

SHADOW CABINET

Monday 27 October 2014 at 7.00pm

1. **Present:** Councillors G Stafford (Chair), Joanna Dabrowska, Roz Reece and Young, Millican, Sumner

In attendance: Councillors Mullins, A Stafford and Morrissey.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Kumar and Reen.

3. **Matters to be considered in Private**

There were none.

3. **Urgent Matters**

There were none.

4. **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

5. **Minutes of the Shadow Cabinet Meeting held on 22 September 2014**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 be agreed as a true record.

6. **Cabinet Agenda of Meeting scheduled for 16 September 2014**

Members considered the agenda reports for the Cabinet meeting scheduled on 21 October 2014.

Agenda Item 7 - Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation in Ealing Strategy and Position Statement

Councillor Millican reported that he had spoken on this very important item which was currently high profile. He felt that LB Ealing was working effectively in this area.

The Chair had queried the lack of an action plan to accompany the strategy and felt that the response at Cabinet had been woolly.

It was agreed that Councillor Millican write to the Portfolio Holder for Children & Families.

Agenda Item 8 - School Expansions and Determination of Statutory Proposals for Elthorne Park High School.

Councillor Millican reported that he had been briefed on this item and the expansion proposals were needed. Councillor Mullins commented that residents had raised concerns about the increase in the number of pupils. Councillor Millican agreed to contact the headteacher.

Agenda Item 10 - William Perkin Church of England High School – Improvements to Sports Facilities

Councillor Millican reported that he had spoken on this item, querying the grant funding and what would happen if for any reason it did not materialise. He had spoken with officers after the meeting and was assured the grant funding would be forthcoming.

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Agenda Item 13 - Proposals Following Review of Governance Arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Chair reported that he had expressed concerns that Shadow Member representation was not included on the proposed model of the Health and Wellbeing Board and would be making representations to the CRG and Council meetings. Cllr Reen had written to members of the Board.

Agenda Item 15 - Gunnersbury Park Estate – Future Governance

Councillor Dabrowska reported that concerns had been raised at the Gunnersbury Park meeting about the financial model as well as lack of scrutiny by Corporate Board and possible liability issues for members.

Following discussion about whether to call this item in it was agreed not to call it in but to seek clarification from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on issues causing concern.

Agenda Item 18 - Proposal for the Refurbishment and Development of Ealing Town Hall

Agenda Item 23 - Perceval House and Ealing Central Library

These items were taken together.

Councillor Young expressed concerns, reporting that the original proposals for the Town Hall had been amended taking out the community use element for commercial use. Additionally, there would be a need to decant for a minimum period of 2 years. If both the proposals were implemented at the same time there was not enough capacity in the private sector to accommodate people. He felt that a more sustainable strategy was needed. Councillor Mullins added her concerns about the long term thinking behind these proposals given that Ealing Library was only recently refurbished.

Councillor Millican commented that there were discrepancies in what was being proposed by Cabinet and what was said in public relating to the use of the Victoria Hall.

Following discussion

Resolved: to call-in items 18 - Proposal for the Refurbishment and Development of Ealing Town Hall and 23 - Perceval House and Ealing Central Library

In both cases

Reason for Decision: To question the soundness of the decision based on facts taken or not taken into account

Detailed Reasons (submitted after the meeting)

To question the practicality of the proposals and the impact on the community.

Agenda Item 19 Welfare Reform and the Current Future Strategy for managing the Impacts

The chair stated that he would write to officers to seek clarification on the payments to landlords scheme.

Agenda Item 20 - Supporting Housing Investment in Mixed Tenure Housing

The chair reported that this report sought authorisation for the Council to provide funding to Catalyst Housing Limited secured by way of a fixed charge on land and properties over the term of the loan. He had concerns that this decision would be eventually signed off by

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the portfolio holder or Director rather than by Cabinet. Councillor Dabrowska stated that in future it would be better if there was confirmation of the asset value.

7. Issues Raised by Shadow Cabinet

There were none.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Noted that the next meeting for Monday 1 December 2014 at 7.00pm.

**COUNCILLOR GREG STAFFORD
CHAIR**

The meeting ended at 7:50

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