

**EXTRACT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET
HELD ON
THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2003**

MEMBERS: Councillor **Michael Rye** (Leader), *Michael Lavender* (Deputy Leader), **Alan Barker** (Social Services), **Don Delman** (Housing), **John Jackson** (Regeneration), **Alasdair Macphail** (Without Portfolio), **Terence Neville** (Environment, Park and Amenities), **David Burrowes** (Voluntary and Community Development) and *Glynis Vince* (Education, Skills and Learning).

Italics denote absence

Officers:

Director of Education, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Resources, Head of Strategic Policy, Assistant Director of Resources – Facilities, Acting Head of Human Resources, Assistant Director of Environmental Services – Contract Services, Head of Corporate Asset Management – Resources Group, Asset Review Manager – Resources Group, Assistant Director of Social Services – Adults, Borough Secretary and Solicitor, Principal Lawyer, Press Officer and Cabinet Secretary.

26. BROOMFIELD HOUSE AND ASSOCIATED LAND HOLDINGS

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) reported that the Council supported the work of the Broomfield House Task Force. It was noted that Radiomathon had withdrawn from taking a lease of the Stable Block. Further discussion had taken place with regard to the proposed modification of the covenant to allow implementation of proposals.

Councillor Michael Rye had recently met with Stephen Twigg MP, Chairman of the Task Force, who had supported the report which was to be considered in part two (No.224). The Council and the Task Force would seek to move forward rapidly on the proposals under consideration. It was anticipated that the expected budget gap would be possible to bridge.

English Heritage was aware that the two previous proposals for Broomfield House had not been pursued by Enfield Council. If the Council did not move forward now it might be necessary to go back to the commercial sector.

should be in part one or split into part one and part two reports. Report No.225 had not been made publicly available.

Members agreed that Report No.225 would remain in part two, as voted in the above resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting. However, following the Cabinet meeting, Members stated that the decision detailed in

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29. BROOMFIELD HOUSE AND ASSOCIATED LAND HOLDINGS

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) introduced the report of the Director of Resources (No.224) seeking instructions upon progressing a community based restoration of Broomfield House.

NOTED

1. the withdrawal of Radiomarathon from taking a lease of the Stable Block;
2. the fund raising consultancy report which was lodged in the Members' Library;
3. the need for the proposals to be progressed rapidly as detailed in Minute No.27 above;
4. the need to amend recommendation 2.4 of the report, as set out in item 4 below. A discussion took place with regard to Park bye-laws, the respective role and responsibilities of the Home Office and the Local Authority, and the need to undertake further public consultation before re-submitting an application to adopt new bye-laws (the Home Office model bye-laws) to the Home Office.

DECISION: The Cabinet agreed

1. the reaffirmation of the Council's support for the Broomfield House Task Force initiative to seek a restoration of Broomfield House for community based uses;
2. to endorse the community based restoration project and proposed uses of Broomfield House as displayed in the Members' Library and outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report;
3. to authorise officers to progress planning applications as necessary to allow the implementation of the proposals contained within the report;
4. as part of this proposal, to undertake to seek Home Office approval to adopt Home Office model Park bye-laws. It was also agreed that a report be submitted to Cabinet setting out the proposed opening hours for all Parks in the Borough, should Home Office approval be given to adopt new bye-laws;
5. to approve, subject to the planning position being determined, application to the Lands Tribunal for modification of the covenant to allow implementation of the proposals contained within the report;
6. to authorise further project expenditure as outlined in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3 (which contain exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) to facilitate

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implementation of the above recommendations: these costs to be reimbursed from receipts from any sale of the cottages and stable block;

7. subject to any sale of cottages and stable block proceeding, the proceeds to be ring fenced for reimbursement of the costs incurred as detailed in 6 above and the remainder for reinvestment in the House and park;
8. to the repairs and maintenance provision continuing to be ring fenced to the scheme, as detailed in the report.

Reason: To enable the Council to progress the restoration of Broomfield House.

(Exempt information – Paragraphs 7 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)) and 9 (terms proposed in the course of negotiations for a contract) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972).

(Key decision – reference number 155)