

# MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 4 March 2015 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 Mark Ingleby

## **155. Declaration of Interests**

None were made.

## **156. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on February 11 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **157. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies**

No matters were raised.

## **158. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **159. Church Grove Community Lead Housing Development**

Having considered both an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the work carried out on the Church Grove site to engage with residents and community groups and to establish the site constraints and value be noted;

(ii) the potential routes for the self-build project to be taken forward, including their property and financial implications, be noted;

(iii) an EU-compliant competitive dialogue process to select a not-for-profit community led consortium or organisation to act as an enabling development partner to deliver community-led self build or custom build housing on the Church Grove site be initiated;

(iv) the Church Grove site as shown on the plan at appendix A be declared surplus to the Council's requirements;

(v) the information provided in the confidential report be considered in conjunction with the open report; and

(vi) the budget requirement set out in the confidential report be approved.

#### **160. Regeneration of Excalibur Estate Phase 3 CPO**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

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 Excalibur Phase 3, the site of which is shown by a thick black verge on the plan attached as Appendix 1, other than those interests already in the ownership of the Council;

(ii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Law, to determine the final extent of the land to be included within the CPO provided that the CPO shall not include any additional land outside the area shown verged in black on the plan attached as Appendix 1;

(iii) the appropriate Chief 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 & 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.

#### **161. Local Development Framework Revised Local Development Scheme**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(i) the revised content and timetable of the Local Development Scheme be approved and the Council be recommended to formally adopt the revised Local Development Scheme; and

(ii) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be authorised to make any minor changes to the text and format of the documents prior to consideration by Council.

#### **162. Pay Policy Statement 2015-16**

The Head of Human Resources confirmed the report had been considered by the Council's independent executive remuneration panel which had endorsed the pay arrangements that were in place. Given this assurance, the Mayor confirmed he was content to endorse the report for consideration by the Council.

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

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement be approved.

**163. Asset Management (Highways)**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**164. Strategic Asset Management Plan**

Councillor Mark Ingleby, Vice-Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee confirmed the Plan had been debated by the Select Committee and while no written referral had been produced owing to pressure of business, he had been authorised to present their conclusions. The Select Committee had largely welcomed the Plan and had urged a commitment to transparent decision making with positive engagement with the public and Ward Assemblies.

Councillor Joan Millbank reported she had discussed the community aspects with Scrutiny colleagues and suggested section 4.5 of the Plan be amended to add the Lewisham Compact as one of the key strategic supporting documents.

The Mayor made reference to the Chancellor's announcement of the London Land Commission and expressed the belief that the Strategic Asset Management Plan would aid efforts to identify land for house building.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, and the Vice-Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Mark Ingleby, the Mayor for the reasons set out:

RESOLVED that the Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan 2015-2020 be approved subject to an amendment adding text on the Lewisham Compact.

**165. London Councils POPLA Contract**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor for the reasons set out:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the functions delegated to the London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) joint committee to enter into the existing arrangement with the British Parking Association were and continue to be delivered pursuant to section 1 of the Localism Act 2011; and

(ii) 2.2 the exercise of section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 be delegated to the TEC joint committee for the sole purpose of providing an appeals service for parking on private land for the British Parking Association under contract.

#### **166. Management Report January 2015**

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.

#### **167. 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:-

14. Church Grove Community Housing Development Part 2

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The content of this report which were related to the commercially confidential financial aspects of the proposals and its recommendations were considered in conjunction with the open report on the same item.

The Deputy Mayor mentioned the third reading in the House of Lords of a Bill to correct anomalies for self and custom build projects and asked if it would have any impact on the proposals. The Executive Director for Customer Services representative responded by saying this was a stand-alone disposal and it was not expected that any new Act would affect it.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm