

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 11 March 2020 at 6.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor James Rathbone, Councillor John Muldoon, Councillor Tauseef Anwar, Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Luke Sorba and Councillor James-J Walsh.

277. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Bell declared a personal interest in Item 10 as a member of the Church of England.

278. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on February 5 and February 12 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

279. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The Mayor and Cabinet received a written referral from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that officers be asked to prepare a Mayoral response to the issues raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

280. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

281. Young Mayor's Budget

The proposed budget was jointly introduced by the outgoing Young Mayor, Adam Abdullah and the outgoing Deputy Young Mayor, Nike Ajijola who answered questions from members of the Cabinet.

The Mayor concluded by endorsing the four spending proposals and stating he was proud of Adam and Nike's achievements, which were the culmination of their exciting manifestos. He said he had been particularly impressed by the campaigning aspects of their roles and that he was particularly happy to support progressive budget proposals..

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the 2018-19 Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor and by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor and

Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that the Young Mayor's budget proposals set out below be approved;

Young Mayor's Youth Poverty Fund	£8,000
Work Experience programme	£5,000
Educational Support	£10,000
Youth Climate Forum	£2,000
Total	£25,000

282. Lewisham Climate Emergency Action Plan

The report was introduced by Councillor McGeevor and received warm praise from other Cabinet members. The Mayor thanked her for her hard work and for the contributions made by the local community, all of which had made Lewisham a leading borough in tackling climate change. At the same time the Mayor expressed his disappointment at the limited action being undertaken by central government.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Lewisham Climate Emergency Strategic Action Plan be approved;
- (2) the ambition for the borough to be carbon neutral by 2030 be affirmed;
- (3) the ambitious nature of this target and the need for significant and sustained action by central government if it is to be delivered be noted;
- (4) the outline communication strategy at Annex A be approved;
- (5) the proposed criteria for Lewisham's Carbon Offset Fund at Annex B be approved;
- (6) Mayor and Cabinet reviews progress on the Action Plan annually.

283. Boroughwide Private Sector Housing Licensing

In answer to a question from Councillor Dromey, the Private Sector Housing Manager confirmed up to 12 apprentices could be hired if government approval for the licensing scheme was secured.

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that the following recommendations be approved in respect to the proposed Additional Licensing Scheme and the proposed Selective Licensing Scheme.

Additional Licensing Scheme

- (1) the consultation undertaken on the proposed Additional Licensing Scheme, the responses received, and the officer comments, as outlined be noted;
- (2) the proposed Additional Licensing Scheme Fee for HMOs fees that will be presented to the Supplementary Licensing Committee for approval before the scheme can commence, as outlined, be noted;
- (3) the proposed new licensing conditions for properties in the Private Rental Sector, as outlined, be noted;
- (4) the designation of an additional licensing scheme for all Houses in Multiple Occupation in the Council's area, as outlined, be approved; and
- (5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Environment and Regeneration to implement the new additional Licensing Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation, and publish the 3-month Statutory Notice for the scheme as part of the implementation;

Selective Licensing Scheme

- (1) the consultation undertaken on the proposed Selective Licensing Scheme, the responses received, and the officer comments, as outlined, be noted;
- (2) the proposed Selective Licensing Scheme Fee that will be put to Supplementary Licensing Committee for approval before the scheme can commence, as part of the application to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, as outlined, be noted;
- (3) the proposed new licensing conditions for properties in the Private Rental Sector, as outlined, be approved;
- (4) the submission of an application to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Selective Licensing Scheme to apply to all privately rented single occupancy dwellings in the Borough of Lewisham, as outlined, be approved;
- (5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Environment and Regeneration:-to finalise the application for a Selective Licensing scheme and submit to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government; and to implement the Selective Licensing Scheme and publish the 3-month Statutory Notice for the scheme as part of the implementation, pending necessary approvals from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

284. Approach to Boroughwide Pot of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

The report was jointly presented by the Mayor and Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Cabinet Member for the Community Sector.

Councillor Slater highlighted the use of Common Place which had secured a very high consultation response. This was disputed by Councillors Juliet Campbell and James Rathbone, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee, who believed the Common Place platform did not attract a representative community response and that a delay to examine the methodology was required.

