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CABINET

Monday, 17th March, 2008 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cabinet Members:

Councillor Donatus Anyanwu
Councillor Mark Bennett
Councillor Jim Dickson
Councillor John Kazantzis
Councillor Paul McGlone
Councillor Sally Prentice
Councillor Steve Reed

Portfolio:

Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services
Cabinet Member for Safer Communities
Cabinet Member for Finance
Cabinet Member for Housing
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Leader of the Council

Apologies for absence

Councillor Jackie Meldrum and Councillor Lib Peck

Also present:

Councillor Kingsley Abrams, Councillor Lorna Campbell, Councillor Jeremy Clyne, Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Councillor Alex McKenna, Councillor Florence Nosegbe, Councillor Graham Pycock and Councillor John Whelan

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES (28.01.08)

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People confirmed that the amendment raised at the previous meeting was correct.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th January 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

3. THE DEATH OF BUNMI SHAGAYA IN JULY 2001 – A PUPIL AT HILL MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Agenda item 12 – Report 280/07-08 and appendices)

In introducing the report, the Executive Director, Children and Young People's Service, highlighted that there would now be little additional information gained from an independent inquiry that would be of use to the local authority or schools due to the passage of time since the tragedy. In addition the council had revised its guidance and training for school personnel in the light of updated government guidance on school journey planning and operation.

Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, expressed sympathy with the view of officers that there would be little gained from a further inquiry, and recommended that a report on lessons learned from the tragic incident be considered by the relevant Scrutiny Sub-Committee. The Leader of the Council confirmed that this suggestion would be put to the Chair of the Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

The Executive Director confirmed that the Shagaya family had not given any indication that they were seeking a full independent inquiry. Civil proceedings issued by the family against the council had been on hold pending the outcome of both the French legal proceedings and the Inquest. These proceedings were being conducted by the council's insurers, however, there was, as yet, no indication as to whether the claim would proceed to trial or be settled. Attempts to contact the family had failed.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That Cabinet note the content of the report about the tragic death of Bunmi Shagaya in July 2001 – a pupil who attended Hill Mead Primary school
- (2) That Cabinet considers, in the light of developments since July 2001 as outlined in this report, that a further inquiry should not be commissioned into Bunmi's tragic death and school journey preparation by schools, as no fresh evidence is likely, pursuant to the recommendation that was agreed by the Policy Committee in September 2001.

4. POST OFFICE CLOSURES

(Agenda item 15 – Report 291/07-08)

The Leader of the Council presented the cross party motion and expressed pleasure at the council's united position against planned Post Office closures. The council's campaign had been launched in the latest edition of Lambeth Life, and provided an opportunity for residents to support the council's campaign to reverse the closure plans.

The Cabinet Member for Housing also highlighted the need for cross borough working and the potential impact of closures on local regeneration and prosperity.

Cabinet received the following representations:

- Councillor Graham Pycock (Gipsy Hill) referred to the motion agreed by Council on 30.01.08 and requested further information on whether the option of providing council services through the Post Office network had been considered.
- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, expressed concern that the threatened closure of Post Offices at Abbeville Road, Clapham High Street and Acre Lane would leave a significant service gap. Cabinet should consider taking a further resolution, instructing officers to examine the Essex model and actively look into taking over Post Office services.

The Cabinet Member for Safer Communities provided assurance that a range of innovative options would be considered, including the Essex model.

In response to the representations, the Chief Executive advised that the council's Policy Division had been instructed to lead on the council's strategy with regard to Post Office closures, including dialogue with the Post Office.

RESOLVED:

(3) To approve the following motion:

DDPEP (OCE)

This council condemns the plans to close a further 169 Post Offices across London including seven Post Offices within Lambeth. London's Post Offices provide vital support for those who are most in need, particularly the elderly, disabled and those with young children. For many of our residents who do not have access to a bank account, the Post Office is an amenity they cannot do without. The Post Office's consultation opened on the 19th February 2008 and will close on the 2nd April 2008, after just six weeks. We believe that the consultation period should be extended to at least 12 weeks, which is seen as good practice for public consultations. We call upon the three Group Leaders of the Council to work with the Mayor of London, and all those who value our Post Offices, to reverse these closure plans and

keep our Post Offices open for business.

