

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 10 April 2013 at 6.01 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Julia Fletcher, Councillor Jim Mallory and Councillor John Muldoon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Crada Onuegbu.

475. Declaration of interests

Councillor Susan Wise declared a personal interest in Item 12 as a Ward Councillor in the proposed area.

476. Minutes

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 20 and March 6 2013, be confirmed and signed.

477. 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.

478. Parking Policy Review

The report was introduced Councillor Susan Wise and by the Head of Public Services. The Mayor was then addressed by Councillor Jim Mallory who welcomed the report and said it fully reflected the concerns previously expressed by the Lee Green Assembly. He said there were some lingering concerns on implementation but that overall the range of measures being proposed fully reflected the information provided through the survey.

Councillor Helen Klier received an assurance that officers would include local councillors in any public consultation on any new CPZ in their wards.

The Mayor thanked everyone involved in the review and recognised a number of conflicting responses had been received. He expressed concern on the relatively high charges levied for business parking and said he would look again at this issue in the future. He said he had considered options on charging models very carefully but owing to the anomalies differential charging could create, he had concluded the current flat-rate charging model at £120 should be maintained.

Having considered the officer report, and the presentations from the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, and a Lee Green Ward Councillor, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

(i) a minimum turnout of 10% of households be maintained within the implementation area, below which the consultation will be deemed inconclusive;

(ii) CPZs be introduced where over 50% of residents (that vote) in the implementation area are supportive;

(iii) the additional Mayor and Cabinet decision-making process for results between 50% and 55% be removed;

(iv) consultation involve residents across a given area that are considered to be affected by both existing and potentially displaced parking pressure;

(v) the responsiveness of the CPZ review process be enhanced to ensure residents affected by displaced parking are consulted and agreed solutions are implemented;

(vi) flexibility be maximised where feasible by offering a menu of options for the operating hours of CPZs, recognising the options available will depend on the parking attractors in the local area;

(vii) a standardised approach for the submission and collation of CPZ parking issues to the Council be developed;

(viii) where significant parking problems are predicted as a result of developments, a presentation of evidence and specific solutions be considered on a case by case basis, to be approved at Mayor and Cabinet. Solutions may include residents being given a chance to influence the design of the CPZ, but not vote as to whether one will be implemented;

(ix) a new charging model that is customer-focussed, offers affordable concessions to residents and visitors, and is supported by a strong policy rationale be introduced;

(x) the new parking permit charges be frozen at the new levels until the 2015/16 financial year and reviewed annually thereafter to take account of financial pressures;

(xi) the public be consulted on any future charge increases that exceed inflation;

(xii) a concessionary rate (£30) be introduced to resident permit holders with the most efficient vehicles (e.g. Tax Bands A-B);

(xiii) the current flat-rate charging model at £120 be maintained;

(xiv) new scheme rules and a refunds policy governing the new permit charges be introduced;

(xv) the cost of weekly visitor parking permits be reduced from £28 to £20 per week;

(xvi) On application, a book of 10 visitor parking permits (1-hour) be provided free of charge to all households that currently have at least one resident parking permit holder;

(xvii) On application, a book of 10 visitor parking permits (1-hour) be provided free of charge to residents in CPZs that are

over 60 years and in receipt of council tax support and do not have another parking permit;

(xviii) carer parking permits be provided free of charge;

(xix) the current annual charge for a business parking permit (£500) be maintained;

(xx) the current charges for car parking and on-street Pay and Display facilities be maintained;

(xxi) the implementation of free short-stay bays of 30-minutes near business hubs be maintained, but a longer duration of 1-hour be considered in specific circumstances;

(xxii) Blue Badge Holders continue to be provided with a resident parking permit free of charge;

(xxiii) the introduction of advisory bays in non-CPZ areas continue to be facilitated; but advisory bays be removed or converted to mandatory bays in CPZ areas;

(xxiv) an application process be established for disabled bays, with set criteria to ensure that these bays are necessary, safe and feasible;

(xxv) an annual programme be established , as part of the CPZ programme, for the provision and review of disabled parking across the borough;