The Mayor thanked the Select Committee members for their input, but observed that compared to previous Section 106 consultations, many more people were involved. He said the consultation had been pioneering and as such merited a review and could provide valuable lessons learned, but that a delay did not seem appropriate.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, and the Chair of the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress on agreeing the ward based priorities for the NCIL programme be noted;

(2) the process through which the borough-wide priorities have been developed be noted; and

(3) In regard to the allocation of the Borough-wide NCIL funding:

£100,000 be allocated to the development of Council borough-wide Air Quality initiatives that promote community involvement;

an open call for projects is run alongside the ward based process with the following priorities:

initiatives that seek to support local community groups to contributing to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

provision of high-quality mentoring services and those designed to keep Lewisham's children and young people safe from exploitation, violence and serious youth crime

support for people with learning disabilities and/or issues with mental health to find employment opportunities in order to identify projects for which the remainder of the fund may be allocated

such funding should support services that are borough-wide, as far as

possible, but also provide extra focus on the most deprived wards in the borough as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

285. Lewisham Local Plan - Regulation 18 stage

The report was presented by the Mayor who asked that a response be prepared in due course to the written comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee which were presented by the Chair, Councillor Liam Curran.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee and the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the following documents be approved for future statutory public consultation (subject to 6 below):

- Draft Lewisham Local Plan - Regulation 18 stage “main issues and preferred approaches” document (Appendix 1)

- Draft Interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Non-technical Summary and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix 2)

- Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) (Appendix 3)

(2) the contents of the Consultation Statement (Appendix 4), documenting the main issues raised by the public in the initial Regulation 18 stage consultation (2015 Issues and Options document) and officer responses to them be noted;

(3) the contents of the consultation strategy be noted; (Appendix 5)

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to:

i. Make minor amendments to the above documents prior to Council;

ii. Make further amendments to the Draft Local Plan (Appendix 1) to incorporate headline summaries of: feedback received on public consultation to-date; key findings from the evidence base; main planning issues and policy alternatives considered.

(5) the financial and legal implications set out be noted;

(6) Remit to Council for its consideration and approval the Interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment;

(7) Council be recommended to:

i. Approve the documents specified in 1 above subject to any minor and

further amendments which might be made under 4 above.

ii. Use its powers to resolve to publically consult on those documents that Council so approve, including the Interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment subject to paragraph 6 above;

(8) the written comments of the Sustainable Development Committee be received and a response for Mayoral consideration be prepared

286. Post Consultation recommendations on addition of new buildings to Local List

The Mayor received a presentation from representatives of the Church of England's Diocese of Southwark, Eric Williamson, Property Development Surveyor and the Reverend Louise Codrington-Marshall. Mr Williamson stated that council officers had accepted the consultation in respect of St Luke's Church, Evelyn Street, was flawed as notifications had been sent to a building which closed ten years previously. He asked for a deferment in respect of St Luke's Church only.

The Director of Planning advised the Mayor that Local Listing would not preclude development but that agreeing all the other proposals and deferring St Luke's was possible.

The Mayor accepted the request made by the Diocesan representatives and asked officers to engage with them and come back later in the year with a standalone report on St Luke's.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Mayor and a representative of the Church of England, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the feedback from the seven week period of public consultation for the proposed new additions to the Local List be noted;

(2) the objections raised be noted;

(3) the legal and financial implications set out be noted; and

(4) the additions to the Local List in Appendix 1 be adopted with the exception of St Luke's Church, Evelyn Street which should be the subject of a further report.

287. GLA Small Sites Small Builders Grant

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) a total of £1,477,500 grant funding be accepted from the GLA pursuant to the Small Sites Small Builders Programme to carry out specified works on five Council housing projects on Council land as set out in Section 4;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to agree the terms of and enter into individual grant agreements with the GLA for each project; and

(3) should any project set out in Section 4 not proceed, authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to agree a substitution project and to agree the terms of and enter into any replacement grant agreement required.

288. Call-in response Disposal of former Wide Horizons Sites in Wales & Kent

The Mayor recognised his manifesto commitment to retain sites in the Borough of Lewisham and listened carefully to the concerns articulated by two representatives of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. He concluded that the rationale in the original report for advocating disposal was sound but decided to expand the recommendation by asking officers to investigate disposal to the public sector as a preferred option.

Having considered the original officer report, the OSBP call-in, a written response to the call in, and presentations by Councillors Curran and Sorba and the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that the original recommendations be upheld and officers be authorised to investigate possible disposals to the public sector.

289. Making of Instrument Federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's Primary Schools and Local 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, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for the federation of Holy Cross and St Augustine's Catholic Primary Schools (Aspire London) be made by Local Authority order dated 1 April 2020 as set out in Appendix 1.

290. Local Authority Governor Nominations

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that Ms. Brooke Parkinson be nominated as local authority

governor for the Clyde Early Childhood Centre.

291. Response to Healthier Communities Select Committee Adult Safeguarding

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Best, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Select Committee be informed that their recommendation was accepted by the LSAB as this piece of work had already been planned as part of the delivery of the Board's Communication and Engagement Strategy 2019-20.

292. Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee on Pubs

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

RESOLVED to approve the response and report it to the Select Committee.

293. Response to Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Food Poverty

The Director of Public Health, Dr Catherine Mbema, advised members that there could be slippage in the timescales for the development of the Food Poverty Action Plan owing to the escalating impact of Coronavirus.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet member for the Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the proposals to develop a new food poverty action plans overseen by Lewisham's Food Partnership be supported as part of the Sustainable Food Cities approach to healthier and sustainable food and the governance arrangements.

294. Corporate Energy Contract Strategy

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the overall approach to reviewing the Council's procurement of corporate energy contracts be approved; and

(2) the proposal to purchase REGO certificates to match the supply received through our electricity contracts for corporate sites, schools and streetlighting to renewable generation be approved.

295. 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.

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296. Broadway Theatre Works

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) officers be authorised to undertake an open procurement exercise to find a suitable Principal Contractor for the proposed works to the Broadway Theatre, using the process set out; and

(2) officers be authorised to undertake feasibility on bringing forward proposals in addition to the initial proposed package of works to further improve access arrangements to the building.

297. Old Town Hall Works

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the work programme be endorsed as part of its early commitment to the aims of the Catford Masterplan;

(2) officers be authorised to undertake a procurement exercise to find a suitable contractor for the works, using the process set out;

(3) a waiver of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be approved and a contract be awarded to ig9 to be appointed as the Employer's Agent and Design Team to provide technical assistance and fulfil CDM regulations with the delivery of this project, RIBA stages 4-7 (tender preparation through to

project completion) at a total stated cost

298. Precision Manufactured Housing Procurement Process

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the procurement strategy adopted by Lewisham Homes, the tender analysis they have undertaken to date and the further steps to be completed be noted;
- (2) the allocation of funding which will be used by Lewisham Homes to appoint a contractor under two separate contracts to deliver construction works for 65 new homes at the schemes known as Home Park and Edward Street as part of the Building for Lewisham programme, for up to a stated figure made up of the contract sum of up to a lesser stated figure and a 5% stated contingency.
- (3) an increased General Fund capital programme budget for Edward Street, from the current approved budget to a revised stated budget be approved;
- (4) the Executive Director of Housing Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Council's s151 Officer and Director of Law will continue to examine mitigation options to improve the financial position of the Home Park and Edward Street schemes.
- (5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to approve any mitigation measures for the two schemes, the extent to which those are implemented and to approve the final contract sum prior to Lewisham Homes entering into contracts; and
- (6) the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Council's s151 Officer and Director of Law will continue to examine mitigation options to improve the financial position of the Mayfield scheme and will bring a report back to Mayor and Cabinet to agree a strategy for the delivery of new housing on this site and a stated budget of be allocated in order to appoint a contractor and the relevant professional team to explore these mitigation options and develop a strategy for delivery.

299. Future Home Care Arrangements

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Best, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the procurement of Neighbourhood Lead Providers (Home Care) be approved subject to a further report being brought back to Mayor and Cabinet in July 2020 which will detail the new model for Home Care and set out the full procurement process for approval.

(2) the start of public and market engagement on the development of a new model of Home Care in Lewisham be approved; and

(3) the increase in forecast spend on home care for the period 2021 – 2026 and the impact this will have on the Council's budget strategy be noted.

300. Appropriation of the Former Mayow Road Warehouse

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 10-0:

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972, the appropriation of the former Mayow Road Warehouse shown edged with a dotted red line in Appendix 2 be approved from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund, excluding the area edged in a solid red line which will remain in the Housing Revenue Account. The appropriation will be at a stated value which is the appropriate proportion of the Existing Use Value of the land, and excludes the value for the part of the land required for the 6 Supported Living homes.

301. Renewal of Oracle Licensing Arrangements

Having considered a confidential 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 10-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the award of the Oracle Fusion Subscription licence to Oracle as a direct award which would be a 3 year licence for a total value not exceeding a stated figure be approved with the licence starting on 1st June 2020 and expiring on 31st May 2023; and

(2) delegated authority be given to the Acting Chief Finance Officer to approve the final licence renewal price for a period of three years up to a maximum stated value.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.