



## DRAFT UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET

MONDAY, 24TH MAY 2021

**Chair** Mayor Phillip Glanville in the Chair

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor (Statutory) and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care; Cllr Robert Chapman, Finance; Cllr Mete Coban, Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm; Cllr Sade Etti, Mayoral Advisor for Homelessness, Housing Needs and Rough Sleeping; Cllr Chris Kennedy, Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure; Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Housing Services; Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy; Cllr Susan Fajana Thomas, Community Safety; Cllr Caroline Woodley, Families, Early Years Parks and Play

**Apologies** Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Older People

**Officers in Attendance** Ian Williams, Group Director, Finance & Corporate Resources  
Ajman Ali, Group Director, Neighbourhoods & Housing  
Dawn Carter-Mcdonald, Director of Legal & Governance Services  
Andrew Spragg, Governance Services Team Leader

The meeting was live-streamed here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GKvoZywuCc>

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Yvonne Maxwell. Several Councillors joined remotely:

- Cllr Sem Moema, Mayoral Advisor for Private Renting and Housing Affordability
- Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources

**NOTED**

**2. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**NOTED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Members to declare as appropriate**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**NOTED**

**4. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN PRIVATE, ANY REPRESENTATION RECEIVED AND THE RESPONSE TO ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS**

There were no representations received.

**NOTED**

**5. TO CONSIDER ANY DEPUTATIONS, QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY THE COUNCIL'S MONITORING OFFICER**

There were none received.

**NOTED**

**6. To consider the unrestricted Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 26th April 2021**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 26 April March 2021 were approved.**

**7. Capital Update Report - Key Decision No. FCR R69**

7.1 The Mayor introduced the item, highlighting key areas of investment for the Council. This included schools, parks and leisure facilities. Cabinet Members welcomed the investment. Cllr Woodley thanked communities for their support in maintaining parks.

**RESOLVED:**

**i) That the schemes for Children and Education as set out in section 9.2 be given approval as follows:**

**Asbestos Removal at The Garden School: Virement and spend approval of £220k in 2021/22 is requested to remove asbestos at The Garden school.**

**Lifecycle Reactive Works Programme 2021/22:** Virement and spend approval of **£800k in 2021/22** is requested to fund the lifecycle maintenance work at 10 schools (secondary and specialist schools).

ii) That the schemes for Neighbourhood & Housing as set out in section 9.3 be given approval as follows:

**Parks Infrastructure:** Spend approval of **£725k in 2021/22** is requested to fund essential maintenance and refurbishments to the existing parks infrastructure.

**Mabley Green All Weather Pitch Fencing:** Spend approval of **£150k in 2021/22** is requested to replace the fencing to the two All Weather Pitches on Mabley Green.

**Public Conveniences and Cafes:** Spend approval of **£225k in 2021/22** is requested to continue the programme of works to refurbish public conveniences in parks and green spaces and introduce cafes/catering outlets in our parks.

**Play Area Refurbishments:** Spend approval of **£1,150k (£650k in 2021/22 and £500k in 2022/23)** is requested to refurbish existing play areas in the various parks play an important role in providing facilities for residents and visitors to the borough.

**Park Litter Bins Replacement:** Spend approval of **£100k in 2021/22** is requested to replace existing single use litter bins in the borough parks.

**Clissold Lodge Refurbishments:** Spend approval of **£70k in 2021/22** is requested for repairs at Clissold Lodge in Clissold Park.

**Connecting Green Spaces:** Spend approval of **£100k in 2021/22** is requested to fund the Council's 'Connecting Green Spaces'.

**Essential Maintenance to Leisure Centres:** Virement and spend approval of **£100k in 2021/22** is requested for the urgent works to two facility areas at Clissold Leisure Centre requiring urgent attention: (1) the replacement of the wet side floor tiles and (2) the replacement of the sports hall floor.

**London Fields Learner Pool:** Spend approval of **£500k in 2021/22** for the development of a new learner/training pool at London Fields Lido.

