

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 25 June 2014 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Councillors Alan Smith, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Janet Daby, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank and Rachel Onikosi

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Stella Jeffrey and Councillor David Michael.

3. Declaration of interests

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in Item 15 as a Board member of the Surrey Canal Sports Federation and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Paul Maslin declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Item 8 as a parent of a Trinity Primary School pupil.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on April 9 and April 11 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6. Financial Outturn 2013-14

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

7. Sir Francis Drake Primary School

The report was introduced by Councillor Paul Maslin, the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People who acknowledged concerns were still held by parents and he referred to tabled addendum documents reflecting late received petitions opposing the proposed demolition.

The Executive Director for Children & Young People's representative referred to the written response to the concerns that had been expressed and he outlined the engagement that had taken place with the Education Funding Agency to modify the proposals.

The Mayor was addressed by Mr Fraser Jopp, the Chair of Governors at Sir Francis Drake Primary School. He reported that the expansion remained a highly sensitive issue for current parents and children and did not think that resistance would end while they believed that alternatives such as building an

entirely new school elsewhere in the north of the borough remained. He stated the views of the Governors were broadly as before and as set out in writing. He stated the Governors desire to properly interrogate the design proposals. He said he believed Sir Francis Drake was popular because it was a small 1FE school and that it was crucial that the transition to a larger school was properly managed to ensure a high quality teaching and learning experience could be maintained.

The Executive Director for Children & Young People's representative responded by indicating the design proposals could be worked up over the summer and approvals would be sought from the Education Funding Agency in the autumn. He further pointed out an entirely new school had been ruled out because a suitable site could not be identified and that this problem was one of the principal reasons why the well-publicised Free Schools initiative had such limited appeal in the borough. He also acknowledged the suggestion of a permanent dedicated space in Deptford Park had not been developed even though the school was proximate to the park.

In response, the Mayor recognized that individual parents would express legitimate concerns about their local school but that he held a wider responsibility to parents generally and he was charged with tackling the problem of finding places for a sharply rising number of children entering the education system. He noted the lack of enthusiastic support for change but concluded he had no real choice other than to go ahead. He affirmed his commitment to support the school and said he expected officers to keep elected members informed on developments. He asked the Chair of Governors to report any support failings directly to him.

Having considered an officer report and an addendum summarising further Representations from parents, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, and the Chair of Governors at Sir Francis Drake Primary School, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the responses received during the representation period on proposals to enlarge Sir Francis Drake Primary School be received; and

(ii) the proposal to enlarge Sir Francis Drake Primary School from 1 to 2 forms of entry with effect from September 2016, subject to the development of satisfactory building proposals in partnership with the Education Funding Agency be approved.

8. Small Scale Traffic Schemes 2014-5

The report was introduced by the Deputy Mayor who reported an amended appendix had been tabled which corrected an error in the priority order for schemes.

Having considered an officer report and an addendum reordering the scheme

priorities, and a presentation by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the prioritisation of Small Scale Traffic Schemes for 2014-15 shown in the amended 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 2013-14 be noted:

(iv) officers report back next year on additional small scale traffic scheme requests received and action taken in respect of the 2014-15 programme.

(v) the Borough's 2014-15 "Local Transport Funding" allocation from Transport for London of £100,000 be allocated as listed below:

- i. £50,000 to the programme of Small Scale Traffic Schemes;
- ii. £50,000 to the development of LIP schemes and the implementation of minor urgent local traffic works;

(vi) the revenue traffic management budget for 2014-15 of £65,000 be allocated as listed below:

- i. £25,000 to the programme of Small Scale Traffic Schemes;
- ii. £20,000 for new waiting and loading restrictions;
- iii. £10,000 for footway parking;
- iv. £10,000 for the maintenance and relocation of speed indicator devices / traffic flow and speed surveys.

9. Adoption Statement of Purpose update

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People who congratulated all the staff involved in the compilation of an excellent report and their involvement in a national initiative about to be launched on adoption placements.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the work of the Adoption Service be noted;

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

(iii) the two updated Children's Guides to Adoption be noted.

10. Trinity Primary School

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the Council was under a duty to transfer the land and buildings shown on an attached plan at to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and the transfer should take place as set out; and

(ii) authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration & Asset Management, in consultation with the Executive Director for Children & Young People and the Head of Law, to agree the final terms of the transfer and to agree and conclude any other outstanding issues in connection with the land transfer arrangements.

11. Somerville and Kenton Court Extra Care Scheme

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People who confirmed the Council had already been in informal dialogue with all but two of the tenants in the facilities under discussion.

