

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET
THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2023**

THE COMMITTEE ROOMS, HACKNEY TOWN HALL,
LONDON, E8 1EA

Councillors Present: **Mayor Philip Glanville in the Chair**

**Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cllr Guy Nicholson and
Cllr Carole Williams**

Apologies: **Cllr Robert Chapman, Cllr Mete Coban MBE, Cllr
Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cllr
Caroline Woodley, Cllr Sade Etti, and Cllr Sem
Moema**

Officers in Attendance: **Mark Agnew, Governance Officer
Dawn Carter-McDonald, Interim Chief Executive
Andrew Jackson, Property and Regeneration
Lawyer
Tessa Mitchell, Team Leader, Governance Services
Paul Senior, Interim Director of Education
Angelie Walker, Senior Solicitor**

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Chapman, Cllr Coban, Cllr Fajana-Thomas, Cllr McKenzie, Cllr Woodley, Cllr Etti, and 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 General Exception: FCR S257 Granting of 125 Year Lease over Haggerston School, Weymouth Terrace, London E2 8LS

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- 6.1 Mayor Glanville introduced the report, and confirmed that it was being considered under both general exception and cases of special urgency rules, and noted the level of public interest in the Academisation decision. The decision was being taken in public and in a timely manner to ensure democratic ownership.
- 6.2 The Mayor regretted that Haggerston School had taken the decision to academise, but acknowledged and respected their choice, and noted that the school would remain an important part of the Hackney family of schools. Deputy Mayor Bramble, Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care, also shared her disappointment in the decision to academise, but agreed that the Council would continue to support all Hackney's children in all schools.

RESOLVED:

- 1. Authorise the granting by the Council to the Community Schools Trust a lease for a term of 125 years at a peppercorn rent for land and buildings comprising Haggerston Community Secondary School, shown edged red on Plan 1 attached to this report, subject to the terms of the Department for Education's model lease (subject to reasonable updating and modification).**
- 2. Authorise the Acting Group Director of Finance and the Group Director of Children and Education, in consultation with the Mayor and lead member for Education, to agree the commercial terms of the relevant Commercial Transfer Agreement in connection with the academy transfer.**
- 3. Authorise the Acting Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services to prepare, agree, settle and sign the legal documentation envisaged to complete the transactions set out in this report, together with any ancillary legal documentation.**

REASONS FOR DECISION

The reasons for the decision were included in the printed decisions, published on the 17 August 2023 and can be [found here](#).

7 Delegated Powers Reports - For Noting

RESOLVED: Cabinet is recommended to note the Delegated Powers Reports.

8 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: THAT the press and public be excluded during discussion of the remaining items on the agenda, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

9 Urgent Exempt Business

- 9.1 There were no new exempt items for consideration.

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Duration of the meeting: 5.05pm – 5.16pm