

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 24 June 2015 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Obajimi Adefiranye (Chair), Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Peter Bernards, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Bill Brown, Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Suzannah Clarke, John Coughlin, Liam Curran, Janet Daby, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Colin Elliott, Alan Hall, Carl Handley, Maja Hilton, Simon Hooks, Ami Ibitson, Mark Ingleby, Stella Jeffrey, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Alicia Kennedy, Roy Kennedy, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, David Michael, Joan Millbank, Jamie Milne, Hilary Moore, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Olurotimi Ogunbadewa, Rachel Onikosi, Crada Onuegbu, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Joan Reid, Gareth Siddorn, Jonathan Slater, Alan Smith, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till, James-J Walsh and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Abdeslam Amrani, Councillor David Britton, Councillor Helen Klier, Councillor Pat Raven and Councillor Paul Upex.

92. Declaration of Interests

Councillors Wise, Bell and John Paschoud all declared a personal interest in Item 7 as Council appointed members of the Lewisham Homes Board.

Councillor Hall declared a personal interest in Item 15 as a Public Governor on the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and in Item 7 as a member of the Phoenix Community Housing Board.

Councillor Muldoon declared a personal interest in Item 13 (1a) as a substitute member on the Shadow Advisory Board of the Local Government Pension Scheme. He further declared a personal interest in Item 15 as a Lead Governor on the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

93. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on March 26 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

94. Petitions

Councillor Bell presented a petition on behalf of Councillor Alicia Kennedy bearing 110 names of parents of children at St James Hatcham CofE Primary School calling on the Council to reconsider a decision to drop plans to enlarge the school to two forms of entry.

Councillor Walsh presented a petition bearing 41 names calling on the Council to continue to oppose any extension of opening or delivery times to the Aldi Store on the corner of Rushey Green & Bradgate Road and further ensure the enforcement of the planning restrictions placed on the site.

Councillor Hilton presented a petition bearing 39 names calling on the Council to create parking bays at Heron House Plaza and/or Sylvan Post Plaza to

alleviate social problems and to give local people more access to local amenities.

95. Announcements or Communications

Queen's Birthday Honours

A written announcement giving details of four recipients of awards with a Lewisham connection was received by the Council. The Chair highlighted the contribution of the Executive Director for Children & Young People, Frankie Sulke who was attending her last Council meeting and who had been awarded the CBE. Her outstanding contribution to Lewisham was marked by warm applause.

Fund Raising events

Councillor Ingleby reported on the fund-raising Prudential100 bike ride he would be doing for Lavender Trust in August and also the 5k Tunnels2Towers run that the Mayor & his wife and Councillors Dromey, Bonavia & he would be doing in July for Lavender Trust and the Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign.

London Marathon

Councillor Maslin reported on the outcome of Lewisham's participation in the London Marathon and encouraged younger Councillors to consider taking part next year.

Freedom of the City of London

On behalf of the Council, Councillor Hall congratulated Councillor Adefiranye on being awarded the Freedom of the City of London.

November 2014 Council meeting

Councillor Smith offered a personal statement concerning the November 2014 Council meeting at Sedgehill School. He recounted that he had made a brief response to a question from Mr Peter Richardson and then had expanded his remarks to voice misgivings about questions from members of the public and Councillors generally. He said he stood by his general opinions about questions but stressed he had never intended to give personal offence. He reported he had subsequently spoken to Mr & Mrs Richardson and had gained an appreciation that their persistent questioning arose from a genuine commitment to what they perceived to be in the wider public interest. Councillor Smith made an unreserved apology to Mr Richardson for causing any distress and offence and stated that had never been his intention.

96. Public questions

53 questions were received from the following members of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers will be circulated separately.

1.	Julia Fletcher	Cllr Onikosi
2.	David Edgerton	Cllr Smith
3.	Nick O'Shea	Cllr Bonavia
4.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Smith
5.	Martin Allen	Mayor
6.	Andrea Carey Fuller	Cllr Hall
7.	Peter Richardson	Cllr Best
8.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Best
9.	Peter Richardson	Cllr Best
10.	Alex Hirsch	Cllr Smith
11.	Bob de Groot	Cllr Smith
12.	Carole Hope	Cllr Onikosi
13.	Caroline Bray	Cllr Smith
14.	Julie Reason	Cllr Smith
15.	Diana Stevenson	Cllr Smith
16.	Kenneth Maxton	Cllr Smith
17.	Gordana Lazic-Duffy	Cllr Smith
18.	Julie Williams	Cllr Smith
19.	Emma Warren	Cllr Smith
20.	Marietta Stankova	Cllr Smith
21.	Roger Hurn	Cllr Smith
22.	Andy Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
23.	David Hansom	Cllr Onikosi
24.	Imogen Solly	Cllr Smith
25.	John Keidan	Cllr Best
26.	Sarah McMichael	Cllr Smith
27.	Paul Phoenix	Cllr Millbank
28.	David Edgerton	Cllr Egan
29.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Best
30.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Best
31.	Alex Hirsch	Cllr Smith
32.	Bob de Groot	Cllr Smith
33.	Caroline Bray	Cllr Smith
34.	Julie Reason	Cllr Smith
35.	Kenneth Maxton	Cllr Onikosi
36.	Andy Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
37.	David Hansom	Cllr Onikosi
38.	Imogen Solly	Cllr Smith
39.	John Keidan	Cllr Best
40.	Paul Phoenix	Cllr Bonavia
41.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Bonavia
42.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Best
43.	Alex Hirsch	Cllr Smith
44.	Kenneth Maxton	Cllr Smith
45.	Andy Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
46.	David Hansom	Cllr Onikosi
47.	Imogen Solly	Cllr Smith
48.	John Keidan	Cllr Maslin
49.	Paul Phoenix	Cllr Daby
50.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Smith

