

## LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of that part of the meeting of the MAYOR AND CABINET, which was open to the press and public, held on WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2013 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 6.18 p.m.

### Present

The Mayor (Sir Steve Bullock)(Chair); Councillors Daby, Egan, Millbank, Onuegbu and Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Best, Klier, Maslin and Smith.

### Also Present

Councillors Fletcher and Maines and 14 members of the public.

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1.	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> (page Councillor Susan Wise declared a personal interest in item 4 as a patient at Lewisham Hospital.	
2.	<u>Matters raised by Scrutiny</u>  <u>Council Budget 2013-14</u>  The Mayor welcomed and supported the following comments from the Business Panel, further noting he would consider the comments made by the joint Select Committee meeting on youth Services as part of Item 5  (a) That all the Officers involved in the preparation and scrutiny of the Budget be thanked for their efforts.  (b) That all the variations to budget savings suggested by the Mayor be welcomed and note be made that these proposals and any alternative motions will be determined by the Council on February 27.  (c) That the recommendations made by the joint meeting of the Children & Young People Select Committee and the Safer & Stronger Communities Select Committee on February 13 be supported in full.	
3.	<u>Outstanding References to Select Committees</u> (page The Mayor received a report on issues which had previously	

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been considered that awaited the responses requested from Directorates.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

4. Lewisham Hospital (page

The report was presented by the Chief Executive who confirmed officers believed the Secretary of State and the TSA had acted outside their legal powers. The Mayor fully supported the proposed course of action and stressed the Council was not going through the motions but rather emphatically believed the proposals were fundamentally wrong and potentially greatly damaging to the local community.

RESOLVED that

(i) the Head of Law be authorised to pursue judicial review proceedings in relation to the recommendations of Matthew Kershaw, TSA of SLHT dated 8 January 2013, and in relation to the decision of the Secretary of State for Health dated 31 January 2013, in so far as both relate to Lewisham Hospital if, following receipt of any response to the pre-action protocol letters sent to both on 7 February, she is of the opinion that the Council has a reasonable prospect of success in such proceedings; and

Head of Law

(ii) the setting up of a Legal Challenge Fund be endorsed and in the event any monies received in that Fund are not required for legal costs, they be donated to Children First Lewisham.

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5. 2013/14 Budget Update (page

The Mayor considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Youth. He also received presentations by the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration's representative and, in respect of the comments of the joint meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on Reshaping Youth Services, from the representative of the Executive Director for Children & Young People.

Councillors Millbank and Daby both expressed concern about possible gaps in youth provision in the south of the borough. In

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response the Mayor said he had delayed confirming the Youth Service savings until he had received the views of the joint Select Committees and he was happy to endorse their request that the Executive Director for Children and Young People and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to respond to him on the suggestions set out in section 3 of their report.

RESOLVED That

(i) the Section 25 Statement from the Chief Financial Officer be received;

(ii) a Council Tax be recommended for 2013/14 of £1,060.35 for the Council's element. This is an increase of 1.75%, based on a General Fund Budget Requirement of £284.631m for 2013/14, noting that this gives rise to a 'relevant' Council Tax increase of 1.96% for 2013/14;

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(iii) an overall increase in Council Tax for 2013/14 of 1.08% be noted, which includes the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept being reduced by £3.72 to £303.00. This represents a 1.2% decrease from its 2012/13 level, subject to the GLA confirming this decision at its meeting on 25 February 2013;

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(iv) the statutory calculation for the 'basic' and 'relevant' amounts of Council Tax for Lewisham for 2013/14 be noted;

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(v) the motion on the budget, attached at Appendix C be recommended to Council on 27 February 2013, and

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(vi) the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee be noted and the Executive Director for Children and Young People and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to respond.

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6. Proposal to close the nursery class at Brindishe Lee Primary School (page

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor noted the mature

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discussion which had taken place on a difficult decision and that a large majority of respondents had supported the closure proposal.

RESOLVED That the non-statutory provision of a nursery class at Brindishe Lee Primary School should cease in July 2013 so that 30 additional Reception places can be offered at the school for entry in September 2013 as a temporary addition to the school's published Planned Admission Number. ED CYP

7. Re-development of Heathside & Lethbridge (page

The Mayor suggested that given the transformation which had already taken place, consideration should be given to the name of the development. Customer Services indicated 'Parkside' was a name in consideration for future reports on the area.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor:

RESOLVED That

- (i) the progress of the Heathside and Lethbridge Regeneration Scheme be noted;
- (ii) subject to the consent of the Secretary of State being obtained under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985, there be an appropriation of the Council owned land within Phase 3 of the Heathside and Lethbridge Estate re-development scheme, from housing purposes to planning purposes under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972; and ED Customer
- (iii) an application be made to the Secretary of State under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985 for consent to the appropriation. ED Customer

8. Proposal to postpone the lowering of the age of entry to Prendergast Ladywell Fields College until September 2014 (page

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor

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RESOLVED

That

(i) the rationale for the proposal to modify the lowering of the age of entry to Prendergast Ladywell Fields College be noted;

(ii) the results of consultation with key stakeholders be noted;

(iii) there be a modified start date of September 2014 rather than September 2013 for the lowering of the age of entry to Prendergast Ladywell Fields College.

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9. Appointment of Local Authority Governors (page

Having considered information supplied in respect of the nominees, the Mayor, appointed the persons listed below as School

RESOLVED

That the persons listed below be appointed as School Governors,

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Patrick Dubeck

Haseltine

Saida Bello

Sandhurst Junior

Cllr Paul Bell

Edmund Waller

Cllr Carl Handley

Gordonbrock

Alyson McGarrigle

Rushey Green

Mel Church

Sandhurst Junior

Melanie Lewis

Good Shepherd

Elsie Sutherland

Greenvale

Henrii Webb

Greenvale

Ruth Bailey

Stillness Infant

Dinah Griffiths

Childeric

Elizabeth Johnston-Franklin

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10. Matters referred by Children and Young People Select Committee – ‘Falling through the gaps’ in-depth review (page

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED	That the views and recommendations of the Select Committee be received and the Executive Director for Children and Young People be asked to prepare a response to the Review’s recommendations.	ED CYP
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The meeting ended at .7.10pm.

Chair