5. CORPORATE PLAN 2008 - 2011

(Agenda item 3 – Report 283/07-08 and appendix) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Divisional Director for Policy, Equalities and Performance introduced the report and explained that some of the elements of the Corporate Plan were still in draft pending further work and the completion of negotiations with the Government Office of London over the Local Area Agreement. The Corporate Plan brought clarity to the Council's key priorities and the inclusion of an outcome framework gave a greater depth to these priorities.

Cabinet received the following representation:

- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, questioned what work in the Corporate Plan would address the issues of population and demographic changes in the borough.

The Cabinet Member for Finance stated that the demographic issue was of great importance to the Council and would be looked at carefully. He understood that the Department for Communities and Local Government would be carrying out a thorough review of the way in which the Office of National Statistics collected its data on population in London as this had had a huge impact on the financial settlement for local government. He also praised the Corporate Plan and the part it played in making financial planning easier for the Council.

The Divisional Director for Policy, Equalities and Performance reported that further appendices to the Corporate Plan were being worked on which detailed project work which was to be carried out. One of these workstreams would be concerned with gathering data and producing analysis related to demographic and population change in the borough.

The Leader of the Council congratulated the Divisional Director and her team on their work in producing the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED:

DDPEP (OCE)

- (4) That the Corporate Plan be approved.
- (5) That the ongoing development of the Corporate Plan, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.

6. WASTE ACTION FRAMEWORK 2008

(Agenda item 4 – Report 284/07-08) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People introduced the

report on the Waste Action Framework which set out a raft of measures to increase recycling and minimise waste. The next step would be the production of an action plan and targets. Reducing the amount of waste going to landfill was absolutely critical and the Cabinet Member wanted to see the Council and the borough's schools leading the way.

Cabinet received the following representations:

- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, considered that the Council had run many pilot schemes recently but that none had actually been rolled out. He also questioned what the Council's position would be on compulsion which residents would consider a form of local taxation.
- Councillor John Whelan, Leader of the Minority Opposition, expressed disappointment that his party had requested but not received briefings on this issue. He agreed that the issue of compulsion was one which needed to be fully discussed.

The Cabinet Member for Finance noted that there was an urgent need to do something about this issue and pointed to the figures in the report which showed the huge increase in cost to the Council of waste disposal over the coming years. The Council needed to provide greater opportunities and help for people to recycle. He personally felt that compulsion would be a road which the Council had to go down but that it should follow the example of borough's such as Barnet and Brent which had consulted widely and received the consent of the public.

The Cabinet Member for Housing welcomed the report and noted that there was a huge untapped potential for recycling in the borough's housing estates.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People felt that the best way to tackle these issues was by taking a cross party approach. She explained that the public saw recycling as the responsibility of the Council. An important aspect of waste management was that the less money spent sending waste to landfill, the more that could be spent on other services. This message needed to be a key part of the communication plan. The Council had to provide more opportunities for people to recycle as well as working to ensure that people knew what they could and could not recycle.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cabinet adopt the Waste Action Framework 2008 as detailed in section 3 of this paper as the Council's strategic position for waste management. The key new initiatives for 2008 are:
 - Re-energised Communications campaign

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- Food and green waste pilots
 - Consultation on “Recycling is Compulsory”
 - Improved opportunities to recycle for people who live in flats
 - Commercial recycling collections
- (2) That Cabinet delegate authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Culture and Community Safety, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture, to introduce the detailed service actions in accordance with this framework, subject to the establishment of appropriate business cases.
- (3) That Cabinet notes that this report provides details of significant service and financial matters which will need to be factored into medium term budget planning as proposals are developed.

7. **REVIEW OF PRINCE’S WARD INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

(Agenda item 5 – Report 285/07-08 and table paper) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise introduced the report and stated that there was broad agreement over the needs of this area. The next stage was to build on the political will and progress the regeneration. The Council’s role was to empower agents and groups and it was hoped that by September 2008 there would be a clear vision of a new community hub. He MOVED additional recommendations and amendments which had been tabled at the meeting.

Cabinet received the following representation:

- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, did not feel that the report answered the questions around the issue. There was no money to be invested into the area by the Council and there had not been full consultation with opposition members around the vision for the area. He believed that the Council needed to listen more honestly to local community groups. He felt that this scheme had not moved forward at all in the last two years and the Council was not fulfilling its corporate responsibilities as a trustee of the Baeufoy Trust.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People felt the plans were excellent and the large number of aspirations demonstrated the Council’s ambition for this scheme. However, choices would need to be made and the funding and sustainability of the scheme would need to be carefully considered. Officers explained that this report set out a long term vision and proposals and detailed costed proposals would come at a later stage of the process.

