

# **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET**

**Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 6.30 pm**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Coral Howard and Councillor Luke Sorba.

## **161. Declaration of Interests**

Councillor De Ryk declared a pecuniary interest in Item 21 as she had accepted a three month consultancy contract with Morgan Sindall PLC and left the room during consideration of that item.

## **162. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on October 10 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **163. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **164. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies**

None were raised.

## **165. Comments from Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the budget cut proposals**

The written views of the Children & Young People Select Committee were presented by Councillor Luke Sorba. He reiterated the request for any cuts to be suspended until additional research was done and he conveyed his thanks to the Mayor who confirmed the cut would be recommended for suspension when the Cabinet considered Item 9 on the agenda.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by Councillor Luke Sorba, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the views of the Children & Young People Select Committee be accepted as part of the determination on Item 9 on Revenue Budget Cuts and that where any other proposal asks for additional information, the relevant Executive Director be asked to provide a response.

**166. Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on concerns raised by the Audit Panel**

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the concerns raised by the Audit Panel be noted and the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be asked to respond to the Public Accounts Select Committee and to the Audit Panel.

**167. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on employment training and business support**

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments as set out be noted and the Executive Director for Corporate Services be asked to provide a response.

**168. Older Adults Day Service**

The report was introduced by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, who underlined the Council's support for Afro-Caribbean communities over many years. She believed there was some confusion about the proposals and she stressed the proposed changes would not undermine existing community led groups and the changes would affect older adults day care services only. This sector had multiple unused places and the proposal to offer services at one rather than three locations, would produce savings.

The Cabinet was addressed by a spokeswoman for Professor Joan Amin-Addo who read out a prepared statement. The statement claimed the EAA was inadequate in its consideration of racism and said the proposal to combine three centres was shortsighted.

Councillor Coral Howard presented a written referral from the Healthier Communities Select Committee. She pointed out the significance of the Calabash Centre to the BAME population and said evolution rather than dilution was required.

Councillor Best presented the response to the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee and recalled that the decisions had already been deferred to allow a considered response to be made. She pointed out that the EAA was in line with statutory obligations and that the Council had a zero tolerance on racism.

The Mayor indicated he understood the passion involved in objecting to this proposal but he wished to strongly refute any accusations of racism. He received confirmation from officers that the Calabash would be the preferred centre and that there would be no actual reductions in the BAME service. He concluded that the decisions were unavoidable given the dire austerity regime in which the Council operated but that if the General Election on December 12 led to a new Government promoting reinvestment, then this and other decisions could be revisited.

Having considered an officer report, presentations by the Deputy Mayor Councillor Chris Best, a spokesperson for Professor Joan Amin-Addo and Councillor Coral Howard, the Vice Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and from the options available, by a vote of 8-0,

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the consultation findings and officer response set out be noted;
- (2) the proposal to re-commission the older adult day services currently provided at Cedar Court, Cinnamon Court and The Calabash Centre as a single service offer, based on the principles set out be approved;
- (3) officers proceed to procure a provider for the service, via the process set out; and
- (4) the proposed response to the Healthier Communities Select Committee be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

#### **169. 2020 21 Budget Cuts**

The report was introduced by Councillor Amanda De Ryk who said an appendix with legal implications had been laid around the table. Councillor De Ryk outlined the severity of the cuts resulting from continuing enforced governmental austerity.

Councillor Luke Sorba spoke with regard to the Health Visiting Service and the School Health Visiting Service which he believed were vital to ensure children received the best possible start in life. Councillor Best explained the Public Health Budget was under pressure and administrative savings could be achieved by combining the two Health Visiting contracts. Councillor Barnham added that he was reassured that reductions could be made without any loss of quality.

The Mayor concluded by saying cuts were repugnant but inevitable because of centrally imposed austerity. He stated the goal of his administration would be to tackle inequality and support vulnerable residents.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Chair of the Children & Young People Select Committee, Councillor Luke Sorba and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the progress with identifying budget cuts, the £2.9m shortfall against the target for 2020/21, and the possible implications for the use of reserves be noted;

(2) the new cuts proposals presented in Section 9 and Appendices 1 to 3, totalling £9.178m and referenced as below be determined as follows:

COM1a,2a,3a be delegated to the Executive Director of Community Services to implement on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity

COM 18 be approved

CUS7 be deferred

CUS15 be approved and officers asked to consider the findings of the NRPF service review

CUS16 be approved

RES19 be deferred

RES20 be deferred

CUS11a be approved

CUS14a be approved

RES21 and RES22 be approved.

(3) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee of the 24 September 2019, which incorporates the views of the respective select committees be received;

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

(5) officers be authorised to carry out consultations where public consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and ask officers to report back to the Mayor with the outcome, for a decision to be made;

(6) where no consultation is required, either the cut proposal be approved, or the decision be delegated to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned; and

(7) or, officers be requested to complete further work to clarify the proposal and that officers then re-submit the proposal at the earliest opportunity for a decision.

## **170. Surrey Canal Triangle Supplementary Planning Document**

The Mayor introduced the report and was pleased to be able to say constructive dialogue embracing the Council, Millwall FC and Renewal had continued.

The Head of Programmes: Complex Projects reported the Sustainable Development Select Committee had considered the report earlier in the week and had raised four matters all of which could be taken into account. The Cabinet received the written views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee and asked officers to prepare a written response.

