

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET
MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024**

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HACKNEY TOWN HALL,
MARE STREET, LONDON, E8 1EA

- Councillors Present: **Mayor Caroline Woodley in the Chair**
- Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Mete Coban, Cllr Susan
Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr
Claydon McKenzie, Cllr Guy Nicholson and Cllr
Carole Williams**
- Apologies: **Cllr Sem Moema**
- Officers in Attendance: **Mark Agnew, Governance Officer
Dawn Carter-McDonald, Interim Chief Executive
Louise Humphreys, Acting Director of Legal,
Democratic & Electoral Services
Tessa Mitchell, Team Leader, Governance Services
Jackie Moylan, Interim Group Director, Finance
Keiran Read, Interim Director of Transformation
Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Director
Environment and Climate Change
Natalie Williams, Senior Governance Office**

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Moema.

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 Urgent Unrestricted Business

3.1 There was no urgent business for consideration.

**4 Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private, Any Representations
Received and the Response to Such Representations**

4.1 No representations were received.

5 Questions/Deputations

5.1 No questions or deputations were received.

6 Unrestricted Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Cabinet

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 February 2024 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

7 Unrestricted Minutes of the Cabinet Procurement and Insourcing Committee

RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the Cabinet Procurement and Insourcing Committee (CPIC) held on 5 February 2024.

8 F S217 2023/24 Overall Financial Position Report - January 2024

8.1 Mayor Caroline Woodley thanked Officers who had prepared the report, which helped provide transparency about the Council's finances. The Mayor noted that local authorities continued to receive little assistance from the Government, but welcomed the recent announcement of a six-month extension to the Household Support Fund.

8.2 Cllr Robert Chapman, Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service, highlighted the forecast deficit of £7.33m, which was a reduction from the previous month as a result of one-off savings, and noted that Hackney faced the same pressures as similar local authorities, with a lack of funding from the Government and increased costs, particularly in relation to Adult's and Children's social care, and the prevention of homelessness.

RESOLVED:

That the overall financial position of the Council as at January 2024 as set out in this report, be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To facilitate financial management and control of the Council's finances.

DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

This budget monitoring report is primarily an update on the Council's financial position.

9 F S216 Capital Update and Property Disposals And Acquisitions Report

9.1 Introducing the report, Cllr Chapman confirmed that the report sought minor changes to the in-year budget, and highlighted the totality of the capital programme, including that the overall four-year plan was budgeted at close to £1.5bn. Just over £1bn was planned to be spent on housing with the majority of that allocated to the programme to build 1000 Council homes. The remaining c£500m was allocated to a wide range of important projects, including schools, streetscene, leisure and parks, libraries, and decarbonisation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Quarter 3 Capital Monitoring in section 11 be noted.

2. That the Capital Adjustments of the budgets as set out in Appendix 1 and summarised below be approved.

Current Directorate	Capital Adjustments
	£'000
Non Housing	(30)
Housing	0
Total	(30)

REASONS FOR DECISION

The reasons for the decision were included in the printed decisions, published on the 19 March 2024, and can be [found here](#).

DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

None.

10 CHE S231 Approval of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Ash Grove

10.1 Mayor Woodley welcomed the proposed delivery of a significant new net zero mixed use neighbourhood in London Fields ward, and welcomed the collaboration across the Council, from Planning to Regeneration, as a great example of Hackney seeking to deliver a sustainable future for all residents.

10.2 Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor for Delivery, Inclusive Economy and Regeneration, introduced the report by noting the work that had been undertaken by the Council's Planning Policy and Regeneration teams, and provided background to the proposed draft guidance, including the Mayor of London's commitment to electrify London's bus fleet by 2030. The proposed guidance to be consulted on would advocate for one of the first Net Zero neighbourhood developments in the city with mixed usages including a newly redeveloped bus garage, living space, work space, and new public realm and open space. The consultation was planned to begin after the upcoming elections in May.

10.3 Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble, Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care, welcomed the announcement of the proposed consultation.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Ash Grove SPD (Appendix 1) be approved for public consultation.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The reasons for the decision were included in the printed decisions, published on the 19 March 2024, and can be [found here](#).

DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There are no alternative options. Consultation on a draft Ash Grove SPD is required to comply with the Regulations.

11 CHE S313 Parking Zone F Stage 4 Review Consultation

- 11.1 Noting that car ownership was declining across the borough, but that demand for parking space remained, Mayor Woodley confirmed that the Council would take a balanced approach which attempted to increase access to parking for those who need it, whilst also encouraging a shift towards more sustainable forms of transport.
- 11.2 Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, highlighted that the consultation was planned to better understand the parking needs in Zone F, including cycle hangers, additional EV charging infrastructure, and areas of parking stress. There was a proposed small increase in parking spaces, but the Council was still committed to removing parking spaces overall, to make the Borough more people-friendly and child-friendly.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Approved to the:

- 1. Changing the operational hours to Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in all roads within Zone F.**
- 2. Proposals to convert all existing resident and business permit bays to general permit bays.**
- 3. Implementation of the parking design changes for Zone F.**

REASONS FOR DECISION

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DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

An alternative was to forgo a review consultation and maintain current parking controls in Zone F. However, this would conflict with the Council's parking policies and consultation charter, as it would ignore the needs of residents and businesses. Delaying the review and consultation was an option but contradicted the Council's policies, and there were compelling reasons to proceed with a review.

Regarding operational hours, maintaining the existing schedule was not an option. This aligns with Council policies, which advocate for standardising parking zone hours wherever possible to minimise confusion for motorists parking in different zones.

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Parking Services explored creating a split zone with varying operational hours in different sections. However, this approach was deemed unviable upon reviewing the distribution of support for the three most popular operational hours options, as it was found that support for each option was evenly spread across the entire zone.

12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

12.1 The Cabinet agreed that the exclusion of the press and public was not required to consider exempt item 13.

13 Urgent Exempt Business

13.1 There were no new exempt items for consideration.

Duration of the meeting: 6.02 - 6.18 pm