The Executive Director for Community Services representative pointed out any impression that the contract between the Council and Notting Hill had already been signed would be wrong. She said the Financial Implications section of the report referenced an 'Award of Contract' report of 15 January 2014. That report was actually a waiver request to allow officers to negotiate the service specification and contract with the provider of the Conrad Court service, Notting Hill Housing Trust. This reflected the S106 agreement between the Council and the property developer Berkley Homes which required the developer (Berkley) to identify an appropriate social landlord and care partner. They entered into an agreement with Notting Hill in the first instance,

Negotiations between the Council and Notting Hill regarding the contract documentation were at a very advanced stage, with a range of commitments from Notting Hill which supported the Council's strategy for improved housing and support to older adults in mixed need communities.

Officers were at the final stage of phasing the start up pricing with the 6 month lead in period for allocations as described. One of the commitments that Notting Hill gave was to use any hours funded which are surplus to the care needs of clients who move in during the start up stages to support other social care clients not living at Conrad Court. Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) had delegated authority for sign off of that contract to the Director for Community Services. Officers expected all documentation to be finalised for sign off for by mid July.

The Executive Director for Community Services representative went on to clarify that while the proposal was to consult on the transfer of the Council's

directly managed Extra Care service, this was not the same as transferring service responsibility. That would remain with the Council through the management and monitoring of the Extra Care Contract.

The Mayor referred to correspondence which had been received from friends and relatives of current residents. He believed a certain amount of confusion had arisen because of the need to discuss normal residential tenancies at the same time as agreeing care packages. He accepted advice from Councillor Millbank that the process could be very fearful to vulnerable residents accustomed to a given level of provision in their current location and that the appointment of an outside independent advocate could ensure their anxieties were properly addressed.

Having considered an officer report, tabled correspondence from residents friends and relatives and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor added an extra resolution concerning independent advocacy and otherwise for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the consultation taken place so far in line with the decisions of the December 4 2013 Housing Matters report be noted;
- (ii) individual social care assessments be carried out for all tenants at both Kenton Court and Somerville extra care schemes, and the outcomes of these assessments be noted;
- (iii) individual tenants be offered support by an independent advocate;
- (iv) the range of alternative high quality housing, care and support available in the borough be noted, and that there are additional extra care schemes being developed and that five out of 31 tenants at Kenton Court and Somerville have taken up these alternative offers voluntarily already;
- (v) officers formally consult with the tenants at Kenton Court and Somerville about the proposed transfer of the Council's directly managed extra care service to Notting Hill Housing Group at Conrad Court;
- (vi) officers commence TUPE consultation with affected staff in the extra care service;
- (vii) officers commence initial statutory section 105 consultation on the proposals to close the service provided at Kenton Court and Somerville and potentially close the buildings;
- (viii) officers commence feasibility studies on both sites to develop proposals for alternative uses which meet housing need in the borough, and that any further necessary consultation should be undertaken with existing tenants to enable the Mayor to make a further decision on the future of the buildings in Autumn 2014; and

(ix) officers continue to facilitate voluntary decants of tenants who wish to move to other services.

12. Response to Healthier Communities Select Committee on Public Health Expenditure

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the response of the Executive Director for Community Services and Director of Public Health which detailed plans to develop a comprehensive public health outcomes performance management and monitoring framework which will incorporate the priority outcomes of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy be approved and reported to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

13. Management Report

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance, Councillor Joe Dromey, the Mayor

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14. Appointment of LA Governors

Having considered information supplied in respect of the nominees proposed for appointment and advice from the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed as a Local Authority governor;

Cllr. Jacqueline Paschoud	Holy Trinity
Cllr. Carl Handley	Watergate
Maureen Swift	St William of York
Hannah Jeffreys	Good Shepherd
Andrew Holmes	Leathersellers' Federation
Sophie Smith	Turnham
Gila Tabrizi	Sydenham
Kate Canniffe	Sir Francis Drake

15. Instrument of Government Brindishe Federation

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the Instrument of Government for the Brindishe Federation be made by

Local Authority order dated 1 September 2014;

(ii) the nomination of Spyros Elia be approved as the Local Authority governor for appointment by the governing body; and

(iii) the name change of Lee Manor School to Brindishe Manor Primary School be approved.

16. Instrument of Government St Mary's School

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the Instrument of Government for St. Mary's Church of England Primary School be made by Local Authority order dated 1 September 2014;

(ii) the nomination of James Stevens be approved as the Local Authority governor for appointment by the governing body.

17. Surrey Canal Sports Foundation

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Cabinet, in the absence of the Mayor, agreed that:

(i) £500,000 of funding be pledged to the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation subject to the terms of the associated funding agreement being agreed; and

(ii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Asset Management and Head of Law, to negotiate the terms of the funding agreement; and

(iii) the funding agreement be reported back to Mayor & Cabinet for approval.

18. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that that in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 and 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, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

19. Application for funding from Department of Energy and Climate Change.

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Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Cabinet, in the absence of the Mayor, for the reasons setout in the report

RESOLVED that the proposal to apply for a grant under the Heat Networks Funding Stream be approved.

The meeting ended at 7.43pm.