

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 14 February 2018 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Alan Smith, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Janet Daby, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan and Joan Millbank.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Alan Hall, Councillor John Muldoon and Councillor James-J Walsh

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Maslin and Councillor Rachel Onikosi.

155. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Alan Hall declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a member of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee covering the Boroughs concerned.

156. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Budget Update – CAMHS

This was considered in conjunction with Item 8

Review of the Council's Lettings and Disposal Procedure

The referral from the Business Panel was presented by its Chair, Councillor Alan Hall. The Mayor responded by saying he was content to ask officers to undertake a review and if appropriate establish detailed policies. He highlighted the Ladywell Playtower as a fantastic example of the way in which community engagement could work.

RESOLVED that

(1) the report be received and consideration be given to the establishment of a framework that would include public and community engagement where possible; and

(2) the report be considered by the Public Accounts Select Committee.

157. LGBT Provision in Lewisham

Councillor James Walsh presented the report and received praise from Councillors Millbank and Best. The Mayor concluded by congratulating the Select Committee on a helpful and impressive piece of work. He suggested action on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment attributed to him as Chair of the Health and Well Being Board may have to be reattributed as the Chair of that Board did not have to be Mayor.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Vice Chair of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, Councillor James Walsh,

the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views and recommendations of the Committee as set out be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response to the review's recommendations for Mayoral consideration.

158. OSC Referral Building Regulations

Councillor Alan Hall drew the Mayor's attention to a referral from the full Overview & Scrutiny Committee which had concurred with an Independent report concluding that the Building Regulation system was not fit for purpose. The Mayor believed that what had been witnessed was the transformation of an effective system into one which caused risk. He said action should be taken by Government to give powers and resources back to Local Government.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation 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; the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety Interim Report; be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response.

159. OSC Referral Sustainability and Transformation Plans

Having considered an officer report and a presentation 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; the report on Sustainability and Transformation Plans in London produced by the King's Fund and the Nuffield Trust be received; and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to provide a response.

160. OSC Referral Millwall Community Trust

The Mayor stated he was very happy to receive the report as the Council had always enjoyed a very positive relationship with the Millwall Community Trust.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Alan Hall, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

161. CYP SC Referral on Recruitment and Retention Review

Having considered an officer report the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views and recommendations of the Committee as set out be received and the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to prepare a response to the review's recommendations for Mayoral

consideration.

162. CYP SC referral CAMHS

The Mayor reported the Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee, Councillor Sorba, was unable to attend but had spoken to him regarding the referral from his Select Committee. Councillor Hall addressed the Mayor confirming the Business Panel's support for the views expressed by the Select Committee. In considering the referrals the Mayor recalled that in 2017 he had agreed to monitor progress because of the concerns which had been expressed and he therefore agreed to adopt the course of action shown in the resolution below.

Having considered referrals by the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel and a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Mayor, from the options available to him:

RESOLVED:

(1) to note the referrals from the CYP Select Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel;

(2) to note that when in February 2017 the Council's funding of CAMHS was agreed in the context of the overall savings required to balance the Council's budget it was also agreed to monitor progress on those savings in the light of concerns about the negative impact of them and that such review should enable such negative impacts to be mitigated;

(3) to note that since 2010 Central Government has reduced its support to local government but maintained levels of funding for NHS services overall while failing to fund inflation and demand changes for both sectors;

(4) to note that the decision was taken in the context of a Redesign of Lewisham CAMHS involving substantial changes and investment by both the CCG and Lewisham Council;

(5) to note that Mayor & Cabinet has not as yet considered a review of the implementation of the changes agreed in 2016;

(6) to note that concern has been expressed by service providers that the further demand changes have occurred since February 2016 which are negating the assurances given at that time about the future capacity of the service to meet the needs of its users;

(7) Require the implementation of the savings for the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20, which were part of the decision in February 2016, to be halted and a report to be brought to M&C addressing the following matters:-

a. The impact of the saving already made on levels of service and in particular waiting lists.

- b. Overall changes in funding for CAMHS with particular regard to the delivery of the additional funding referred to in the report in 2017 by both LBL and the CCG.
- c. Demand changes in Child and Young People's mental health.
- d. Any changes to Government Policy since February 2017 in relation to Child and Young People's mental health services.
- e. The potential for reducing back office costs within CAMHS to enable direct services to users to be protected.
- f. Alternative savings within the Children and Young Peoples budget equivalent to those currently planned for CAMHS in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

(8) To inform Lewisham CCG of this decision and request that any planned reduction in the CAMHS budget from the CCG also be halted pending the consideration of the report outlined above.

