

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Chris Best, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Brenda Dacres, Sophie McGeevor, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Joani Reid and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Juliet Campbell and Councillor Patrick Codd.

1. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Slater declared a personal interest in Item 14 as a member of CAMRA.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on February 13 2019 and March 13 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Lewisham Homes Article Amendment

Councillor Bill Brown presented the call-in confirming Business Panel members believed the amendment was perceived to be mainly for the convenience of elected members and not related to any aim to improve the governance of Lewisham Homes.

Councillor Paul Bell responded by stating he supported the original recommendations as he believed the amendment created more opportunities for residents to sit on a board where the input of committed people was vital.

Cllr Bell acknowledged the original report could have been clearer, as use of the term 'Tenant' gave the slightly misleading and confusing impression that this was exclusive of leaseholders. Cllr Bell proposed that the report should be revised as follows:

- 3) Seven Board Members shall be Resident Board Members
- 5) No more than eight Board members shall be Residents
- 6) No more than two Resident Board Members shall be Leaseholders

The Mayor supported the revisions and said he did not believe Councillors should be precluded from membership of the Lewisham Homes Board.

RESOLVED that subject to the proposed revisions, the decisions taken on March 13 in respect of the Lewisham Homes Article Amendment be

confirmed.

Place Ladywell

Councillor Brown presented the OSBP call-in which was responded to positively by the Mayor who proposed that the suggestion made be accepted completely.

RESOLVED that the recommendation 2.6 in the Place Ladywell report be amended by replacing 'Council Social Homes' with 'London Affordable Rent'.

4. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5. Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd Business Plan

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the contents of the 2019/20 Business Plan for the Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) be approved;

(2) the proposed budget to deliver the Business Plan be approved;

(3) the Business Plan and budget be referred to the next available Council meeting for Council to endorse.

6. Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd - Directors

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the report at Appendix 1 referred by the Constitution Working Party (CWP) on 20 March 2019 and the tabled addendum produced by the Constitution Working Party, be received;

(2) an additional non-executive director be appointed to CRPL to be reported to Council following discussion in another place; and

(3) the appointment be made with the same Director's Mandate and indemnity as apply to the existing directors.

7. Local Safeguarding Partnership Future Arrangements

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris

Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the legal requirement for the Council to replace the Lewisham Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) with new Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements be noted; and

(2) the proposed Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements outlined be approved for full implementation from September 2019.

8. Parking Policy update and response to SDSC Select Committee

Councillor Brenda Dacres presented the report and highlighted the role the proposed policy would play in efforts to reduce air pollution.

Councillor Joe Dromey welcomed the report highlighting the need for behaviour change which he felt could be encouraged by an appropriate charging policy and he underlined the links between the proposals and the Climate Emergency which had recently been declared by the Council.

The Mayor said excellent work had been undertaken and he believed the proposals were bold and radical and would provide a tool with leverage in efforts to improve air quality. The promotion of cycling, more use of public transport, and other strategies could all help to reduce the need for car journeys especially near schools.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Parks, Neighbourhood & Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Mayor approves a public consultation to take place in 2019 on the proposed updates to the parking policy; and

(2) the response made to the comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee be endorsed and reported back to the Select Committee.

9. Amendment to Governance Arrangements for Capital Letters (London) Ltd

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the amended Articles of Association for Capital Letters (London) Ltd be approved;

(2) the amended Members Agreement for Capital Letters (London) Ltd be approved;

(3) Cllr Paul Bell be appointed to be the Council's Representative on the Borough's Representative Body for Capital Letters (London) Ltd;

(4) the policy for the appointment of Company Directors set out be approved and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to agree the identity of the sub-regional Director for the South East sub-region with the London Borough of Southwark; and

(5) the amended Officers' Mandate and Governance Guide be approved and the proposed arrangements for reporting back to Mayor & Cabinet and Housing Select Committee be noted.

10. Ward Boundary Review

The Deputy Mayor confirmed that the Council was asking that a Mayor and 54 Councillors be retained in the submission.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the draft submission be approved;

(2) the draft submission be referred to Council for approval at the meeting on Wednesday 3 April 2019; and

(3) when the LGBC has agreed the number of councillors for the London Borough of Lewisham, a further report on proposed warding patterns be referred to members.

11. Local Democracy Review

The Review was presented by Councillor Bonavia who acknowledged a good start had been made but that there was an ongoing need for a Local Democracy Working Group. Some improvements such as the collegial approach to decision making at Mayor & Cabinet had already been made but there was still massive scope to seek the views of representative groups across the borough especially given the consultation response which was mainly secured from older white residents.

The Mayor acknowledged that not all groups in the borough had been heard from as of yet but that he believed the recommendations had the potential to make a real difference to local democracy.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees and Accountability, Councillor Kevin

Bonavia, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the recommendations of the Local Democracy Review Working Group as outlined be endorsed (with particular reference to those recommendations on matters reserved to the executive); and

(2) the report be referred to Council for agreement and endorsement.

12. Annual Lettings Plan 2019-20

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the lettings outcomes for 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date be noted; and

(2) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2019/20 set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

13. CCTV Monitoring

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Councillor Joani Reid, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that: the procurement of a supplier to operate the CCTV control room be commenced and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services to take decisions on the procurement route for the new CCTV operating contract and for the shortlisting of bidders for the second stage of the OJEU procurement, noting that the annual funding available for the new contract is £323,000 which includes a recharge of £40,000 pa for monitoring of cameras on housing estates.

14. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on fire safety in tall buildings

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted, and that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response.

15. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on pubs

The referral was presented by Councillor Patrick Codd, the Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee and Mayor's night time economy champion who explained his role and expressed his support for an expanding night time economy offer.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted, and that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and the Interim Head of Planning be asked to provide a response.

16. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the New Cross framework and station opportunity study

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted, and that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response.

17. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the planning annual monitoring report

Having considered an officer reports, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted, and that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response.

18. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee referral LGBT Provision

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Vice Chair of the Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted, and the recommendation considered in another setting.

19. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 and 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 paragraph 3, of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

19. New Homes Programme

20. Occupational Health Service and Employee Assistance Programme

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Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for

the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 7-0,

RESOLVED that

(1) the programme for the delivery of the units be noted; and

(2) a stated expenditure be approved to fund the feasibility work to progress schemes to the end of RIBA Stage 1.

21. Occupational Health Service and Employee Assistance Programme

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 9-0,

RESOLVED that:

(1) an extension of the current Occupational Health Services contract be awarded to People Asset Management Limited (PAM) for 1 year from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 at a stated approximate cost to the Council (including Schools);

(2) proceeding with a process to obtain a contractor to deliver the Occupational Health Service including an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years, be approved; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director Resources and Regeneration to decide on whether the appropriate route to obtain a contractor is through a framework agreement or an open tender route.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.