

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 10 July 2013 at 6.04 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Councillors Chris Best, Janet Daby, Damien Egan, Helen Klier, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank, Crada Onuegbu, Alan Smith and Susan Wise

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor John Muldoon

1. Declaration of interests

None were made.

2. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on June 19 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Raised by Scrutiny

The Mayor was addressed by Councillor John Muldoon who explained a late paper had been circulated on Outcomes Based Commissioning and Outcomes Based Practice for Adult Social Care following consideration of the subject at Healthier Communities Select Committee the previous evening and after a successful consultation event with service users and carers the previous afternoon.

Having considered an officer report, and the presentation by the Chair of the Select Committee, the Mayor agreed that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response on the Healthier Communities Select Committee's recommendations on Outcomes Based Commissioning and Outcomes Based Practice for Adult Social Care

The Mayor also received a confidential report from the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on the future of Ladywell Leisure Centre. The Business Panel made the following requests;

- i. any proposal for the site should include a communications strategy before and after demolition.
- ii. the extent of asbestos contamination needs to be explored and clarified as there were various views as to what work has been carried out in the past.
- iii. a clearer timetable for the completion of the feasibility study, and the final decision for use of the site.
- iv. the Council to corporately review previous plans for the site.
- v. officers to share planning advice for the site with Business Panel Members.
- vi. Business Panel believes that Sustainable Development Select Committee should incorporate this item into their work

programme.

The Mayor clarified that the feasibility study related to the demolition of the building rather than work on the wider site. The Deputy Mayor informed him that most of the points raised by the Business Panel had already been considered at Mayor & Cabinet. He received advice from the Head of Law that policy and development advice on commercially sensitive aspects of the proposals should not be shared.

Having considered the confidential report, and advice from the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor agreed that the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be asked to prepare a response on the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel's recommendations regarding the future of Ladywell Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED

that:

(i) the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response on the Healthier Communities Select Committee's recommendations on Outcomes Based Commissioning and Outcomes Based Practice for Adult Social Care; and

(ii) the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be asked to prepare a response on the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel's recommendations regarding the future of Ladywell Leisure Centre.

4. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5. Financial Forecasts

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, the Mayor agreed that the financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2014 be noted.

6. Strategic Financial Review

The Mayor was advised by the Executive Director for Resources representative that the technical changes to the Capital Programme were reported in both paragraph 6.29 and 6.30.

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

(i) the strategic financial position be noted;

(ii) the capital programme be updated;

(iii) the items listed at paragraphs 6.29 & 6.30 be funded from revenue from 2014/15 onwards and to instruct the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to build this into the budget strategy;

(iv) officers should prepare budget proposals to reflect the strategy set out; and

(v) the budget process for 2014/15 and future years should reflect the financial context as set out.

7. Outcome of Ofsted Inspection of Lewisham Fostering Service

The Mayor paid tribute to the officer team and to the foster carers who had contributed to a good report and inspection outcome.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, the Mayor agreed that the results of the inspection of the fostering service by Ofsted, as detailed in the inspection report, be noted.

8. Deptford Park resource base modification

The Mayor was advised by the Executive Director for Children and Young People's representative that a revised solution would be discussed with the governing body of the school.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, the Mayor, agreed that the rationale for the modification to the start date of this project be accepted and a modified start date of September 2014 rather than September 2013 be approved for Deptford Park Primary School ASD resource base.

9. Appeal Panel Member Appointment

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, the Mayor agreed that the appointment to the independent education appeals panel of Patrick Roycroft, a Governor of St Augustine Primary School, be confirmed.

10. Response to Housing Select Committee Low Cost Homes

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, the Mayor agreed that the information contained in the report be approved and reported as a response to the Housing Select Committee.

11. Instrument of Government Beecroft Garden

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Helen Klier, the Mayor agreed that

- (i) the Instrument of Government for Beecroft Garden Primary School be made by Local Authority order dated 1 September 2013; and
- (ii) the nomination of Sharon Long be approved for appointment by the governing body.

12. Appointment of LA Governors

Having considered information supplied in respect of the nominees proposed for appointment, and advice from the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Helen Klier, the Mayor agreed that the following persons be appointed as a Local Authority governor;

Penelope Sarah Jarrett	Forest Hill
Alan Quarterman	Forest Hill
Paul Canty	Sydenham
Antje Ayala Torales	Torridon Junior
Caroline Cooke	Rushey Green
Margaret Riddel	Edmund Waller
Victoria Whittle	Conisborough College

13. Work and Skills Strategy

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

- (i) the Work and Skills Strategy be approved;
- (ii) the service level agreement between the Council and Jobcentre Plus that sets out how we will work together to improve the employability of our residents be approved;
- (iii) the allocation of up to £150,000 for the creation of an Over 50s Employment Support Fund be approved; and

(iv) the pilot to create employment opportunities for benefit cap claimants in Adult Social Care, with the aim of extending to over 50s once tested be noted.

14. Matters raised by Housing Select Committee Housing: welfare reform

The Mayor was advised by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise that the comments of the housing Select Committee were very gratifying and should be received with thanks.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that the the Housing Select Committee be thanked for its contribution.

15. Matters raised by Housing Select Committee: fire safety

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to prepare a response on the Housing Select Committee's recommendations.

16. Matters raised by Sustainable Development Select Committee: business development review

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be asked to prepare a response on the Sustainable Development Select Committee's recommendations.

17. Matters raised by Public Accounts Select Committee - Cross-borough working

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be asked to prepare a response on the Public Accounts Select Committee's recommendations.

The meeting closed at 6.53pm