

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 28 September 2016 at 6.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Brenda Dacres and Councillor Alan Hall.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joe Dromey.

485. Declaration of Interests

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in Item 4 as a Trustee of the Surrey Canal Triangle Sports Foundation and he withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

486. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 7 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

487. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

The Mayor observed one report had been delivered ahead of schedule.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

488. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

New Bermondsey CPO – Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel call in

The Cabinet, chaired by Councillor Smith, received a call-in from the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel of the decisions they had taken on September 7 regarding the New Bermondsey Compulsory Purchase Order. Councillor Smith advised the Cabinet that he had been informed Council officers had received a copy of a document that was the subject of external investigation. Because of the ongoing investigation it was therefore not possible to complete the reconsideration of the decision made on 7 September. Councillor Smith proposed that further reconsideration of the matter be adjourned to a future meeting.

Councillor Alan Hall received an assurance from the Head of Law that no decisions could be implemented until such time as the call-in had been considered by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED that consideration of the call-in on the New Bermondsey CPO be adjourned until further notice.

489. 2017 18 Savings Report

The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia who noted additional legal implications on the savings proposals had been tabled at the meeting. Councillor Bonavia stated the current government was intent on making incessant budget reductions until at least 2020 and he thought it likely that all the services the Council offered would see an impact. He pointed out the legal duty to agree a balanced budget had been reinforced by the Labour Party Annual Conference which had voted to make it mandatory for all Labour Party Councillors to adhere to the requirement to set balanced budgets.

The Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration's representative reported on the scrutiny which had been undertaken in respect of the savings proposals and observed that even if all the proposals currently before the Mayor were agreed there would still be a significant shortfall that would have to be bridged in order to set another balanced budget.

Councillor Alan Hall, Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, reported the savings proposals had been closely examined by each of the Select Committees. He referred the Mayor to the compilation referral prepared by the Public Accounts Select Committee on behalf of all the Select Committees and he noted that there were a number of requests for either further consideration or ongoing monitoring on various of the proposals.

The Mayor considered each of the savings individually and reached the decisions shown below having regard to the written views of the Public Accounts Select Committee. In regard to savings Q7a & Q7b the Mayor was addressed by Maggie Palmer, the Lewisham CAMHS UNITE representative. She outlined the role, responsibilities and heavy caseload of CAMHS, a service which had been praised by the Department of Health. She urged the Mayor to use what she perceived to be the Council's enormous reserves to prevent any cuts in the service she represented. The Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration's representative pointed out the Council only held £13M in unallocated reserves and that it would be prudent to maintain these in case of unexpected catastrophes.

The Mayor stated he had no doubts about the value of mental health services and he sought further clarification on the impact of the proposed reduction from the Executive Director for Children and Young People's representative who reported the rigorous application of eligibility criteria would ensure children with complex needs received attention while those who were not eligible for the service would no longer access this service.

The Mayor stressed his high regard for the quality and significance of the CAMHS service set in the context of the Council's overall budgetary position. In taking the saving he accepted the Select Committee's request for regular monitoring and indicated that he would not expect CAMHS to be revisited for savings contributions in the next two annual budget rounds.

The Mayor also addressed additional recommendations offered by the Sustainable Development Select Committee. He firstly accepted the suggestion that the Borough's Planning teams should use improved IT. Secondly he agreed efforts should continue to explore the potential to generate revenue from the use of the Council's assets. Finally the Mayor noted the Select Committee's concerns on the equalities dimension of a number of the savings proposals and he asked officers to pay close attention to areas in which there could be a cumulative negative impact on protected groups.

The Mayor concluded by formally endorsing the draft efficiency plan to enable the Council to accept the four year settlement offer in respect of Revenue Support Grant for the years 2016/17 to 2019/20.

Having considered an officer report and additional tabled legal implications, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall and by the UNITE rep at Lewisham CAMHS, Maggie Palmer, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(i) the areas of anticipated savings for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 as set out be noted;

(ii) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the 22 September 2016, which incorporates the views of the respective Select Committees be received and responded to as shown below;

(iii) the actions listed below for each saving totalling £5.99m in 2017-18 be agreed for the detailed proposals in Appendices i to vi

A18a	Consultation and Monitoring required and report to Healthier Communities SC prior to returning to Mayor & Cabinet.
A18b	Consultation not required.
A19;	Delegated to Officers but Monitoring required.
A20;	Consultation not required.
A21 a & b	Consultation not required.
B3	Consultation not required.
E6;	Consultation not required.
E7	Consultation not required.
I11 a & b	Consultation not required.
L8;	Comments from Select Committee accepted with new contracts to reflect Council values and the London Living wage.
L9;	Saving not taken and Officers asked to review outputs and what value has been produced by each Assembly.
L10	Consultation not required.
M3	Consultation not required.
M4;	Consultation not required.
M5;	Consultation not required.
M6;	Housing Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor &

	Cabinet consideration
M7 a & b	Consultation not required.
Q6 a to f;	CYP Select Committee to receive monitoring information after implementation
Q7 a & b;	Monitoring by Select Committee to take place and no further savings to be required from this area in the next two years
Q8;	Consultation not required.
Q9;	Consultation not required.
Q10;	CYP Select Committee to receive monitoring information after implementation
Q11 a	CYP Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor & Cabinet consideration
Q11 b	CYP Select Committee to see full report prior to Mayor & Cabinet consideration

(iv) officers be authorised to carry out consultation where public/stakeholder consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and that officers bring a full report to Mayor & Cabinet at the earliest opportunity;

