

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at 6.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Liam Curran, Councillor Alan Hall, Councillor Jim Mallory, Councillor Jacq Paschoud and Councillor John Paschoud

66. Declaration of interests

Councillor Paul Maslin declared a personal interest in item 7 as his son is a pupil at Trinity School.

Councillor Jim Mallory declared a personal interest in Item 14 as Chair of 'Lee Green Lives' which incorporates two youth clubs in Lee Green.

67. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on November 13 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

68. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

69. Matters Raised by Scrutiny

The Mayor received presentations from the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Alan Hall on two matters which had been raised by the Business Panel and from the Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee, Councillor Liam Curran, who presented the findings of a joint meeting of his Committee and the Housing Select Committee on regeneration and housing in Deptford and New Cross.

RESOLVED that

(1) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration reports back on the matters raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on the Asset Rationalisation Programme;

(2) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration reports back on the matters raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on the Redevelopment of Lewisham Central Opportunity Site; and

(3) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration reports back on the matters raised by the joint Housing Select Committee and Sustainable Development Committee on regeneration and housing in Deptford and New Cross

70. Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Older People, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control be signed.

71. Housing Matters Programme Update

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

RESOLVED that

(i) the progress of the Housing Matters consultation so far and the proposals for continuing the conversation in the next phase be noted;

(ii) the progress on the new build programme, and proposals for the next phase of development and agrees that plans for the six sites identified namely:

Longfield Crescent, Forest Hill

Woodvale, Forest Hill

Lawn Terrace, Blackheath

Dacre Park/Boone Street(two sites), Blackheath

Achilles Street, New Cross

be developed in consultation with residents and Tenant and Resident Associations, in order for the carrying out of statutory consultation pursuant to Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 with the results of that consultation being reported back to Mayor & Cabinet for consideration, including appointing to the Architect and Employers' Agent roles at an estimated cost £550,000;

(iii) the proposed tenure mix of social rent and private sales on the next phase of development be approved in order to cross-subsidise the tenanted units, increase the number of homes that can be built with available resources, and achieved more mixed tenure development;

(iv) officers develop options for intermediate housing options such as shared ownership and other intermediate rental models which might then be incorporated in later phases of the build programme;

(v) the comments made by secure tenants in response to the statutory consultation undertaken pursuant to Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 be noted in relation to the proposal for a new housing development on the corner of Mercator Road and Blessington Road, and having considered those comments agrees that this site should be declared surplus to the Council's requirements and that authority to finalise the terms of any disposal to Pocket Living be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, in consultation with the

Director of Regeneration and Asset Management and Head of Law, subject to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration being satisfied that the disposal is for market value;

(vi) the Council's existing extra care schemes at Kenton Court and Somerville do not meet the standards demanded of modern extra care housing, and that note be taken feasibility studies show that it is not possible to refurbish the existing blocks into viable extra care schemes meeting modern standards;

(vii) officers should start the process of consulting with the residents of the Kenton Court and Somerville extra care schemes, to establish their housing options and care requirements and enable them to move to new-build provision as it becomes available and other provision as appropriate to their care needs; and

(viii) discretionary payments be made to tenants of Kenton Court and Somerville who would like to be re-housed at levels that are in accordance with the Land Compensation Act 1973 and the estimated total sum of such payments is £186,000.

72. Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Social Value Policy Statement be approved; and
- (ii) the draft objectives contained within the Policy Statement be agreed.

73. Response to Manor Lane Petition

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

- (1) the proposed response to the issues raised in the petition be approved and reported to the Lee Green Local Assembly; and
- (2) a report on progress made be received in one year.

74. Planning Annual Monitoring Report

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the content of the AMR 2012/13 be noted and its publication on the Council website be approved.

75. 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 Local Authority governors;

Mrs. Josephine Hibbitt	Adamsrill
Mrs. Aliya Sheikh	Stillness Junior
Ms. Rosemary Magrath	Horniman
Mr. Ken Hulbert	Stillness Junior

76. Licensed Deficit Trinity School

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that Trinity School should have a licensed deficit budget of £575,000 in the 2013/14 financial year.

77. Response to Housing SC Low Cost Home Ownership

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the response to the Housing Select Committee be approved; and
- (ii) the information on the Gentoo Genie scheme be noted and officers continue to liaise with Gentoo Genie to assess how the model might be implemented in Lewisham.

78. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014-15

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the outcomes of the consultation be noted;
- (ii) a local CTRS be retained from 1 April 2014 that passes on the government cut in grant in full;
- (iii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services and Head of Public Services, to set up and implement a hardship scheme with a maximum available spend in any one year of £100,000. Further delegation should be sought by the Executive Director for Customer Services and Head of Public Services if they consider it necessary for this threshold to be exceeded; and
- (iv) the report be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel and the information provided on collection enforcement action and associated costs be noted.

79. Youth Service provision: Referral from CYP and Safer Stronger Communities Select Committees

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee, Councillor John Paschoud, and the Vice-Chair of the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee, Councillor Jim Mallory, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report,

RESOLVED that the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, as set out, be received and the Executive Director for Children and Young People and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm