

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 20 June 2012 at 6.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor John Muldoon and Councillor John Paschoud

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Smith

301. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Millbank declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a Governor at Crossways.

Councillor Klier declared a personal interest in Item 6 as a Governor at Lewisham College.

302. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet, which was open to the press and public held on May 30 2012, be confirmed and signed.

303. Matters raised by Scrutiny

No items had been raised.

304. Outstanding scrutiny items

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.

305. Future of Crossways Sixth Form

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Helen Klier and by the Executive Director for Children & Young People's representative who requested that if the proposals were

agreed, a special meeting of the Mayor & Cabinet be held in September to consider consultation outcomes.

The Mayor was also addressed by Councillor Paul Bell, a Telegraph Hill Ward Councillor who strongly opposed the proposals. He said the Ward Councillors wished the Mayor to consider a different proposal and called for work to take place with a community partner to develop an alternative option that would prevent what they believed was a take over of a community school by an undemocratic institution. He expressed dismay that Crossways Academy had been allowed to decline and while agreeing action was necessary, called for a less drastic solution involving non secular community education.

In response the Mayor recalled he had been involved with the transfer of education responsibilities from ILEA to the borough in 1990 and that secondary education in the borough had always been delivered by a range of providers. He said he viewed this diversity as a considerable strength and in terms of Faith schools, noted these had proved consistently popular with parents of all faiths and of none. In accepting the recommendations, he noted he was authorising a consultation process and not taking a final decision.

RESOLVED That

(i) officers be instructed to undertake consultation on the closure of Crossways Sixth Form and the expansion of Christ the King Sixth Form College provision on to the site; and

(ii) the outcomes of the consultation be brought back to the Mayor and Cabinet.

306. Addey and Stanhope 6th Form

The Executive Director for Children & Young People's representative confirmed that subsequent to the report being written, written confirmation had been received from the Department for Education approving the capital funding.

RESOLVED That

(i) the nil response to the statutory notice published by the Governing Body of Addey and Stanhope School on 26th April

2012 be noted; and

(ii) the proposal to expand Addey and Stanhope School by adding a sixth form from September 2013 be approved.

307. Complex Needs Consultation Responses

The Mayor reported he had received representations from Unison concerning the potential loss of jobs among lowly paid female staff. In response, he added an extra recommendation calling for enhanced support mechanisms to be put in place.

RESOLVED That

(i) the outcomes from the public consultation be received and the savings proposals set out on 15 February 2012 be implemented;

(ii) Support for children with complex needs in PVI early years settings be on the same basis as for early years settings in schools and therefore the Inclusion Early Years Team be transferred to an expanded Educational Psychology function within the Standards and Achievement service, working alongside the Early Years Improvement team, with support for ASD children coming from an increased early years resource at Drumbeat; and

(iii) Support for vulnerable children, young people and their families/carers, and to educational settings be provided by the Early Intervention Service, building on the work previously undertaken by the BEST team; and

(iv) officers be asked to identify a package of support for affected staff to help them find alternative employment in the Council and elsewhere.

308. Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation

RESOLVED That:

(i) the instrument of government for the Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation¹ July 2012 be made by LA order; and

(ii) the following persons be appointed as Local Authority Governors the Federation:

Joe Perry
Joyce Greene
Barbara Smith
Brian Lymbery

309. Torricon ASD Resource Base

RESOLVED That

(i) the responses to the consultations be noted; and

(ii) a Statutory Notice be published for the development of an ASD resource base at Torricon Infant and Junior Schools.

310. Small Scale Traffic Schemes 2012-13

Councillor Best received confirmation that post implementation checks did take place on schemes that had already been carried out and that the authority fully utilised TfL funding streams.

RESOLVED That

(i) the prioritisation of Small Scale Traffic Schemes for 2012-13 in Appendix A be approved;

(ii) applicable funding identified via S106 or other external sources be used to investigate and treat items from the priority list;

(iii) the small scale traffic schemes carried out in 2011-12 be noted;

(iv) officers report back next year on additional small scale traffic scheme requests received and action taken in respect of the 2012-13 programme;

(v) the Borough's 2012-13 "Local Transport Funding" allocation from Transport for London of £100,000 be allocated as listed below:

- i. £50,000 be allocated to the programme of Small Scale Traffic Schemes;
- ii. £30,000 be allocated to the development of future traffic schemes;
- iii. £20,000 be allocated to public transport improvements.