The Executive Director of Regeneration and Housing explained that the proposals put forward were consistent with the objectives of the Beaufoy Trust and the Council was therefore fulfilling its responsibilities. The community had been consulted and listened to and the recommendations put forward reflected this. The separation of the two sites had been proposed as a result of the views which had been received from the community. The Old Lilian Baylis site was a listed building, but negotiations with English Heritage over this issue were ongoing.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion felt that the regeneration of this area was driven by what the community wanted and the recommendations put forward had come as a result of listening to the community. The buildings had been vacant for a long time and this process was one that should not be rushed if the required objectives were to be achieved.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

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(1) Agrees to the disaggregation of the sites in PWIS and to take forward sites individually depending upon each site's issues and possibilities under the umbrella of an over-arching regeneration programme: 'Future Kennington'.

(2) Confirms commitment to a vision for Prince's Ward:

Lambeth will work in collaboration with a range of partners (including All Nations Centre, Sports Action Zone, Ethelred Nursery School and Children's Centre, De Morgan Institute, The Young Foundation as a potential funding organisation for an Artisan studio school, the Prince's Trust and the Lady Margaret Hall Settlement (LMHS) as key Artisan studio school supporters, other charities, the private sector and others) to create fit for purpose, high quality, innovative, functional, viable, sustainable services delivered from those facilities. This will include:

- *High quality and appropriately designed facilities and services that are accessible, inclusive and offer a range of functional spaces.*
- *A robust partnership approach that coordinates services and facilities to meet health, social, economic, inter-generational, leisure and aspirational needs of local residents; and to achieve this in a sustainable and robust way without significant ongoing liability nor subsidy from Lambeth Council.*
- *Facilities and services that are modern, progressive, innovative and inspirational; where the capacity of the community is developed to have a stake in the ownership of the facilities; and where the management of those facilities demonstrates a similar ethos and characteristics.*

- (3) Cabinet fully supports the emerging plans for the Beaufoy and gives full approval for officers to progress these plans. Cabinet notes this compelling opportunity to create a centre of excellence for apprenticeships, training and education in traditional arts and crafts that will include master-crafts people and their workshops, the potential for a Studio Artisan Vocational Academy for age 14 – 19, exhibition and retail space for arts and crafts; furthermore, the provision of community education space for group and schools visits, meeting/conference space and space for special and events e.g. weddings. Officers are to work with the De Morgan Foundation (arts and crafts museum) as the lead partner, and other groups and partners such as the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Artisan Academy supporters and the charities of HRH Prince Charles.
- (4) Agrees to recommend to Corporate Committee that the Corporate Committee work with officers and De Morgan to keep the Beaufoy Charity and Scholarship Funds together with the Beaufoy buildings, noting that this will allow the new Beaufoy to continue and improve upon the original aims of the Beaufoy charities.
- (5) Reconfirms its commitments to the Sports Action Zone, the Ethelred Nursery School and Children's Centre, youth, adventure and play facilities. Furthermore, that Cabinet agrees to place ANC at the centre of any development at Old Lilian Baylis as a lead partner with security of tenure on an appropriate part of the site consistent with their needs. The Council views these organisations as equally important in the future of the Old Lilian Baylis site.
- (6) Instructs officers to work with identified partners and others to develop a detailed, viable and sustainable service offer for the Old Lilian Baylis site; and to incorporate on the site modern vibrant community facilities – with clear options for the development, funding and future management of those facilities.
- (7) Notes that officers will work with partners and others to begin a community engagement exercise that informs a comprehensive Equalities Impact Assessment on the repositioned strategy. The results of this work will be integrated into the ongoing development of the strategy, and shall include various stands of consultation with different interest groups e.g. youth, business people, elderly etc.
- (8) Notes the planning status of the Youth Club site and Adventure Playground as open space under the UDP and re-confirms it's commitment to opening up Lambeth Walk Open Space to Kennington Road.
- (9) Reaffirms its commitment to work with the Primary Care Trust as a major partner, whilst noting their changing circumstances and approaches to Old Lilian Baylis site.

