

Decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on Wednesday, 25 March 2015

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Declaration of Interests	<p>The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in Item 16 as a member of the Surrey Canal Sports Foundation and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.</p> <p>The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9 as his wife is a Governor at Kelvin Grove School and after determining all other reconstitutions he withdrew from the meeting while that school was considered.</p>
A2	Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on February 18 2015 and March 4 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
A3	Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies	<p><i>Broadway Theatre</i> – a further short report will be received on the setting up of a member working party.</p> <p><i>Strategic Asset Management Plan</i> – progress report to be provided.</p> <p><i>New Bermondsey Housing Zone Bid</i> – responses to OSBP written comments as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted. 2) Noted. 3) The 10% figure is regarded as a minimum. 4) A discounted rate for residents was confirmed. 5) Implementation had been delayed by the land acquisition and CPO process but the release of funding streams would now speed the scheme. 6) Memorandum of Understanding would be the subject of member decision. 7) Due Diligence would occur for any Council involvement.

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		8) Naming was entirely the choice of the developer.
A4	Outstanding Scrutiny Matters	Noted.
A5	Referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Having considered a written report submitted by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Alan Hall, the Mayor agreed that the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out be noted and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to provide a monitoring report six months after implementation, to include its effect on personal budgets, people with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and the London Living Wage (LLW) to Mayor and Cabinet and the relevant select committees.
A6	School Admissions 2016-17	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that</p> <p>(i) banding across all 5 community secondary schools, Conisborough, Deptford Green, Forest Hill, Sedgehill and Sydenham is ceased;</p> <p>(ii) the nursery, primary, secondary and sixth form admissions arrangements for Lewisham's community schools as set out in Appendices A to H be approved;</p> <p>(iii) the pan London Admissions Schemes for reception and secondary transfer and a local scheme for in year admissions as detailed in Appendix I be approved;</p>
A7	Permanent Primary Places Turnham Primary School	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor

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		<p>agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the Governing Body of Turnham Foundation Primary School (VA) has proposed that the school should enlarge from 2 to 3 forms of entry from September 2016 subject to the availability of capital funding;</p> <p>(ii) works to enlarge Turnham Foundation Primary school be included in the local authority's capital programme to meet the demand for school places, subject to the agreement to the financials set out in an accompanying confidential report.</p>
A8	Deptford Green School Transition to Normally Constituted Governing Body	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that the Instrument of Government for Deptford Green School be made by Local Authority order dated 16 April 2015.
A9	Reconstitution of Governing Bodies	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that the Instrument of Government for the schools identified below be made by Local Authority order dated 25 March 2015:</p> <p>Adamsrill Bonus Pastor Catholic College Forest Hill Holy Cross Holy Trinity Perrymount</p>

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		<p>Stillness Junior St James Hatcham St Josephs St Saviours St William of York Torridon Junior Torridon Infant Turnham</p> <p>In the absence of the Mayor, the Cabinet agreed that the Instrument of Government for the school identified below be made by Local Authority order dated 25 March 2015:</p> <p>Kelvin Grove</p>
A10	Appointment of LA Governors	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that the persons set out below be nominated as Local Authority governors; subject to the agreement to the approval of Torridon Junior Instrument of Government and the Deptford Green Instrument of Government as recommended elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>Sophia Skyers Torridon Junior Sid Hughes Deptford Green</p>
A11	Local Support Scheme	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet

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		<p>member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the update on the delivery of the Local Support Scheme and the financial implications be noted;</p> <p>(ii) proposals to pilot a shared service approach for the scheme from April 2015 be noted and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to proceed with further phases of work; and</p> <p>(iii) the proposed changes to the policy be approved and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make minor amendments to ensure that the scheme can respond quickly to emerging needs.</p>
A12	Housing Strategy	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the consultation undertaken and the feedback given on the new Housing Strategy be noted:</p> <p>(ii) the first draft Housing Strategy was scrutinised by the Housing Select Committee on 1 October 2014 and a second draft scrutinised following public consultation on 28 January 2015;</p> <p>(iii) the new Housing Strategy, be referred to the Council for approval;</p> <p>(iv) following the necessary approvals, the Housing Strategy be published in April 2015; and</p>

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		(v) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make any minor changes to the Strategy and to prepare for publication.
A13	Deptford Southern Sites Update and Decant	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the progress of the Deptford Southern Housing Regeneration Scheme be noted;</p> <p>(ii) where necessary, Notice of Seeking Possession be served and possession proceedings brought against secure tenants in 2 -30A Reginald Road under ground 10 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1985;</p> <p>(iii) secure tenants be re-housed as set out in section 7 ;</p> <p>(iv) any properties in 2 – 30A Reginald Road 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 leaseholders in advance of a Compulsory Purchase order being made by the Council and authority be delegated to the Head of Asset Strategy and Development in consultation with the Head of Law to negotiate and agree the acquisition terms;</p> <p>(v) Home loss and disturbance payments be made to displaced secure tenants and owner-occupiers where appropriate in accordance with the Land Compensation Act 1973.</p>

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		<p>(vi) Initial Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within 2 – 30A Reginald Road in order to suspend the requirement for the Council to complete right to buy applications for as long as the Notices remain in force;</p> <p>(vii) Final Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within 2 – 30A Reginald Road 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</p> <p>(viii) 30A Reginald Road is demolished following vacant possession being achieved in accordance with the programme agreed between the Council and its development partner.</p>
A14	Using Private Rented Sector Accomodation to Address Homelessness	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the extent of the housing crisis in London, the imbalance between the demand for housing that the Council faces and the amount of supply it has available to meet that demand, and the impact of this imbalance which can be seen in the number of residents forced to live in temporary accommodation and the cost implications for the Council be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the options that are available to the Council in the way it chooses the private rented sector to meet this demand, as set out be noted;</p> <p>(iii) the views of the Housing Select Committee as set out be noted;</p> <p>(iv) officers should be enabled to discharge the Council’s homelessness duty</p>

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		<p>into the private rented sector, in the manner and with the exclusions set out; and</p> <p>(v) officers should review the working and efficacy of this policy change one year after implementation, and bring a further report back to Mayor and Cabinet accordingly.</p>
A15	Greyhound update	Having considered an officer report, and a submission by Mr Barry Milton of the Sydenham Society, the Mayor agreed that the report be noted and that a further report is prepared by the end of June 2015 to update progress.
A16	New Bermondsey Housing Zone Bid	<p>Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, and by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel, Councillor Alan Hall, the Cabinet, in the absence of the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the details and submission of the New Bermondsey Housing Zone bid be noted; and</p> <p>(ii) the Memorandum of Understanding with the GLA, be required, in connection with the New Bermondsey Housing Zone bid, to be reported back to Mayor & Cabinet for approval.</p>
A17	Annual Lettings Plan 15-16	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:

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		<p>(i) the lettings outcomes for 2013/14 and 2014/15 and the position on the housing register be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2015/16 be approved.</p>
A18	Exclusion of Press and Public	Agreed.
A19	Turnham Primary School Part 2	<p>Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) works to enlarge Turnham Foundation Primary school be included in the local authority's capital programme to meet the demand for school places;</p> <p>(ii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director Children and Young People and the Executive Director Resources and Regeneration on the advice of the Head of Law to approve the award of a contract for works at Turnham Foundation Primary School in a stipulated range of values for provision of accommodation, subject to the approval of the current planning application.</p>
A20	Deptford Southern Sites Regeneration Project	<p>Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(i) the information provided be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the required budget required as set out be approved; and</p>

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		(iii) delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director for Regeneration and Resources to agree the programming of the required budget and to agree the use of the contingency funding if required as set out.