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 8-0

RESOLVED that

- (1) the responses to the pre-production consultation be noted;
- (2) the comments received from the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee held on 28 October 2019 be received;
- (3) the content of the draft Surrey Canal Triangle Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document to go to formal public consultation in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement be approved;
- (4) the financial and legal implications set out be noted;
- (5) the findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening report be noted;
- (6) the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment be authorised to make any changes to the text and format of the documents prior to public consultation; and
- (7) a referral from the Sustainable Development Select Committee be received and the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and environment be asked to prepare a response.

#### **171. New Cross Gate Station Supplementary Planning Document**

In answer to a question from Councillor Dromey, the Director of Planning confirmed a planning application had been made and was being checked for validation following which there would be a period of public consultation.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the consultation carried out as part of the Pre-production stage set out be noted;
- (2) the content of the draft SPD to go out to formal public consultation in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement be approved;
- (3) the financial and legal implications set out be noted;
- (4) the findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening

report be noted;

(5) the Director of Planning be authorised to make any minor changes to the text and format of the documents prior to public consultation.

#### **172. Friendship agreement Pokhara**

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 8-0'

RESOLVED that a formal friendship agreement between London Borough of Lewisham and the city of Pokhara in the Federal Republic of Nepal be recommended to the Council.

#### **173. Beecroft Garden Primary School Instrument of Government**

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 8-0:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for Beecroft Garden Primary School be made by Local Authority order dated 30 October 2019 as set out.

#### **174. Local Authority Governor nomination**

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, having considered the information supplied in respect of the nomination by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the information concerning the recommended nominated governor be noted; and

(2) to make the following nomination:

Mrs. Aurora Bryan                      St. Michael's Church of England Primary

#### **175. Ladywell Playtower Restoration**

The Mayor announced that this item would be adjourned until the November 20 meeting.

#### **176. Exclusion of Press and Public**

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**178. Security Extension Contract CIS Security**

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) an extension of the contract with CIS Security Limited be approved for one year, until December 2020 for the provision of corporate Security and Related Services, involving expenditure of an approximately stated monthly figure and a stated total figure over the term of the extension, subject to increases in the London Living Wage; and

(2) during the extension period, Officers carry out a full options appraisal on the future delivery of security services including insourcing, a hybrid commercial arrangement and good practice initiatives from public and third sector organisations.

**179. CCTV Control room monitoring Contract Award**

Having considered a confidential 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 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the monitoring contract for Lewisham Council's CCTV Control room be awarded to Enigma for the provision of 1 operator, 24 hour per day, 365 days per annum, of the control room, starting on February 1st 2020, for term of 5 years with the ability to extend by 2 years; and

(2) the annual contract cost would be as stated, with a total contract cost over 5 years of a further stated figure.

**180. Cleaning Extension Churchill Contract Services**

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the insourcing of the cleaning service be approved;

(2) an extension of the contract with Churchill Contract Services Ltd for nine months, until September 2020 be approved for the provision of Building Cleaning and Related Services allowing Officers to immediately begin the

process of insourcing the service and facilitate next steps, including TUPE negotiations and appointing a Service Manager.

(3) The cost of the extension will involve expenditure of an approximately stated monthly figure, and a stated maximum total of over the full term of the extension, subject to increases in the London Living Wage.

#### **181. Lewisham Gateway - Various Approvals in relation to the Phase 2 Development**

Councillor Amanda De Ryk withdrew from the meeting while this item was considered.

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the stated increase in the amount of Housing Infrastructure Fund) funding for the scheme and the associated requirements of the Council as the accountable body for the grant be approved;

(2) the grant of the Phase 2 building leases be approved in accordance with the structure annexed at Appendix 1;

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services and the Head of Law, to agree the amount of the guarantee for Phase 2; and

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the Director of Regeneration & Place and the Director of Law, to agree all further variations to the Development Agreement.

#### **182. Community Toilets Scheme Contract**

Councillor Best suggested appropriate signage at installations could offer advice to residents. Officers promised they would discuss this suggestion with the provider.

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) a Single Tender Action be approved between the Council and Rushey Green Timebank to 31 March 2022 for the provision of Community Toilets across the borough, enabling the funding to be aligned with that of the LB

Lewisham Main Grants cycle and will require a stated annual expenditure;

(2) the Community Toilets provision be considered for competitive tender or under an alternative funding model during the 2021/22 financial year as part of any review that may be undertaken of the Main Grants programme and LB Lewisham support to the voluntary and community sector at that time.

### **183. Domiciliary Care Provision**

Having considered a confidential officer report, 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 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) a one year (1 year) extension be approved from 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2021 of the Home Care Services Contract with the following organisations:

- Eleanor Homecare (Neighbourhood 2 plus a section of neighbourhood 1) at an estimated stated cost.
- Westminster Homecare (Neighbourhood 3 plus a section of neighbourhood 1) at an estimated stated cost
- Care Outlook Ltd (Neighbourhood 4 plus a section of neighbourhood 1) at an estimated stated cost; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services and the Acting Chief Finance Officer to agree any inflationary increase in April 2020 and to agree any additional increase in the contract price as a result of an increase in the London Living Wage in 2020/2021.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm