MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 at 6.07 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Chris Best, Damien Egan, Helen Klier, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank, Crada Onuegbu, Alan Smith, Susan Wise and Janet Daby

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Jim Mallory and Councillor John Muldoon

260. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Paul Maslin declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a resident of a CPZ area which was not the subject of this report.

Councillor Janet Daby declared a personal interest in Item 8 as an employee of a fostering provider that had no contracts with Lewisham.

261. Minutes Front Sheet

RESOLVED that the minutes of that part of the meetings of the Mayor and Cabinet, which was open to the press and public held on February 22 2012, and March 7 2012, be confirmed and signed.

262. Scrutiny matters

The Mayor received a written report detailing the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel on the item on the Surrey Canal Triangle which he had considered on March 7. The Mayor noted the comments made.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

263. Outstanding Scrutiny References

The Mayor received a report on issues which had previously been considered that awaited the responses requested from Directorates.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

The Mayor explained that although this item had been on the agenda of his last meeting, notice had not been received of the presence of a delegation of residents and consideration of the report had concluded before their admittance to the meeting. The Mayor thus re-invited representations from Councillor Jim Mallory, the Chair of the Lee Green Assembly and from Wendy Lloyd a member of the Assembly Working Party on Parking.

Councillor Mallory explained in detail the background to the submission of the current Lee Green Assembly paper on parking. Councillor Mallory and Wendy Lloyd made a joint presentation on the Assembly's written report.

In response, the Executive Director for Customer Services indicated he would prepare a response for Mayoral consideration on the issues raised by the Lee Green Assembly, but that there were also broader issues being raised which would better form part of a boroughwide review of parking issues that he expected to complete later in the municipal year.

RESOLVED That the Executive Directors for Customer Services and for Resources and Regeneration to consider and report back to him on the implications of the `Statement of Community Views' from the Lee Green Assembly.

265. HCSC referral Premature mortality review

The report was presented by Councillor John Muldoon, the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

The Chief Executive commented that legislative changes had created a unique opportunity to localise public health. He reported on discussions he had already held with local health professionals and said he expected the issues raised would be addressed by all Executive Directors at the Executive Management Team. He said over the course of the next year he expected public health to be enmeshed into the fabric of the council.

RESOLVED That all four Executive Directors be asked to collaborate on a joint response to the Review's recommendations.

266. Adoption SoP and Adoption Children's Guides

RESOLVED That

(i) the report of the work of the Adoption Service be received;

(ii) the review of the Statement of Purpose be approved; and

(iii) the two new Children's Guides to Adoption be agreed.

267. Fostering Statement of Purpose Children's Guide

RESOLVED That the Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service for 2012-2013 and Children's Guide – My Guide to Foster Care be approved

268. Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding LAC

The Cabinet Member for Children & Young People reported that along with Durham and Lincolnshire, Lewisham has achieved the outstanding grade. The Executive Director for Children and Young People observed that some recommendations had been made for improvement and that the authority would strive to do even better especially in regard to Looked After Children.

The Mayor said he believed the report reflected very well on all those involved and he placed on record his thanks to all concerned.

RESOLVED That the results of the inspection of safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission be welcomed.

269. Admissions Policy 2013-14

RESOLVED That

(i) the nursery, primary, secondary and sixth form admission arrangements for Lewisham's community schools as set out in appendices A to F be approved;

(ii) the admission limits for the academic year 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix G be approved;

(iii) the creation of Trinity Primary School, including the admissions limit, subject to separate consultation, be noted and that the determined admissions number be included with the determined numbers for clarity; and

(iv) the Pan London Admission Schemes for reception and secondary transfer and the local scheme for in year admissions as detailed in Appendix H be approved.

270. Additional Primary Places Consultation

The Executive Director for Children & Young People updated the report by saying that at paragraph 6.1.4 an announcement had been made concerning the Base Needs Allocation and Lewisham had been awarded almost £16million of the £600million available. She confirmed that the shortfall in funding would not affect the proposals under immediate discussion but that future projections would have to be revisited.

RESOLVED That

(i) the following project should be taken forward to increase permanently the supply of primary school places from September 2013:

Publish a Statutory Notice to lower the age of entry at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College so that it offers 2 forms of entry from Reception to Year 6 and retains its current 8 forms of secondary entry

(ii) as the Governors of Trinity Lewisham Church of England School have agreed admission criteria of 80% open places and 20% faith-based places for the proposed primary phase, the Statutory Notice to enlarge the school will therefore be published as agreed by the Mayor in April 2011; and (iii) the decision of Torridon Junior School Governing Body not to proceed with the option of enlarging to offer 2 forms of entry at the Mornington Centre be noted and the Executive Director for Children Young People continue to explore options to extend provision.

