

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2004

MEMBERS: Councillors **Michael Rye** (Leader), **Michael Lavender** (Deputy Leader), **Alan Barker** (Social Services), **Don Delman** (Housing), **John Jackson** (Regeneration and Business), **Andrew Nicholas** (Corporate Strategy and Communications), **Terence Neville** (Environment and Street Scene), *David Burrowes* (Voluntary and Community Development and Leisure) and **Glynis Vince** (Education, Children's Services and Lifelong Learning).

Italics denotes absence

Officers:

Chief Executive, Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks, Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure, Director of Community and Social Services, Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Property and Procurement), Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Facilities and Enfield Connect), Asset Manager (Finance and Corporate Resources), Estate and Valuation Manager (Finance and Corporate Resources), Service Development Team Manager (Community and Social Services), Borough Secretary and Solicitor, Press Officer and Cabinet Secretary.

Also Attending:

Councillors Matthew Laban (Chairman of the Environment, Parks and Amenities Scrutiny Panel and Chairman of the Green Belt Forum), Tony Dey, George Savva, James Steven, John Yates and Ann Zinkin.

15. BROOMFIELD HOUSE AND ASSOCIATED LAND HOLDINGS

Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.280) seeking Cabinet instructions whether the Council would wish to review its current position with regard to the restoration of Broomfield House.

NOTED

1. that Councillor Michael Rye (Leader of the Council) reiterated that the Council was supportive of the work of the Broomfield House Task Force and recognised that a number of hurdles still needed to be overcome including the issue of the covenants and the timing of the lottery bids. The Council had given a commitment that the funds from the sale of the stable block and cottages would be ring fenced in support of the restoration of Broomfield House. This was a significant step which had not been agreed by previous Council administrations;

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2. the comments of Councillor Ann Zinkin as a member of the Broomfield House Task Force. Councillor Zinkin was a keen supporter of Broomfield House and was a Ward Councillor for the area. Significant progress had been made in the last year and the Council had been supportive of moving the matter forward. It was hoped that further progress could be made and that a planning application as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report could be actioned without delay;
3. Members' endorsement of recommendation 2.1.2 of the report. The Council was not a position to allocate resources up to £4.5m as detailed in recommendation 2.1.1 of the report. Broomfield House could not be prioritised above other capital needs in the Borough, including road repairs. Whilst Broomfield House was not a priority capital item, the matter was included within the Council's capital programme. The restoration would be kept under review within the capital programme in future years and a further report to the Cabinet would be required prior to any funding being agreed in the future;
4. that section A5 of Appendix A to the report should be amended with the deletion of the words "greater municipalisation" and the insertion of "the Council".

Alternative Options Considered: NOTED the alternative options considered as detailed in section 6 of the report.

DECISION: The Cabinet

1. reaffirmed the Council's existing position whereby a contribution of approximately 25% of the total restoration cost was to be funded from identified asset disposals in support of external fundraising and a bid for lottery funding prior to restoration commencing;
2. agreed to authorise a planning application for a temporary cabin style café provision as outlined in Appendix 1 (A8) to the report;
1. agreed that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources be authorised to approve actions following from those matters outlined in Appendix A to the report as follows:
 - (a) an application, if appropriate, to the Heritage Lottery Board for a planning grant in support of the project;
 - (b) application to the Lands Tribunal regarding the covenants;
 - (c) expenditure to release capital receipts and supporting the fundraising initiatives such as a festival of music in the park this summer.

Reason: To provide an opportunity for Members to consider how best to support the full restoration of the house.

(Key decision – reference number 475)