(xxvi) the national scheme be maintained of a 20-minute period for loading or unloading items or other goods from the vehicle and a 5 minute minimum observation period to ascertain whether this activity is being carried out before considering enforcement actions;

(xxvii) all parking policies be refreshed and collate into an integrated and accessible parking policy document;

(xxviii) the policy be refreshed at least every three years;

(xxix) the Executive Director of Customer Services and the Executive Director of Resources and Regeneration be authorised to approve the final policy document in line with these recommendations;

(xxx) a prioritised programme for the consultation, implementation and review of CPZs be established;

(xxxi) a new funding model for the proposed CPZ Programme be established;

(xxxii) an annual report be received on the proposed CPZ Programme and on the delivery of the previous year's programme;

(xxxiii) an enhanced and accessible annual report on parking related Revenue be produced;

(xxxiv) work continue with schools to develop School Travel Plans to encouraging safe and sustainable travel for their staff, pupils and parents;

(xxxv) Pay and Display machines be phased out over-time in favour of more cost effective and cashless parking, alongside alternatives for people who do not have access to a mobile phone or debit/credit card;

(xxxvi) Where funding is available, new charging points for electric vehicles be placed in locations that seek to serve the wider community; and

(xxxvii) all signs within existing CPZs be reviewed as part of the review programme to ensure they are consistent and clear.

479. Refuse & Recycling Service Standards

Having considered an officer report, a presentation by the

Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That the proposed Service Standards for Refuse & Recycling as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

480. Catford Bridge Tavern Confirmation of Article 4 Direction

The report was introduced by Councillor Susan Wise and by the Head of Planning. The Mayor was next addressed by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran who said he was delighted with the confirmation of the Article 4 direction and that he believed the case for it was considerably strengthened by the immense public support witnessed by a petition signed by more than 2,000 people.

The Mayor noted that since April 1 the Council had again been responsible for public health and that as well as supporting the proposals the council was also committed to the promotion of responsible drinking.

Having considered both open and confidential officer reports, and presentation by the Deputy Mayor and by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, the Mayor agreed:

RESOLVED That that the Article 4 (1) Direction for the Catford Bridge Tavern be confirmed.

481. Planning Service Improvements Development Management

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

(i) a future report be presented setting out the proposed changes to the Statement of Community Involvement;

(ii) the new approach to Major Applications, including the introduction of a Major Application Protocol, new Schedule of Charges and changes to the Design Review Panel be noted;

(iii) the Enforcement Charter be noted; and

(iv) the changes to the scheme of delegation for Enforcement be noted.

482. Proposed Heathside & Lethbridge CPO

Officers pointed out that the plan attached to the report should only include Travis House and Ferguson House and that the inclusion of Melville House was an error. Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

(i) a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in accordance with Section 17 of Part II of the Housing Act 1985 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, for the compulsory acquisition of all interests in the land and buildings known as Travis House and Ferguson House, Heathside and Lethbridge Estate, Lewisham, other than those interests already in the ownership of the Council;

(ii) authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Asset Management (Interim), in consultation with the Head of Law, to determine the final extent of the land to be included within the Compulsory Purchase Order provided that the Compulsory Purchase Order shall not include any additional land outside the area shown on the plan at Appendix A;

(iii) appropriate Officers be authorised to take such other action as may be necessary to make, obtain confirmation and effect the Compulsory Purchase Order and to acquire all interests under it; and

(iv) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration (in the event that the Secretary of State notifies the Council that it has been given the power to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order) to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order if the Executive Director is satisfied that it is

appropriate to do so.

