Members that it would be difficult to do justice to such a wide-ranging review and Members were asked to consider narrowing the scope of their review to focussing on the impact of public funded business support and the success of new business start up in the Borough. Particular reference was made to micro businesses at Hayes Business Studios.</p> <p>Hayes Business Studios, located on Uxbridge College Hayes Campus was built from funding secured from the London Development Agency and Hillingdon Community Trust. The Studios consisted of a £1m ten unit facility for new start up businesses, and was a great success story during these difficult economic times.</p> <p>Members referred to the importance of engaging with Banks to help businesses and officers informed Members that the Business Studios had received support from the Nat West Bank.</p>	



55.	<p><b>Work programme 2009/10</b></p> <p>Members noted the work programme for the remainder of 2009/10 and agreed that an extra meeting of this Committee be set up to enable this Committee's second major review, to be completed this Municipal Year.</p>	<p><b>Action By:</b></p> <p><b>Khalid Ahmed</b></p>
56.	<p><b>Cabinet Forward Plan</b></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</b>  <b>Next meeting: 23 March 2010, at Hayes Business Studios,</b>  <b>Time to be confirmed</b></p>	

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.