

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 30 September 2015 at 5.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Alan Hall and Councillor Jim Mallory.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Damien Egan.

261. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

262. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 9 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

263. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Response from Mayor and Cabinet to matters referred by the Sustainable Development Select Committee – Flood and River Related Consultations

The Mayor noted the views of the Select Committee as set out and:

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration.

264. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

The Mayor questioned the slippage of one item and was assured by the Executive Director for Children & Young People that a report was currently in draft form and would be ready for the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the report be otherwise noted.

265. Lewisham Future Programme 2016/17 Draft Revenue Budget Savings Proposals

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, who set the political context in which the Budget had been framed. He painted a picture of ever shrinking resources and unceasing austerity arising from the result of the last General Election. He pointed out that the work of the Public Expenditure in Lewisham Working Group had demonstrated that the entire public sector in Lewisham had been reduced and all of the borough's residents would be affected.

The Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration's

representative indicated the report being considered had been revised to include further information on savings A11, A14, A16, J2, K4, Q3, Q4 and Q5 as requested by relevant Scrutiny Committees.

Councillor Alan Hall, Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, presented the written view of the Scrutiny Committees which had been finalised at the Public Accounts Select Committee the night before.

In response the Mayor stated he had found pre decision scrutiny to be particularly helpful in drawing out both the positive and negative implications of the budget proposals. He underlined two specific areas raised by the Public Accounts Select Committee, the need to ensure appropriate investment in tools and personnel and the importance of equalities implications particularly to prevent the inadvertent eradication of viable services in any particular locality.

Taking advice from relevant Cabinet Members, the Mayor addressed each saving individually and reached the determinations shown below.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations from the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, and the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the officer proposals for budget reductions summarised in section 8 and set out in Appendices 1 to 14 be noted;

(2) the tabled comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the 29 September 2015, incorporating the views of the respective Select Committees be received;

(3) the decision at Mayor and Cabinet on the 11 February 2015 be noted and the previously agreed savings of £6.5m for 2015/16 and £4.7m for 2016/17 be endorsed;

(4) the following actions for each saving proposal as presented in Appendices 1 to 14 be agreed:

A11 Additional information to be provided to Children & Young People Select Committee. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.

A12 Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.

A13 Consultation with staff. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.

A14 Additional information to be provided to Healthier Communities Select Committee. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.

A15 Public consultation. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.

A16 Prescribed Medication/Dental Public Health and Health Protection all approved and delegated to officers to implement.

- A16 Obesity/Physical Activity to be considered in conjunction with Saving L7.
- A16 Health Inequalities/Workforce Development/Redesign all approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- A17 Delegated to officers to implement after consultation
- B2 Deferred for further consideration and discussion with the Mayor and relevant Cabinet Members.
- F2a Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- F2b Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- F3 Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- G2a Approved and delegated to officers to implement with the suggestion of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, that expertise be bought in, being incorporated for this and all income generation proposals.
- G2b Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- G2c Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- G2d Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- G2e Consultation to take place. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- H2 Consultation to take place. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- I2a Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I2b Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I2c Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I3 Feedback to be provided to Public Accounts Select Committee. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- I4a Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I4b Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I5 Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I6 Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I7 Approved and delegated to officers to implement

- I8 Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I9a Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- I9b Consultation to take place. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- I9c Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I9d Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I9e Concerns expressed at Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- I10a Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- I10b Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- J2a Refer to Children & Young People Select Committee. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- J2b Refer to Children & Young People Select Committee. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- J2c Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- J2d Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- J2e Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- J2f Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- J2g Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- K4 Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- L5 Return to Mayor & Cabinet after public consultation.
- L6 Concerns of Safer & Stronger Communities to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- L7 Fundamental review to take place to include also saving A16 Obesity/Physical Activity. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- M2a Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- M2b Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- N3 Public and Staff consultation. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- N4 Saving rejected for this financial year.
- N5 Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet with Children and Young

People Select Committee observation that the existing budget is overspent being addressed.

- N6 Sustainable Development Select Committee ideas to be addressed and decision delegated to officers to implement.
- O4 Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- O5 Saving suspended. Officers to investigate if recipients might be entitled to alternative non Council funded Freedom Passes.
- P2a Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- P2b Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- P2c Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- P2d Request made by Sustainable Development Select Committee to be addressed and reported to them. Final decision delegated to officers.
- Q3a Concerns of Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- Q3b Concerns of Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- Q3c Concerns of Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- Q3d Delegated to officers to implement after consultation.
- Q3e Concerns of Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.
- Q3f Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- Q3g Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- Q4a Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- Q4b Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- Q4c Approved and delegated to officers to implement.
- Q5 Concerns of Children & Young People Select Committee to be addressed. Final decision at Mayor & Cabinet.

266. Greyhound Public House Update

The Deputy Mayor reported that slow progress continued to be made and that

it would be appropriate to consider a further report in December.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor

RESOLVED that the report be noted and a further report be considered in December 2015 to update progress.

267. LIP Annual Spending Submission 2016-17

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

RESOLVED that the LIP Annual Spending Submission 2016/17 to TfL be approved as set out in Tables 1-3.

268. Lewisham Homes Business Plan

The Mayor welcomed the report and praised the continuing success of Lewisham Homes.

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 the Lewisham Homes Business and Delivery Plan 2015-2019 be approved.

269. Response to SDSC Communal Heating Review

Councillor Kevin Bonavia mentioned the work being being done by residents in respect of the Heathside and Lethbridge scheme and asked if the Council could produce its own evidence based policy. He was informed this was likely to be a Planning matter and Planning Officers would offer advice to him subsequent to the meeting.

Councillor Janet Daby asked if the Code of Practice breaches reported at Cinnamon Court could be investigated and was assured by the Executive Director for Customer Services that this would be done.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the response from the Executive Director for Customer Services be approved and reported to the Housing Select Committee.

270. 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.

The meeting ended at 7.31pm.