- (10) Instructs officers to explore wider regeneration opportunities that may be created by viewing Prince's Ward in relation to development or improvement possibilities in the area e.g. developments at Albert Embankment.
- (11) Agrees that all of the recommendations in this report are subject to the outcome of a due diligence process to ensure that the proposals are sustainable and in line with the Council's vision for Princes Ward.
- (12) Re-confirms the aim to achieve a capital receipt (as included in the Council's approved Disposals programme for 2007/11) and instructs Officers to explore how this might be achieved in the context of the other recommendations in this report.
- (13) Confirms that it wishes to dispose of the assets and the liability associated with those assets.
- (14) Notes the legal advice contained in Appendix I of this report, particularly the advice regarding:
 - The five main identified options for the development of the Old Lilian Baylis site in addition to a straight disposal; whilst noting that there will be a considerable amount of further discussion and studies before a final recommendation is brought to Cabinet.
 - The five main options for the future governance of the site whilst again noting that there will be a considerable amount of further discussion and studies before a final recommendation is brought to Cabinet
 - The number of drivers and considerations (e.g. achieving a capital receipt and provision of extensive community facilities) which, when coupled with the legal implications, are often competing.
 - The key phases of the development of the sites that will require the establishment of governance and organisational structures; these phases are: physical development, facility management, and service delivery.
 - The Council's legal responsibilities, most significantly Section 123 Local Government Act 1972, which requires best consideration for the sites for the most profitable purposes permissible under planning rules.
 - The Council's powers to act, most significantly the broad ranging nature of the Wellbeing Power contained in section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.
 - The advice on the way forward.
- (15) That Cabinet notes the potential contribution of the Young Foundation and of LMHS amongst others to the development of an Artisan studio school in line with Government's desire to promote vocational specialist schools and delegates authority to the Executive Directors of Children and Young People's

Service and Regeneration and Housing to work with them to develop proposals in line with the objectives set out in this report. Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Directors of Children and Young People's Service and Regeneration and Housing to progress matters consistent with the objectives of this report and to submit letters of intent as necessary to amongst others the Young Foundation and the De Morgan Institute as necessary.

- (16) In accord with the timetable issues outlined in section 15, officers are instructed to report back to Cabinet in September 2008 with, amongst other things, a detailed project plan with timetable and milestones to deliver the renamed Future Kennington project. This is to enable the Council and community to have clarity on the timeframe for delivery of this ambitious regeneration project and certainty as to how the constituent elements of the community hub will be run and managed once it is operational.

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF ADULTS' AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (SOCIAL CARE)

(Agenda item 6 – Report 286/07-08 and appendices) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services introduced the report, explaining that it was an important indicator of how the service was improving and an action plan had been produced in response to the recommendations of the inspectors.

Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, welcomed the improvements in the department and expressed his hope that progress could be made over the issue of care charges.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet notes the Annual Review of Performance and subsequent “2 star rating” for Adult and Community Services by the Commission of Social Care Inspection (CSCI).

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9. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS (SPD) ON SHOPFRONTS AND SIGNAGE AND SAFER BUILT ENVIRONMENTS - REPORT BACK ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND FINAL APPROVAL

(Agenda item 7 – Report 287/07-08 and appendices) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise introduced the report. These Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) were two of a number of draft SPDs which had been approved for public consultation by Cabinet in October 2007.

Cabinet received the following representation:

- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, expressed concern that the Council was still working through these SPDs but did not yet have any guidance in place regarding Streatham. He felt that the Council had addressed these issues in the wrong order.

The Executive Director for Regeneration and Housing explained that the Council had commissioned and was currently working on a masterplan for Streatham. Guidance needed to be taken from the UDP and the Council was working to attract developers.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise thanked the Head of Strategic Planning for the work done on the SPDs and acknowledged the high level of detail and accuracy that they included.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That the Council's responses to representations received on the draft SPDs set out in Appendix 1 and 2, are approved;
- (2) That the amended SPDs – 'Shopfronts and Signage' and 'Safer Built Environments' - set out in Appendix 3 and 4 and the Sustainability Appraisals in Appendix 5 and 6 are adopted and used in the determination of planning applications.