51.	Andy Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
52.	David Hansom	Cllr Onikosi
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97. Member questions

10 questions were received from the following Councillors which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers will be circulated separately.

1.	Cllr Coughlin	Mayor
2.	Cllr Walsh	Cllr Onikosi
3.	Cllr Hall	Mayor
4.	Cllr Ogunbadewa	Cllr Daby
5.	Cllr Bernhards	Cllr Best
6.	Cllr Till	Cllr Onikosi
7.	Cllr Elliott	Cllr Bonavia
8.	Cllr Coughlin	Cllr Smith
9.	Cllr Walsh	Cllr Smith
10.	Cllr Bernhards	Cllr Maslin

98. Housing Strategy

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Housing Select Committee, Councillor Carl Handley. Following debate to which the Mayor and Councillors Hall, Wise and Coughlin contributed it was:

RESOLVED that

- (1) the consultation undertaken and the feedback given on the new Housing Strategy be noted;
- (2) the first draft Housing Strategy scrutinised by the Housing Select Committee on 1st October 2014 and the second draft scrutinised following public consultation on 28th January 2015 be noted;
- (3) the new Housing Strategy, as recommended for approval at Mayor and Cabinet on 25 March 2015 be received;
- (4) 'Homes for Lewisham' be approved as the Council's Housing Strategy for 2015-2020, as set out.

99. CRPL Business Plan

The Executive Director for Customer Services representative, Mr Ralph Wilkinson, who was also a CRPL Company Director, withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, moved that the recommendation,

subject to the acceptance of an amendment proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Bonavia, be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran and it was:

RESOLVED that the contents of the 2015/16 business plan for Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) be approved and the Head of Law be asked to draft any constitutional changes required to allow a non-executive director to join the CPRL Board of Directors.

100. Adoption of Local Development Scheme

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, moved that the recommendation, be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran and it was:

RESOLVED that the Local Development Scheme set out as Appendix 1 be approved and brought into effect from the 24 June 2015.

101. Constitutional Matters

The Chief Executive, Head of Law and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Chair of the Constitution Working Party, Councillor Alan Hall, moved that the recommendation, be approved and this was seconded by the Vice-Chair of the Constitution Working Party, Councillor Kevin Bonavia and it was:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the changes proposed in the draft report at Appendix 1 (Constitutional Update), considered by the Constitution Working Party on 10 June 2015, be approved subject to:

(a) the amendments agreed by the CWP appearing at Appendix 2 and

(b) the deletion of the words “consist of” in paragraph 6(3) (d) of Appendix 1 and the insertion of “include” in their place

(2) the Broadway Theatre Working Group be established as set out at Appendix 3, considered by the CWP on 10 June 2015, subject to the amendments agreed by the CWP appearing at Appendix 4.

102. Action by Chair of Council

The Chair of Council moved that the recommendation be approved, and this was seconded by the Vice Chair, Councillor Alan Till.

RESOLVED that the actions taken by the Chair of Council be noted.

103. Action by Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

The Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall moved that the recommendation be approved, and this was seconded by the Vice Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Gareth Siddorn.

RESOLVED that the actions taken by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny be noted.

104. Appointments

RESOLVED that appointments be made as follows:

(a) Pension Board

the invitation to appoint a member to the Board be declined and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to nominate an officer to take that position.

(b) Broadway Theatre Working Group

the Broadway Theatre Working Party comprise of 9 members, Councillors Curran, Upex, Ibitson, Johnston-Franklin, Milne, Walsh, Siddorn, Best and Hall, plus Councillor Coughlin if he so decides.

(c) Planning and Licensing Committees

The following changes be approved:

Planning Committee B	Councillor Wise to replace Councillor Milne.
Planning Committee C	Councillor Milne to replace Councilor Slater.
Licensing Committee	Councillor Slater to replace Councillor Wise.

105. Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Sorba Seconded by Councillor Bell

The motion was moved by Councillor Sorba and seconded by Councillor Bell.