(v) officers be authorised to carry out consultation where staff consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;

(vi) where no consultation is required, the saving proposal be approved, or the decision be delegated to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;

(vii) officers be requested to complete further work to clarify the proposal and re submit the saving proposal at the earliest opportunity;

(viii) the work in hand for savings B3 (see 9.13) and M3 (see 9.44) totalling £0.6m be noted and the work of officers to deliver these savings be endorsed;

(ix) the decisions at Mayor and Cabinet meetings on the 12 November 2014 and 30 September 2015 be noted and the previously agreed savings of £17.4m for 2017/18 be approved;

(x) the update on progress in relation to Public Health savings be noted;

(xi) the draft efficiency plan be approved to enable the Council to accept the four year settlement offer in respect of Revenue Support Grant for the years 2016/17 to 2019/20; and

(xii) the following additional responses be made to the Sustainable Development Select Committee;

(a) Officers asked to review IT used by Planning and report back to the Select Committee;

(b) Officers be asked to continue work seeking to generate income from Council assets;

(c) Officers be asked to report back immediately if examples of cumulative

negative impact resulting from savings proposals are discovered.

490. Public Health Savings

The report was presented by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, who said the report had been considered by the Children & Young People Select Committee but not the Healthier Communities Select Committee. She reported that following consultation the initial savings on Health Visiting and School Nursing had been reduced by £267,000.

The Director of Public Health added that since the publication of the report two petitions relating to the savings had been received. A petition bearing about 1500 names opposing public health cuts had been received from the Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign and a petition bearing 24 names had been received from Lewisham Green Party calling for cuts not to be made to Community Children's Nurses.

The Mayor acknowledged that changes to reduce some of the savings had been made but that deep cuts had to be made as a direct result of central government's reductions to public health budgets.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) having reviewed the comments from the Chief Officer of Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group (Appendix 12), including his request to reflect on the £2m reduction in the Public Health budget agreed at Mayor & Cabinet in September 2015; the decision be confirmed;

(2) the consultation activity as described be noted;

(3) the proposals to deliver £800,000 savings from 'staying healthy' services for obesity & physical activity, health improvement, smoking and NHS Healthchecks be approved;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to approve the procurement process from Staying Healthy services;

(5) proposals for health visiting and school nursing services to deliver savings of £1,714,728 be approved;

(6) a competitive dialogue procurement process for tenders for Health Visiting and Children's Centres and a competitive tender process for School Nursing with a proposed timeline, be approved;

(7) the proposals for sexual health services outlined be noted and specifically

that Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) 21 October 2015 gave delegated authority to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to approve the procurement process to deliver the proposals for savings of £500,000 from Sexual Health services with sexual health for young people being included in the specification for the teenage health and well-being service.

491. LIP Annual Spending Submission 2017-18

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 the LIP Annual Spending Submission 2017/18 to TfL as set out in Tables 1-3 (sections 8, 10 and 12), and the revised programme for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix A be approved.

492. Catford Regeneration Programme Update

The Mayor was addressed by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran who reported members of his Committee remained concerned about the pace of progress to regenerate Catford. Given the huge public interest in recent planning applications affecting Catford, he asked that a Lottery application for the Broadway Theatre be accelerated. In response, the Mayor was advised by Officers that a more detailed report about the regeneration of Catford would be considered in November.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, and by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Catford Housing Zone funding award from the GLA be accepted;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Law, to finalise terms and enter into the Overarching Borough Agreement for the Catford Housing Zone; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Law, to finalise terms and enter into the Borough Intervention Agreements for the early implementation projects as outlined.

493. Addey and Stanhope Secondary School Expansion Proposal

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:

(1) there should be a consultation on the proposal to enlarge Addey and Stanhope School from 4 to 6 forms of entry with effect from September 2018;

(2) officers should report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of 2016 with the results and next steps.

(3) the Governing Body of Addey and Stanhope School will start the statutory process to close the Sixth Form provision, and this will be completed alongside the councils consultation process regarding proposed school expansion; and

(4) the result of this consultation will then be presented to the Mayor at a future meeting date, as the Mayor is the decision maker for such changes as per the statutory guidance/process.

494. Health and Social Care Devolution Pilot

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the scope of Lewisham's Strategic Outline Case for devolution be approved and officers instructed to develop the business case for submission in December 2016.

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director for Regeneration and the Head of Law, to negotiate the devolution asks; to develop new working arrangements with phased implementation of activities within current powers and to implement devolved arrangements from April 2018; and

(3) the interdependencies between the devolution pilot and key strategic programmes and activities be noted.

495. Lewisham Homes Loan

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:

(1) the current situation, policy context and pressures concerning the use of temporary accommodation for homeless households be noted;

(2) the progress achieved in meeting the aims of the Lewisham Homes acquisition programme, including the savings from the reduced need to place households into nightly paid accommodation be noted;

(3) the rationale for a further £20m to be loaned to Lewisham Homes to acquire additional properties intervention for the purposes of temporary accommodation and homeless prevention, dependent on the demands of the service; and

(4) the Council provides a loan of up to £20m to Lewisham Homes, on the terms set out, to enable Lewisham Homes to continue the acquisition programme as an additional intervention to help manage homelessness demand, and that the authority to finalise the terms of the loan agreement be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration.

496. Response to CYP SC IAG in Schools

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 proposed response to the comments and views of the Select Committee, as set out, be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

497. Response to Safer Stronger Select Committee - Lewisham Metropolitan Police Service

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Councillor Janet Daby, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the proposed response to the comments and views of the Select Committee, as set out, be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.