**West Reservoir Centre Improvements:** Spend approval of **£1,589k (£400k in 2021/22 and £1,189k in 2022/23)** to fund the improvement works to West Reservoir Centre.

iii) That the scheme outlined in section 9.4 be noted.

iv) That the S106 schemes as set out in section 9.4.2 and summarised below be noted as follows:

S106	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Capital	468	231	699
<b>Total S106 Resource and Spend for Noting</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>699</b>

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

The decisions required are necessary in order that the schemes within the Council's approved Capital programme can be delivered as set out in this report.

In most cases, resources have already been allocated to the schemes as part of the budget setting exercise but spending approval is required in order for the scheme to proceed. Where, however, resources have not previously been allocated, resource approval is requested in this report.

### **8. Draft Dalston Plan Supplementary Planning Document - Key Decision No. NH R65**

8.1 Cllr Nicholson introduced the report, and expressed the view that the proposals delivered on the Mayor's manifesto promises from 2018. He set out the work undertaken to engage with residents, and commended services for having managed to do this during the pandemic.

8.2 Cllr Williams and the Mayor expressed their support for the proposals.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**i) To approve the draft Dalston Plan SPD (Appendix 1) for public consultation.**

**ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Planning to approve administrative alterations, graphical, typographical amendments, to improve cross referencing (e.g para numbering, page numbering) and ahead of consultation.**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Continuous consultation and engagement with stakeholders and the public is integral to producing local plan documents. Consultation on the draft SPD is required in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and will help inform and influence the final version of the SPD.

### **9. Parks and Green Spaces Strategy - Key Decision No. NH R39**

9.1 Cllr Woodley introduced the report and thanked officers for their support in developing the strategy and engaging residents. Cllr Williams expressed support for the strategy, and welcomed the easy read document that had been prepared. The role of small spaces in the borough was highlighted, and it was acknowledged by Cllr Woodley that she would continue to look at how the Council could invest and connect those spaces.

9.2 The Mayor highlighted the opportunities to create new volunteering and employment opportunities through green investment. Cllr Williams drew the Cabinet's attention to a recent kickstart placement that had been advertised in this area.

9.3 Deputy Mayor Bramble commented that residents had expressed appreciation for the green spaces in the borough, and that this had been brought into focus by the role they had played in supporting resident's wellbeing during the lockdown.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To approve the new Parks & Green Spaces Strategy as attached to Appendix 1 of this report.
- ii) To approve delegation to the Head of Leisure, Parks and Green Spaces, in order to make any future minor amendments to the new Parks and Green Spaces Strategy and associated policies

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

Hackney's parks and green spaces are incredibly popular, and incredibly well-used. During the COVID-19 pandemic their importance to the people of Hackney has been highlighted even further, especially for those residents without gardens.

During the pandemic hundreds of thousands of people relied on Hackney's parks and green spaces for their daily exercise, to get out of the house, to meet friends, to walk the dog and to improve their mental health. During some periods Hackney's parks were so well-used that this use had a negative impact on local people, and the Service had to become quite reactionary to deal with the impact of illegal events, excessive littering and a high volume of complaints.

As we move out of lockdown in 2021 it is important for the Service to be less reactionary, and to ensure it is proactively planning for the future. With the Parks & Green Spaces Service taking on responsibility for maintaining Housing green space in 2021, it is vital that there is a clear vision and set of priorities to guide the joint Service, as well as responding to some of the challenges highlighted in this report, such as the climate emergency and ecological crisis.

**10. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2021/22**

10.1 The Mayor introduced the item, setting out that the appointments followed on from those made by Full Council at its Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2021.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To agree the appointment of the Councillors to Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council as listed in Appendix 1.**
- (ii) To note the appointments made by the Mayor to Outside Bodies on behalf of the Council as listed in Appendix 1.**

**11. Any Other Unrestricted Business the Chair Considers To Be Urgent**

There was no other urgent business to consider.

**12. Dates Of Future Meetings**

Cabinet noted the dates of future meetings.

**End of Meeting**

**Duration of the meeting:** 18:00 – 18:45

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