(vi) the revenue traffic management budget for 2012-13 of £75,000 be allocated as listed below:

- iv. £25,000 be allocated to the programme of Small Scale Traffic Schemes;
- v. £20,000 be allocated for new waiting and loading restrictions;
- vi. £10,000 be allocated for footway parking;
- vii. £10,000 be allocated for the application of Speed Indicator Devices;
- viii. £10,000 be allocated for traffic flow and speed surveys;

311. Redevelopment of Excalibur Estate

RESOLVED That

- (i) Initial Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within Phase 1, 2,3 and 4 in order to suspend the requirement for the Council to complete right to buy applications for as long as the Notices remain in force;
- (ii) Final Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within Phase 1, 2 3 and 4

once the proposed demolition date is known, in order to render all existing right to buy applications ineffective and prevent any further right to buy applications being made; and

(iii) Prefabs in Phases 3, 4 and 5 that become vacant are no longer let on a permanent basis

312. Tenancy Strategy

Councillor Best requested officers to carefully consider terminology and soften language where appropriate citing the example of a 'serious permanent' designation to refer to people with a long term vulnerability.

RESOLVED That:

(i) the draft Tenancy Strategy be approved;

(ii) the Mayor and Cabinet position agreed on 20th April 2011 namely a review of fixed term tenancy linked to the age of youngest child be amended from youngest child 18 years old, to oldest child 21 years old – to allow for further education;

(iii) formal consultation with Registered Providers and the Greater London Authority be undertaken;

(iv) a one year review to be reported back to a Mayor and Cabinet meeting in 2013; and

(v) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to agree and publish the final version.

313. Allocations scheme review

The Executive Director for Customer Services representative confirmed a Commencement Order had been received on June 18 and the operative date would be October 29 2012.

RESOLVED That

(i) the implications of the proposed new

policy be noted;

(ii) the policy be implemented with effect from 29th October 2012. The delay in implementation to enable staff to implement an upgrade of the choice based lettings IT system. Should the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 relating to allocations not receive a commencement date by 29th October, the affected policy provisions shall come into effect on the commencement date of the relevant Localism Act provisions;

(iii) the new policy be reviewed after 6 months and that any changes be reported for approval to Mayor and Cabinet; and

(iv) the issues from the equalities analysis assessment carried out for this change be noted.

314. Open Space Strategy

RESOLVED That the proposed Open Space Strategy 2012-2017 and 3 year action plan be approved.

315. Reponse to Healthier Communities Select Committee

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Community Services, Councillor Chris Best who pointed out information on the Shadow Health and Well Being Board was now appearing on the website. The Mayor accepted her advice that an exceptional case had not been made to add a Trade Union representative to the Board.

RESOLVED That the response from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments from the Healthier Communities Select Committee, as set out, be approved and forwarded to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

316. Appointment of Local Authority Governors

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

Ms. R Clarke	Perrymount
Fr Owen Beament	Kender
Mr Chris Tuffey	Sir Francis Drake
Mr Paul Beresford	Coopers Lane
Ms. Jan Ibrahim	Holbeach
Dr Simon Edwards	Haseltine
Dr Danny Ruta	Bonus Pastor

317. Management Report Introduction

RESOLVED That the Management Report be noted.

318. HCSC Referral - personalisation

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

RESOLVED That the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee as set out be noted and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response to the referral.

319. Financial outturn 2011-12

RESOLVED That the financial results for the year ending 31 March 2012 be noted.

320. 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:

321. Removal of Governor

The Mayor stated he was not going to determine the issue but instead adopt the procedure shown in the recommendation below.

RESOLVED That the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to identify a suitable independent person to review the proposal and allow the Governor concerned to make representations and question what is proposed. The independent advisor would prepare a report for consideration at a special Mayor & Cabinet meeting.

322. Building Schools for the Future Sydenham School Stage 1 Approval

RESOLVED That

(i) the approval by Partnership for Schools (PfS) on 17th March 2010 of the Stage 0 Business Case for this project;

(ii) the receipt of the Stage 1 submission and subsequent clarifications from the LEP and the observations arising from the evaluation of this submission be noted;

(iii) the update on the BSF programme be noted;

(iv) the update on progress with school organisation and approvals, design development and the timetable for development as set out and the comments re Value for Money (VfM), the financial implications, legal implications and key risks be noted;

(v) the consideration by the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration of a request by the LEP for the Authority to underwrite the cost of works associated with the continuance of design/planning work carried out post-Stage 1 submission but pre-Stage 1 approval, be noted;

(vi) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration,

on the advice of the Head of Law, to enter into an early works agreement;

(vii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, on the advice of the Head of Law, to give approval at the Strategic Partnering Board to Option B in the LEP's Stage 1 submission, the procedure for which approval is summarised in Appendix 1, subject to the provision by the LEP of a satisfactory VfM assessment;

(viii) the use of BSF programme contingency up to a stipulated ceiling be approved to meet the cost of option B;

(ix) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, on the advice of the Head of Law, to negotiate a financial contribution from the school to the project costs, such that the refurbishment scope can be increased from option B towards option C during Stage 2, subject to a suitable form of agreement between school and Authority; and

(x) officers be instructed to bring back a further report to the Mayor for approval at the end of Stage 2, to set out the full technical and commercial terms of the proposal to be taken to financial close.