

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Gareth Siddorn (Vice-Chair), Carl Handley, John Muldoon, Maja Hilton, Jim Mallory, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Pauline Morrison and Luke Sorba

10. Minutes

Decision made Mayor and Cabinet on 10 May 2017 - Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited 2017-18 Business Plan

The Chair stated that Panel Members noted that a report would be going to Council next Monday with the Panel's recommendation to increase the Company's Directors from 2 to 3 to include a non-Executive Member in put in the decision making process. He added that Panel members would state this at the Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 22 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

11. Declarations of Interests

None received.

12. Outstanding Scrutiny Items

Report noted.

13. Notification of Late and Urgent Items

Report noted.

14. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 21 June 2017

Deptford Wharves - Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order

The Service Group Manager Commercial & Investment Delivery introduced the report.

The Chair said Members would need to know why a CPO was required and the justification behind this, namely the improvement overall for the public.

The Service Group Manager Commercial & Investment Delivery said they were proposing 1,500 new homes of which 189 would be affordable. There would also be 10,000 square meters for non residential use. There would be between 460-600 new jobs. This included 370 jobs during the construction process. She said the existing pub on the site would be retained and used as a hub during the construction period, but would revert to a pub on completion.

The Chair asked what prevented acquiring the site through positive agreement, and was told that most of the owners were in the process of negotiating an agreement but there had been problems with one of the owners and this had resulted in the Council having to step in to continue the negotiating process. The Chair thanked officers for the report.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

15. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 June 2017

None of the open decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 June 2017 was identified for further discussion.

16. Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees Work Programmes - oral update

The Interim Scrutiny Manager informed Panel members that a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) has been proposed to scrutinise a proposal from the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust to change to the service model for acute inpatient care for older adults in Lambeth, Southwark, Croydon and Lewisham. However, the terms of reference would be drawn up in such a way that it would be able to respond to any substantial reconfiguration proposals, from any health provider, which affected the four boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Croydon and Lewisham. It was expected that the proposed Terms of Reference would go to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Muldoon confirmed that two members would represent Lewisham on the JHOSC. A new JHOSC would be required to scrutinise a proposal that only affected some of the four boroughs but not all. He informed Panel Members that a letter was sent to Mark Easton from Councillor Williams of Southwark, asking him to clarify how future proposals would be progressed if they were not deemed as substantial variation. The Chair asked if this response could be circulated to Business Panel Members.

Action >>>>> Interim Scrutiny Manager

Business Panel discussed the JHOSC set up to scrutinise the Sustainability Transformation Plan, and the Chair reported that he had requested clarification from the Head of Law on where the decision as to whether a change of service was a substantial variation would lie, should there be a disagreement.

The Interim Scrutiny Manager reported that the Select Committees were implementing their work programmes and a number of in-depth reviews had started. She said that the Sustainable Development Select Committee would be continuing their longstanding review of Catford and would take a view on whether to scrutinise any other issues that come to the fore in more depth, as they arise.

It was noted that the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee had raised concerns about “disproportionality” (the over or under representation of particular ethnic groups in areas such as the criminal justice system, homelessness, mental

health). The Committee felt that disproportionality is an important cross-cutting topic that would be useful for members to look at holistically.

It was agreed that there should be no barrier to Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee continuing to look into this important issue but should they feel it would be helpful if a different Select Committee investigated a particular aspect of this issue, Business Panel should be informed.

17. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that 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, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting:

18. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 28 June 2017

Deptford Southern Housing Sites

Following a confidential discussion Business Panel requested that members of the public should be given sufficient information about the proposed development, and an opportunity to voice their thoughts. Officers assured Panel Members that this would be done.

Action >>>>> ED Resources and Regeneration

RESOLVED the decision of the Mayor be noted.

19. Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 28 June 2017

The confidential decision made by Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 28 June 2017 was not identified for further discussion.

20. Decision made by an Executive Director Under Delegated Authority - Single Tender Action Tender Award with Topbond PLC for the replacement of Sydenham Park Footbridge

This item was not identified for further discussion.

21. Decision made by an Executive Director Under Delegated Authority - Processing of Food and Garden Waste - Interim Arrangements

This item was not identified for further discussion.

Meeting ended:19:05

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