There was then a debate to which the Councillors Coughlin and Mallory contributed. The motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This Council resolves to register its opposition to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership currently being negotiated between the USA and The European Union on the following grounds –

1. TTIP limits the freedom of Local and Central government to choose how they wish to deliver or procure goods and services for the public thereby undermining our duty to the people who we are elected to represent. Under the Treaty it will prove almost impossible to resist increasing demands from transnational corporations demanding contracts for the delivery of health, medical and other vital services. The right to regulate the market, including

the labour market, for the public benefit at local or national level on the basis of political mandates or material circumstances is a key lever of government in any democracy. Losing this freedom will significantly affect the wellbeing of the citizens we serve.

2. TTIP endangers necessary environmental, health and safety regulation designed to protect consumers. The principle of “harmonisation” in the Treaty is designed to pushdown safeguards to the minimum – e.g. unlimited access of genetically modified ingredients, chlorine-washed chicken, hormone-injected beef and endocrine-disrupting chemicals in pesticides currently approved in the USA but not Europe to become commonplace. TTIP will allow the importation of cosmetics with more than 1000 chemicals that the EU bans (to the 11 of the US) and will abandon the “Precautionary principle” which prohibits agents and activities deemed to be dangerous until they can be proven safe, in favour of the US notion that there should be no ban unless the damage has already been proven to result.

3. TTIP transfers the authority to deliver judgement on disputes between elected bodies and commercial organisations from our independent judiciary to an unaccountable and secret panel of international trade lawyers. The Investor-State Dispute Settlement allows any foreign investor in a signatory State to sue elected governments if it feels their actions have disadvantaged its commercial interests. The panel is not required to publish reasons for its decisions, there is no right of appeal, and they override national laws and bypass the courts.

4. Negotiations have been taking place under a cloud of secrecy and under pressure from a disproportionate number of lobbyists on behalf of transnational corporations especially those from the financial sector.

5. There has been no assessment of the potential impact on local authorities.

6. There has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.

This Council notes that of June 1st 2015, 470 organisations and 1.8 million individuals throughout Europe have registered their opposition to TTIP by signing a European Citizens’ Initiative. The 30 plus UK organisations listed include War on Want, Friends of the Earth, 38 Degrees, Health Poverty Action, GMB, Unite the Union, UNISON, NUT et al.

We also note that several sovereign states have been or are being sued by private corporations, under equivalent treaties, where governments’ public-minded policies are deemed to threaten their private profits: e.g. America’s Philip Morris suing Australia for introducing plain packaging of tobacco products, Egypt being sued by France’s Veolia for raising the National Minimum Wage, Quebec being sued for banning Fracking, Germany for its stance on Nuclear power and Slovakia being sued by Dutch HICC over changes in its health insurance legislation.

Finally we assert that there is insufficient evidence to support the claims being made that the Treaty will lead to a bonanza of new jobs and significant

economic growth. The very similar US-South Korea Free Trade Agreement was followed by not a rise but a fall in US exports and jobs; the North American Free Trade Agreement led to massive job losses in the US and Canada.

We ask the Mayor to publicise Lewisham Council's concerns about TTIP, join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.

We ask the mayor to contact the London representatives on the Committee of the Regions informing them of our concerns.

We also pass on notice of this resolution to, and urge that it is taken note of by the Minister for Europe, David Lidington MP; the Shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Hilary Benn MP; the Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, Glenis Willmott MEP; and the EPLP Spokesperson for TTIP and European Parliament Trade Committee member, Judith Kirton-Darling MEP, Heidi Alexander MP, Jim Dowd MP and Vicky Foxcroft MP and to all MEP's whose constituency includes the Borough of Lewisham."

106. Motion 2 Proposed by Councillor Slater Seconded by Councillor Dromey

The motion was moved by Councillor Slater and seconded by Councillor Dromey.

There was then a debate to which the Councillors Muldoon, Barnham, Daby, Elliott and Best contributed. The motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

"This council notes:

- 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK
- There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

This council believes:

- As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Despite continuing high levels of budget cuts imposed by central government, mental health should be a priority across all the local

authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.

- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This council resolves:

1. Build on existing good practice between the Council and Voluntary Community Services in supporting mental health.
2. Identify a 'lead officer' for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council and other health services, working closely with the Lewisham's mental health champion, who is appointed by the Mayor.
3. Follow the implementation framework <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-to-improve-mental-health-and-wellbeing> for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs.
4. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
5. Work with local partners, including the health services and housing associations, to integrate support for people with mental health needs.
6. Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action to promote good mental health.
7. Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
8. To continue to work in close partnership with the Local Metropolitan Police when people Mental Health issues come to their attention and that they are appropriately taken to a place of safety rather than a police cell.
9. Recognise the difficulties faced by carers, and in particular young carers, of those facing mental health issues, and continue to ensure we further the work of community organisations and the Council in meeting their needs.
10. Encourage positive mental health in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
11. Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.
12. In the spirit of the Time to Change pledge, Lewisham Council in partnership with key service deliverers, produce an action plan on how we can provide mental health support in the borough."

The meeting closed at 9.31pm