

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 25 March 2015 at 6.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Alan Hall.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Smith.

169. Declaration of Interests

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.

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.

170. 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.

171. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Councillor Alan Hall, the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel presented the written views of the Panel on the three issues shown below.

Broadway Theatre – The Mayor asked that a further short report be received on the setting up of a member working party.

Strategic Asset Management Plan – The Mayor confirmed the Deputy Mayor would be the lead executive member for Asset Management and he agreed to the Panel's request that a progress report be provided.

New Bermondsey Housing Zone Bid – In the absence of the Mayor, the Cabinet, chaired by Councillor Chris Best, agreed responses to the Business Panel's written comments as follows:

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.
- 8) Naming was entirely the choice of the developer.

172. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

173. 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:

RESOLVED 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.

174. School Admissions 2016-17

The Executive Director for Children and Young People's representative confirmed that agreement had been reached with Addey and Stanhope and the Prendergast Federation to cease banding.

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) banding across all 5 community secondary schools, Conisborough, Deptford Green, Forest Hill, Sedgehill and Sydenham be ceased;
- (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;
- (iii) the pan London Admissions Schemes for reception and secondary transfer and a local scheme for in year admissions as detailed be approved;

175. Permanent Primary Places Turnham Primary School

In answer to a question from Councillor Millbank, the Executive Director for Children & Young People's representative confirmed Turnham was in a locality where there was demand for additional primary places and that consultation responses strongly backed the expansion.

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 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;

(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.

176. Deptford Green School Transition to Normally Constituted Governing Body

The Mayor and Councillor Maslin both paid tribute to the Interim Executive Board for the work they had undertaken in turning the school around. The Mayor said he would be personally writing to Mr Ellis the Head Teacher and the three Board members to thank them for their contributions.

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.

177. Reconstitution of Governing Bodies

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 the Instrument of Government for the schools identified below be made by Local Authority order dated 25 March 2015:

Adamsrill
Bonus Pastor Catholic College
Forest Hill
Holy Cross
Holy Trinity
Perrymount
Stillness Junior
St James Hatcham
St Josephs
St Saviours
St William of York
Torridon Junior
Torridon Infant
Turnham

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest regarding Kelvin Grove School and withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of that school's reconstitution. In the absence of the Mayor, the Cabinet, chaired by Councillor Best, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for Kelvin Grove School be made by Local Authority order dated 25 March 2015.

178. Appointment of LA Governors

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, having considered the information supplied in respect of each candidate,

RESOLVED that the persons set out below be nominated as Local Authority governors; following the approval of Torridon Junior Instrument of Government and the Deptford Green Instrument of Government as agreed earlier in the meeting.

Sophia Skyers	Torridon Junior
Sid Hughes	Deptford Green

179. Local Support Scheme

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:

(i) the update on the delivery of the Local Support Scheme and the financial implications be noted;

(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

(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.

180. Housing Strategy

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) the consultation undertaken and the feedback given on the new Housing Strategy be noted;
- (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;
- (iii) the new Housing Strategy, be referred to the Council for approval;
- (iv) following the necessary approvals, the Housing Strategy be published in April 2015; and
- (v) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make any minor changes to the Strategy and to prepare for publication.

181. Deptford Southern Sites Update and Decant

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) the progress of the Deptford Southern Housing Regeneration Scheme be noted;
- (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;
- (iii) secure tenants be re-housed as set out in section 7 ;
- (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;
- (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.
- (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;
- (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

(viii) 30A Reginald Road is demolished following vacant possession being achieved in accordance with the programme agreed between the Council and its development partner.

182. Using Private Rented Sector Accommodation to Address Homelessness

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) 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;

(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;

(iii) the views of the Housing Select Committee as set out be noted;

(iv) officers should be enabled to discharge the Council's homelessness duty into the private rented sector, in the manner and with the exclusions set out; and

(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.

183. Greyhound update

The Mayor was addressed by Mr Barry Milton of the Sydenham Society who congratulated officers on the progress being made and asked for advice about legal remedies still available to the Council should the expected resolution not be achieved. The Head of Law explained all enforcement action decisions were delegated to officers who would take into account prevailing circumstances before issuing any pre action protocol letters.

Having considered an officer report, and a submission by Mr Barry Milton of the Sydenham Society, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that a further report is prepared by the end of June 2015 to update progress.

184. New Bermondsey Housing Zone Bid

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, as shown in the minute above concerning matters raised by Scrutiny, the Cabinet, in the absence of the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report,

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the details and submission of the New Bermondsey Housing Zone bid be noted; and
- (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.

185. Annual Lettings Plan 15-16

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) the lettings outcomes for 2013/14 and 2014/15 and the position on the housing register be noted;
- (ii) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2015/16 be approved.

186. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED 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 Permanent Primary Places Turnham Primary School

20. Deptford Southern Sites Regeneration Project

187. Turnham Primary School Part 2

Having considered a confidential 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) works to enlarge Turnham Foundation Primary school be included in the

local authority's capital programme to meet the demand for school places;

(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.

188. Deptford Southern Sites Regeneration Project

Having considered 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 information provided be noted;

(ii) the required budget required as set out be approved; and

(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.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.