271. Allocations and Lettings Plan

RESOLVED That

(i) the lettings outcomes for 2010/11 and 2011/12 and the position on the housing register be noted; and

(ii) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2012/13 be approved.

272. Boone's Almshouses

The Director for Regeneration pointed out the application reported at paragraph 5.4 had been withdrawn and another would be required.

The Mayor stated he had considered the objections of the owners and the support offered by local amenity groups and that he was persuaded that local listing was correct and that he would only consider the use of Section 4 powers for buildings that were in imminent danger.

RESOLVED That the addition of the former Boone's Almshouses and associated original front wall and piers to the Local List be approved.

273. Social housing options HSC response

RESOLVED That the draft response be approved for reporting to the Housing Select Committee.

274. Rebuilding of Brent Knoll School

RESOLVED That

(i) having noted the positive response to the consultation, approval be given for Brent Knoll School to be rebuilt and relocated on the old Greenvale School site (69 Perry Rise, London, SE23 2QU) as part of the Council's BSF Programme, subject to all necessary consents and approvals under the BSF programme being obtained;

(ii) there is no statutory requirement to publish a public notice in relation to the proposed relocation of Brent Knoll School as the proposed new site for the school is located within two miles of the existing site (as per the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007);

(iii) the formal agreement of the governing bodies of Brent Knoll and Watergate Schools to become foundation schools (trust schools) with an implementation date of 2 April 2012 be noted;

(iv) in accordance with Regulation 2 of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007), the existing sites for Brent Knoll and Watergate School will be treated as having transferred to the trustees of the school on the implementation date;

(v) officers be authorised to proceed to complete the legal transfer of the existing Watergate School site to the trustees of the school for nil consideration as soon as possible following the implementation date and authority be delegated to the Director of Asset Strategy & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Law, to finalise the terms of the transfer;

(vi) subject to the proposal to re-site Brent Knoll on the old Greenvale Site, officers defer the legal transfer of the existing Brent Knoll site to the trustees of the school.

275. Appointment of LA governors

RESOLVED That the persons listed below be appointed as School Governors,

Ms Hilary Moore	Baring
Ms Bev Feather	Downderry
Mr George Kwasniewski	Elfrida
Ms Antonia Makinde	St Saviour's RC
Mr Paul Beresford	Coopers Lane
Ms Debra Viller	Downderry
Mr Lennox Hamilton	Adamsrill

276. Watergate Brent Knoll Trust

RESOLVED That

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(vi) subject to the proposal to re-site Brent Knoll on the old Greenvale Site, officers defer the legal transfer of the existing Brent Knoll site to the trustees of the school.

277. Variation Instruments Chelwood Trinity

RESOLVED That

(i) the name of the institution be changed to Trinity Church of England School, Lewisham (The school is known as Trinity, Lewisham) i.e. to delete the word 'secondary' from the title; and

(ii) the Sponsor organisation in the Chelwood Instrument be changed.

278. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

279. Catford Town Centre Regeneration Update

RESOLVED That

(i) the rationale for commencing the decant of Milford Towers prior to a commercial deal being completed be noted;

(ii) the proposed amendments to the decant delivery strategy be approved;

(iii) where agreement can be reached, secure tenants in Milford Towers be rehoused on a voluntary basis;

(iv) home loss and disturbance payments are made to displaced secure tenants in Milford Towers where appropriate in accordance with the Land Compensation Act 1973;

(v) design options analysis to date and the recommencement of the Catford Town Centre AAP process (including public consultation) in line with previous approvals from the Mayor and Council be noted;

(vi) officers should proceed with feasibility work to determine the way forward for the re-provision of council offices;

(vii) the work to date on developing a strategy for achieving commercial vacant possession and that officers finalise a strategy and budget for this process be noted; and

(viii) the commercial deal update and the requirement for external legal and commercial advice to complete negotiations be noted.

280. Deptford Town Centre Regeneration Programme

RESOLVED That

(i) the details of the enhanced housing solution be approved and officers be authorised to proceed with attempts to deliver this scheme over and above the baseline scheme approved on 25 June 2008, subject to consideration of the response to the statutory consultation and the Equalities Analysis Assessment;

(ii) statutory consultation under Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 with secure tenants of the existing housing blocks 22-80 Giffin Street and 82-150 Giffin Street and 2-30 Reginald Road with respect to the enhanced housing solution;

(iii) officers be asked to undertake an Equalities Analysis Assessment in relation to the enhanced housing solution;

(iv) the details of the soft market testing be noted; and

(v) an OJEU procurement be commenced using the competitive dialogue procedure for a development partner to deliver the enhanced housing solution.