10. REGENERATION AND ENTERPRISE REVIEW

(Agenda item 8 – Report 290/07-08 and table paper) (Key Decision – call in period ends 5 pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2008)

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise explained that issues had arisen regarding this reorganisation, specifically around how the Communities First programme was going to be delivered. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had looked at this issue the week before and a report had been tabled with its recommendations. In light of concerns, consultation on the division review had been suspended until full proposals were worked out as to the how delivery was to be achieved. The new proposals would be fully costed by the end of March and consultation would begin again in early April. He stressed that there would still be a strong Council presence in the borough's town centres. He MOVED the response to the reference (see (6) in resolution below).

Cabinet received the following representations:

- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, was pleased that this report was before Cabinet as it clearly constituted a policy decision with regards to the direction in which town centre management was to be taken. He felt that the current proposals were missing any structures for capacity building. The proposed structure was entirely top down and there was no room for listening to the views of

people. He was also concerned that there was currently no idea of the shape of the complementary proposals and felt that it was wrong to approve these proposals without seeing the full picture first.

- Councillor Graham Pycock noted that the report referred to democratic engagement but contained no reference to the role of ward councillors or to local consultation. The recent Local Government Act had encouraged Councils to facilitate the role of ward councillors as local leaders but these proposals did not even touch on this. They also failed to address what would replace area committees or the issue of a ward purse. He believed that it was not possible to agree the recommendations when they were palpably incomplete and a decision should be deferred until the Chief Executive had put forward his proposals.

The Divisional Director for Regeneration and Enterprise explained that the review of the division structure had come about to ensure that the division was best placed to deliver the Council's policies and strategies. During the initial consultation process, a number of issues had arisen such as how Communities First would be delivered, what would happen to the town centre offices and how would the Council continue to deliver the services currently provided by the town centre offices. The comments had been taken on board and work was being done on complementary proposals with the Adults and Community Services department. It was stressed that the relationship between the town centre offices and local ward councillors was a very important part of these new proposals.

The Chief Executive acknowledged that there were some things which would not be delivered by the new structure being proposed, particularly in relation to the democratic workstreams, and he was looking at how the gaps would be filled. There would be a thorough examination of how the various strands would lock together and deliver the Council's objectives. In the next two or three weeks, complementary proposals would be prepared.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To consider any issues arising from the very recent consideration of the rationale by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) To endorse the rationale for proposals for the Regeneration and Enterprise Division, and the expressed objective to create a culture of enterprising neighbourhoods and town centres.
- (3) To note the headline proposals for the Regeneration and Enterprise Division and work in progress to prepare complementary proposals to support the Communities First programme and ensure co-ordination with wider corporate programmes.

- (4) To note that the Executive Director: Regeneration and Housing will determine, and implement, the detailed staffing structures in Regeneration and Enterprise, following the conclusion of consultation with affected staff and trade unions and the management review period.
- (5) To note that the Chief Executive will lead the development of complementary proposals.
- (6) Cabinet notes that in the light of concerns raised by Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Chief Executive will be finalising the structure in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members.

**11. REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(23.01.08): FUTURE CLAPHAM: AWARD OF CONTRACT –
CALL-INS OF CABINET DECISION (20.12.07)**

(Agenda item 9 – Report 288/07-08)

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise introduced the report and commended the thorough debate which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had had on the issue. He explained that the Council would be looking at and reviewing the procurement process that took place in order to learn lessons from it.

Cabinet received the following representation:

- Councillor Graham Pycock asked for detail on how each of the recommendations made by the committee were going to be progressed. He particularly noted that there had been very poor response to a heavy consultation exercise and was concerned at the effectiveness of this.
- Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, explained that a major concern was the length of time during which the pool in Clapham would be closed and asked what threats may extend the length of this closure.

The Executive Director for Regeneration and Housing explained that the Council's response to each of the recommendations was contained within the report. The next stage for the scheme was to go through the planning process and, once this was complete, a review of the competitive dialogue procurement process would be taken to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The successful proposal for the scheme had involved a closure of the pool for 17 months. Whilst this was a complex construction project, the Council had done everything in its power to manage the risks and ensure that it kept to its deadlines.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise stated that he always took a challenging line on any consultation which was carried out. This had been a new approach and it was vital that the

Council continued to challenge its methods and keep improving.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That Cabinet utilize the 'fine-tuning and clarification' provision of the competitive dialogue process in order to minimise the period of Clapham Pool's closure.
- (2) That Cabinet fully review, with Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the process of utilising competitive dialogue procurement in the case of Future Clapham. The committee is particularly concerned that an excessively broad development brief, whilst driving out optimum benefit, can confine critical decisions to cabinet members, pre-empting public involvement and overriding public views.
- (3) That Cabinet conduct an evaluation of the efficacy and cost effectiveness of the communication plan in this case.
- (4) That Cabinet ensure that a robust plan is in place for alternative provision whilst Clapham swimming pool is closed.

