

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY COUNCIL

CABINET - 28 JUNE 2021

This document outlines the decisions taken at the above Cabinet meeting.

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6.To consider the unrestricted Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 24 May 2021

RESOLVED:

That the unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 24 May 2021 were approved.

7. FCR R75 Capital Update Report

RESOLVED:

i) That the schemes for Children and Education as set out in section 9.3 be given approval as follows:

Schools AMP Works Programme 2021/22: Virement and spend approval of **£1,812k** (£617k in 2021/22 and £1,195k in 2022/23) is requested to fund the works at 8 schools (primary and children centres).

AMP Works at The Garden School: Virement and spend approval of **£500k in 2021/22** is requested for AMP works at The Garden school.

Ickburgh School Expansion SEN: Resource and spend approval of **£250k in 2021/22** is requested for the expansion of school places from 150 to 164 places.

ii) That the scheme for Finance and Corporate Resources as set out in section 9.4 be given approval as follows:

Millfields Disinfecting Station Repair Works: Virement and spend approval of £205k (£169k in 2021/22 and £36k in 2022/23) for repairs works to this site.

iii) That the scheme for Neighbourhood and Housing (Non) as set out in section 9.5 be given approval as follows:

Dalston (Gillett Square and Ridley Road) CCTV Upgrade: Resource and spend approval of £197k in 2021/22 for the replacement and upgrading of CCTV at Gillett Square and Ridley Road.

iv) That the S106 schemes as set out in section 9.6 and summarised below be approved as follows:

S106	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	Total
Revenue	1,056	1,119	2,175
Total S106 Resource & Spend for Approval	1,056	1,119	2,175

v) That the scheme outlined in section 9.7 be noted.

S106	2021/22 £'000	Total
Capital	13	13
Total S106 Resource & Spend for Noting	13	13

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. FCR R76 2020/21 Overall Financial Position, Property Disposals and Acquisitions report that takes account of the estimated financial impact of Covid-19 and the ongoing emergency

RESOLVED:

i) To dispose of 121 Dalston Lane and 40 Lea Bridge Road and use the additional funds to purchase replacement properties in the leasehold buyback programme.

ii) To authorise the Director of Legal to prepare and sign the necessary legal documentation and any ancillary documentation required in order to implement the recommendation.

iii) To authorise the Group Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to settle all commercial terms of the contract for disposal.

iv) To note overall financial position for March, covering the General Fund, Capital Finance and the HRA.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To facilitate financial management and control of the Council's finances. With regards to the Property proposal, 121 Dalston Lane and 40 Lea Bridge Road are both 4 bedroom houses which are in disrepair and have been void for some time. The cost of the works to bring the property back to a lettable condition is over £200,000 each which is currently uneconomical. The Council has recently started repurchasing leasehold properties that were sold under the Right to Buy. These purchases are not fully funded and the rent charged doesn't meet the borrowing cost and so limits the number of properties that can be purchased, however it does utilise some of the excess RtB 1-4-1 funding that would otherwise be paid back to MHCLG. This size and condition of property would also be not viable to a Housing Association, who also look to dispose of these types of properties when reviewing their stock. By combining the receipts from the disposal of these properties and the RtB 1-4-1 funding, it is possible to purchase 4 large family properties as replacement. There are currently 4 properties in the buyback programme that are under consideration that would meet the replacement requirements of these properties in the respective wards where the sale occurs.

Any disposal will take place in accordance with the Hackney Protocol. Both (and any additional) properties will be assessed firstly for alternative priority use by the council, for example as temporary accommodation or for supported housing. If not suitable for these purposes then we will offer the properties directly for disposal to housing associations, again for use by the housing association in tackling homelessness or supported housing schemes in Hackney. Only as a last resort will we consider a disposal to the commercial property market. In all cases we require the receipt and outcomes of any disposal to be delivered within Hackney.

In the event of an open market disposal, this will be managed by Strategic Property Services to ensure best value is achieved both on the disposal of the property and the acquisition of the replacements.

9. NH R63 Draft Child Friend Borough Supplementary Planning Guidance

RESOLVED:

To adopt Hackney's Child Friendly Places Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 1)

REASONS FOR DECISION

To adopt the Child Friendly Places SPD to help set the LP33 policies within a child-friendly context to ensure Hackney becomes a fully 'child friendly borough' that accommodates and actively plans for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

10. Appointment of Local Authority Governors

Resolved:

To approve the following nominations as set out below:

Governing Body	Name	Date Effective
Betty Layward Primary	Anand Trip	28 June 2021
LEAP Federation	Gillian Brady	28 June 2021
St John of Jerusalem Church of England Primary School	Rebecca Lloyd	28 June 2021
Thomas Fairchild School	Laleh Laverick	28 June 2021
Wentworth Nursery	Sally Lindsay-German	28 June 2021
Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girls' School	Rabbi Nesanel Lieberman MA	28 June 2021

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:

19 July 2021
13 September 2021
18 October 2021
29 November 2021
13 December 2021
24 January 2022
21 February 2022
14 March 2022
25 April 2022