483. Excalibur Estate Update

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that

(i) where necessary, Notice of Seeking Possession be served and possession proceedings brought against secure tenants of properties in Phase 3 under Ground 10 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1985;

(ii) where necessary secure tenants in later Phases be rehoused by agreement in the Phase 1 and 2 new build in accordance with their needs and properties available;

(iii) any properties in Phase 3 which were previously sold under the Right to Buy be repurchased by the Council at market value (plus reasonable professional fees) where agreement can be reached with freeholders, in advance of any Compulsory Purchase Order being made by the Council and to delegate authority to the Head of Corporate Property Services, in consultation with the Head of Law, to negotiate and agree the acquisition terms;

(iv) secure tenants and resident freeholders of properties in Phase 3 are re-housed;

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

(vi) subject to the consent of the Secretary of State being obtained under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985, the appropriation of 2 Wentland Road and 7 Baudwin Road within Phases 1 and 2 of the Excalibur Estate redevelopment scheme, from housing purposes to planning purposes under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved; and that an application

be made to the Secretary of State under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985 for consent to the appropriation.

484. Cash Incentive Scheme

Councillor Susan Wise asked to be provided with an update on park homes subsequent to the meeting.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That the proposed changes to grants provided through the Cash Incentive Scheme be approved.

485. Annual Lettings Plan

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

- (i) the lettings outcomes for 2011/12 and 2012/13 and the position on the housing register be noted;
- (ii) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2013/14 be approved.

486. Air Quality Management Area

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That an Order be made to designate a new Air Quality Management Area for NO2 for the area north of the A205 not already covered by previous designations.

487. Admissions Policy 2014-15

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, the

Mayor:

RESOLVED That

(i) the admissions arrangements for Lewisham's community schools be agreed as follows:

Appendix A nursery policy arrangements,
Appendix B admissions policy for reception classes,
Appendix C admissions policy for Year 7 (secondary transfer),
Appendix D In Year (mid term) admissions policy for primary and secondary schools,
Appendix E generic arrangements for primary and secondary schools and
Appendix F sixth form admission policy for Lewisham's community schools.

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

488. Financial Forecasts 2012 13

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, the Mayor.

RESOLVED That the financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2013 be noted.

489. Promoting a Sense of Belonging referral response

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services, the Mayor:

RESOLVED the proposed response be forwarded to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

490. Small Scale Traffic Schemes 2013-4

Councillor Susan Wise asked why Houston Road had not benefited from improvements and was promised officers would update her subsequent to the meeting.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

(i) the prioritisation of Small Scale Traffic Schemes for 2013-14 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 2012-13 be noted;

(iv) officers report back next year on additional small scale traffic scheme requests received and action taken in respect of the 2013-14 programme;

(v) the Borough's 2013-14 "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. £50,000 be allocated to the development of the programme of LIP projects for 2014-2017;

(vi) the revenue traffic management budget for 2013-14 of £65,000 be allocated as listed below:

i. £25,000 be allocated to the programme of Small Scale Traffic Schemes;

ii. £20,000 be allocated for new waiting and loading restrictions;

iii. £10,000 be allocated for footway parking;

iv. £10,000 be allocated for traffic flow and speed surveys;

491. Referral Children and Young People Select Committee Strengthening Specialist Provision

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that

RESOLVED That the Executive Director for Children and Young People be asked to prepare a response.

492. Referral from Housing Select Committee

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to prepare a response.

493. Referral from Healthier Communities Select Committee

The report was presented by the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor John Muldoon, who congratulated the Mayor on being appointed Chair of the Health and Well Being Board and welcomed the return of public health responsibilities to local government after a 39 year exile. He advised the Mayor his Select Committee had felt it appropriate to raise two matters affecting young people with the Mayor.

Having considered an officer report, and the presentation by the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That the Executive Director for Children and Young People be asked to prepare a response

494. Referral from Sustainable Development Select Committee

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that

RESOLVED That the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response.

495. 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:

496. Catford Bridge Tavern Part 2

Prior to the open session of the meeting, the Mayor considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, containing confidential legal and financial information relating to possible compensation payments.

RESOLVED That the report inform the consideration of the same item on the open agenda.

497. Excalibur Phase 3 Decant

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That the

(i) a stipulated sum be used to progress the decanting of Phase 3 tenants and freeholders to be repaid by L & Q at the point of transfer; and

(ii) authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Asset Management, in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, Executive Director for Customer Services and Head of Law, to negotiate and agree the market value of the Phase 1 and 2 site.