12. NORTH LAMBETH AND NORWOOD JOINT SERVICE CENTRES

(Agenda item 10 – Report 282/07-08)

The Cabinet Member for Finance introduced the report and highlighted that feasibility work for a Lambeth First Customer Centre in the North of the borough had shown that due to constraints in the use of PFI funding this procurement route was deemed to be high risk. However, the Library service would continue to work towards developing a centre in the Lower Marsh area, using alternative funding methods. A proposal where constraints did not apply had been identified for a Joint Service Centre in Norwood.

Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, requested that officers investigate the feasibility of including Post Office services in the developments.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Cabinet authorises officers to continue to work on the development of a Lambeth First Customer Centre in Waterloo through a range of funding sources, linked to the emerging development plans for the Waterloo area and led by Libraries.
- (2) That Cabinet authorise the Executive Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with relevant Councillors and Directors to approve the Norwood Joint Service Centre Outline Business Case and its submission to DCLG.

- (3) That Cabinet note for information, that a further report confirming the details of the OBC will be submitted in June 2008 for approval.
- (4) That Cabinet note a number of key financial risks listed in paragraph 6.1.

13. VEHICLES CROSSING OVER FOOTWAYS AND VERGES

(Agenda item 11 – Report 281/07-08)

The Divisional Director of Public Realm (Environment, Culture and Community Safety) introduced the report and advised that the new powers available within Section 16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act would enable tougher enforcement against illegal vehicle crossing over footways and verges.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That Cabinet recommend to Council that the use of enforcement powers against vehicles illegally crossing over footways and verges as contained within Section 16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act be approved.
- (2) That delegated authority for the approval of a scheme of implementation of such enforcement powers be given to the Executive Director of Environment Culture and Community Safety in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport.
- (3) That further proposals for more rigid criteria for the approval of applications for legal carriage crossings, taking into account the recommendations of the London Assembly Report “Crazy Paving- The Environmental Importance of London’s Front Gardens”, be prepared for approval in September 2008.

14. 2007 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

(Agenda item 13 – Report 251/07-08 and appendix)

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People stated that the council’s performance sent a clear message about the good work being done in Lambeth to support vulnerable young people. She also highlighted the need, with the Primary Care Trust, to interrogate data in more detail. With regard to high rates of teenage pregnancy in the borough, further analysis was needed on whether live births were to young women who lived in the borough, and where the young people went to school. This analysis would better enable the council to align its strategy.

The Executive Director, Children and Young People's Service, echoed the need for thorough interrogation of the data, and advised that the Children and Young People's Service Scrutiny Sub-Committee had expressed a desire to focus on teenage pregnancy in next year's work programme.

Councillor Ashley Lumsden, Leader of the Majority Opposition, commended officers on achieving such a good result, and requested further information on the level of exclusions in Lambeth that produce a place with some form of education. It was confirmed that the Executive Director would write to Councillor Lumsden with this information. With regard to teenage pregnancies, he further stated that intervention needed to focus on areas where the council could have an impact.

Councillor Florence Nosegbe, Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People, highlighted that greater opportunities for young people and tackling worklessness were key to reducing rates of teenage pregnancy.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That Cabinet notes the results of the 2007 Annual Performance Assessment.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the areas for improvement as identified and the actions identified in the action plan attached as appendix 2.

15. THIRD QUARTER REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

(Agenda item 14 – Report 289/07-08 and appendices)

The Leader of the Council congratulated officers on the significant achievements outlined in the report. The council was improving well, with 72% of performance indicators improving or staying the same, and an improved HRA forecast. The pace of improvement corresponded with the three star rating awarded to Lambeth Council in the 2008 Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

Councillor Ashley Lumsden, the Leader of the Opposition, expressed concern that the council no longer appeared to be recording performance data in certain areas, such as street cleanliness. He emphasised that the council should be publishing data for all areas of performance.

RESOLVED:

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- (1) That Cabinet note the areas of improvement in performance.
- (2) That Cabinet endorse the action proposed to support performance improvement where needed.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIR
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