163. CYP SC referral SEND

Having considered an officer report the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views and recommendations of the Committee as set out be received and the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to prepare a response to the review's recommendations for Mayoral consideration.

164. 2018-19 Budget Update

This report was not available for the original dispatch to ensure that any decisions taken by the Mayor & Cabinet on 7 February 2018 could be appropriately considered within the report.

Given the significance of the financial constraints that the Council will face over the coming years, it was essential that the Mayor and his Cabinet were updated on any changes affecting the 2018/19 Budget prior to presenting it to Council.

The Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration's representative reported there had been no responses to the Business Rates consultation. He confirmed no changes were required to the Budget proposals or Council Tax level following the Mayor's decision on CAMHS or any other matter.

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:

(1) Council be recommended to agree a Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 of £1,203.87 for the Council's element. This is an increase of 3.99% (including a

social care precept of 1%), based on a General Fund Budget Requirement of £241.281m for 2018/19;

(2) Council be asked to note an overall increase in the total Council Tax for 2018/19 of 4.20% to include the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept being increased by £14.21 to £294.23 (Band D equivalent), a 5.1% increase from its 2017/18 level as proposed;

(3) Council be recommended to agree on 21 February 2018, the statutory calculation of the Budget Requirement for Lewisham for 2018/19, attached at Appendix A;

(4) Council be recommended to agree on 21 February 2018, the motion on the budget, attached at Appendix B, including any modifications made to the proposals published in the 2018/19 Budget Report;

(5) the provisional and estimated precept and levies from the GLA and other bodies be noted as detailed in Appendix C and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to include any changes to these in the report for Council;

(6) the final settlement figure for 2018/19 as announced on 6 February and confirmed as £128,470,080.64, be noted;

(7) there were no responses from Business Rate payers to the consultation on the draft Budget which took place from 16 January 2018 to 5 February 2018;

(8) the Section 25 Statement from the Chief Financial Officer be received as attached at Appendix D;

(9) an amendment to the 'Resources available to finance future schemes' paragraphs under the Capital Programme Section, attached at Appendix E, be noted.

165. Ashmead School land transfer

The Deputy Mayor highlighted the number of objections which had been received and received confirmation from officers that although the land in question was public open space it was largely unused. He also referred to a number of concerns raised on air pollution and reported he had recently met the GLA to discuss the topic and had received assurances a 20mph speed limit was to be introduced on all red routes in Lewisham and that more low emission buses were to be introduced.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the responses to the notices published pursuant to Section 122(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 be received;

(2) the appropriation of the small parcel of land (68 m2) at the rear of Ashmead Primary School, Ashmead Road, London SE8 4DX (adjacent to 265 Lewisham Way, London SE4 1XF, (Appendix 1, Area 2) from open space to education purposes be approved under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972; and

(3) the position in relation to the planning application and the proposed works at Ashmead Primary School as set out be noted.

166. Lewisham Gateway

This item was received and adjourned until the February 28 meeting.

167. Local Assembly Guidelines

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Third Sector, Councillor Joan Millbank, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the updates to the Local Assemblies Handbook be approved.

168. 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.

169. Local Authority Governor Nominations

Having considered an officer report the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the following persons be nominated as School Governors for the schools named as follows:

Rosie Murray-West	Dalmain
Sue Smyth	Deptford Park
Gail Exon	Edmund Waller

170. Glass Mill soft play

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the background to the proposed development of a soft play facility at Glass Mill leisure centre be noted; and

(2) the development of a soft play facility at Glass Mill leisure centre be approved.

171. Adult Social Care Charging and Financial Assessment Framework

This report was not available for the original dispatch in order to enable the Healthier Communities Select Committee to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the report and the ASC Charging and Financial Assessment Framework. The scheduled date of Healthier Communities Select Committee was changed to Wednesday 7 February from an earlier scheduled date. The report was urgent and could not wait until the next meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet on 28 February 2018 because the Council was required to set out its approach to charging and financial assessment.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the consultation undertaken be noted; and
- (2) the Adult Social Care Charging and Financial Assessment Framework be adopted.

The meeting closed at 7pm.