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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 26 February 2014 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Olufunke Abidoye, Jackie Addison, Obajimi Adefiranye, Anne Affiku, Christine Allison, Abdeslam Amrani, Paul Bell, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, John Bowen, David Britton, Duwayne Brooks, Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Suzannah Clarke, Liam Curran, Janet Daby, Vincent Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Damien Egan, Alexander Feakes, Peggy Fitzsimmons, Julia Fletcher, Patsy Foreman, Vicky Foxcroft, Helen Gibson, Sven Griesenbeck, Alan Hall, Michael Harris, Ami Ibitson, Mark Ingleby, Stella Jeffrey, Darren Johnson, Helen Klier, Chris Maines, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Marion Nisbet, Stephen Padmore, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Philip Peake, Alan Smith, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pauline Beck, Councillor Carl Handley, Councillor Madeliene Long and Councillor Crada Onuegbu.

193. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Muldoon declared a personal Interest in Item 8 as an elected governor of the SLAM NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Hall declared a personal Interest in Item 8 as an elected governor of the Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Fletcher declared a personal Interest in Item 8 as a Member of the Council of Management of the Lewisham Youth Theatre.

Councillor John Paschoud declared a personal Interest in Item 8 as a Trustee of Lewisham Disability Coalition

Councillor Mallory declared a personal Interest in Item 8 as a Board Member of Fair Share.

194. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on January 22 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

195. Petitions

Mr John Hamilton presented a petition with 1,081 online signatures and more than 1,000 paper signatures calling on the Mayor to stop negotiations on selling the land currently leased to Millwall FC.

Councillor Mark Ingleby presented a petition supported by 72 persons calling on the Council to review the CPZ in Ballamore, Shroffold and Bedivere Roads as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Ami Ibitson presented a petition supported by 35 persons calling on the Council to consider road problems on Perry Hill arising from the construction of the Bell Green retail park.

Councillor Darren Johnson presented a petition supported by 114 online signatures calling on the Council to consider the road layout on Wickham Roadwork to ensure the 20mph speed restriction is enforced.

Councillor Julia Fletcher presented a petition supported by 53 persons calling on the Council to work with Phoenix to deal with fly tipping issues in the Downham Ward.

Councillor Chris Maines presented a petition supported by 53 persons calling on the Council to ensure SGN replace the temporary width restrictions on Lee Park near the junction with Lee High Road with a permanent structure to restrict large vehicles from using Lee Park.

196. Announcements or Communications

1.LCPCG

Councillor Jackie Addison, the third and final Chair of the LCPCG, addressed the Council regarding that organisation which was to hold its final meeting in the following week. She recalled the history and achievements of the LCPCG and concluded by saying it had been a privilege to serve as Chair.

2.Councillor Bowen

The Chair congratulated Councillor John Bowen on his recent marriage.

3.Convoys Wharf

The Mayor tabled a written report on Convoys Wharf and the agenda item and minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee in January 2014 were also circulated. The Mayor gave an oral update on his meeting with the Deputy Mayor for London responsible for Planning and said that while some of the Council's concerns had been addressed, others remained and lobbying would continue until the decision expected to take place at the end of March.

Councillors Hall, Foxcroft, Curran, Maines, John Paschoud and Allison all addressed the Council on the subject of Convoys Wharf. Members suggested a formal agenda item on Convoys Wharf should have been included at this meeting and they pointed out that the updates promised in January at the Strategic Planning Committee had not yet been received.

4. Retiring Members

Prior to the end of the meeting, the Chair paid tribute to those Councillors who were known to be retiring. He thanked Councillors Jackie Addison, Peggy Fitzsimmons, Madeliene Long, Stephen Padmore, Marion Nesbit, Darren Johnson, Helen Gibson, Vincent Davis, Vicky Foxcroft, Dan Whittle, Anne

Affiku, Mike Harris, and Olufunke Abidoye for their service. He particularly recognised the contributions of Councillors Addison, Fitzsimmons, Long, Padmore, Nisbet and Johnson who between them had over 148 years of service. He also thanked his fellow Brockley Councillor Vicky Foxcroft and wished her well in her bid to become the next MP for Lewisham Deptford in 2015. He ended by hoping for a positive election campaign which engaged with the electorate and heralded a new administration that would best serve their interests.

197. Public Questions

14 questions were received from the following members of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers are displayed on the Council's website.

1.	Ray Woolford	Cllr Smith
2.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Best
3.	Luke Sorba	Cllr Klier
4.	John Coughlin	Cllr Smith
5.	Peter Richardson	Cllr Best
6.	Mike Keogh	Cllr Smith
7.	Paul Phoenix	Cllr Best
8.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Best
9.	Peter Richardson	Cllr Maslin
10.	Mike Keogh	Mayor
11.	Paul Phoenix	Cllr Klier
12.	Patricia Richardson	Cllr Maslin
13.	Mike Keogh	Cllr Smith
14.	Peter Richardson	Cllr Wise

198. Member Questions

26 questions were asked by Members of the Council and answered by the Cabinet Member indicated below. Copies of all the questions and answers were circulated at the meeting and are displayed on the Council website with the meeting papers.

1.	Cllr Jacq Paschoud	Mayor
2.	Cllr Hall	Mayor
3.	Cllr Johnson	Cllr Smith
4.	Cllr Ibitson	Cllr Smith
5.	Cllr Gibson	Cllr Klier
6.	Cllr Ingleby	Cllr Wise
7.	Cllr Curran	Cllr Smith
8.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Klier
9.	Cllr Hall	Cllr Smith
10.	Cllr Ibitson	Cllr Smith
11.	Cllr Gibson	Cllr Smith
12.	Cllr Jacq Paschoud	Cllr Maslin
13.	Cllr Ingleby	Cllr Wise

14.	Cllr Curran	Mayor
15.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Best
16.	Cllr Hall	Cllr Smith
17.	Cllr Gibson	Cllr Klier
18.	Cllr Curran	Cllr Wise
19.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Klier
20.	Cllr Gibson	Cllr Smith
21.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Klier
22.	Cllr Gibson	Cllr Smith
23.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Wise
24.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Maslin
25.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Smith
26.	Cllr Brooks	Cllr Wise

199. Constitutional Amendment

The Chair moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Vice Chair and it was:

RESOLVED that the proposed amendment of the Constitution appearing at Appendix 1 be approved.

200. Budget 2014-15

The Chair of Council had the Head of Law explain a procedure for consideration of this item which required the suspension of Council Procedure Rules. The Council agreed to have the Budget introduced by the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin. The Council then considered the Liberal Democrat motion appearing as Item 12 on the agenda and held one debate on both the motion and the budget proposal. During this general debate on the budget the 5 minute limit on speeches for the Mayor and Councillors Hall and Maines was suspended.

The Mayor reported that he did not intend to vary the budget proposals he had already fully set out at Mayor and Cabinet on February 12 and 19. He stated he believed his Budget protected fundamental services despite horrendous Government cuts and that local government remained the most efficient of all public services. He alluded to the immensity of the task facing the next Council administration which would have to cut £95m over its term of office.

The Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin formally moved that the Mayor's Budget be accepted.

Councillor Alan Hall formally seconded that the Mayor's Budget be accepted.

Item 12, the Liberal Democrat motion was next moved by Councillor Feakes and seconded by Councillor Maines. The Council also considered a supplementary agenda document containing officer commentary on the Liberal Democrat proposals and the technical Budget update considered by

the Mayor on February 19.

There then followed a general debate on the Budget and Item 12 to which the Mayor, and Councillors Maslin, Johnson, Hall, Bell, Daby, and Bonavia contributed.

Once the debate was concluded, there was a vote on Item 10 in accordance with new legal provisions which had taken effect the day before. The result of the vote was as follows:

9 votes in favour of Motion 2 – Item 12

Councillor Christine Allison
Councillor John Bowen
Councillor Duwayne Brooks
Councillor Alexander Feakes
Councillor Julia Fletcher
Councillor Patsy Foreman
Councillor Sven Griesenbeck
Councillor Chris Maines
Councillor Philip Peake

36 votes Against Motion 2 – Item 12

Councillor Olufunke Abidoye
Councillor Obajimi Adefiranye
Councillor Anne Affiku
Councillor Abdeslam Amrani
Councillor Paul Bell
Councillor Chris Best
Councillor Kevin Bonavia
Councillor David Britton
Councillor Suzannah Clarke
Councillor Liam Curran
Councillor Janet Daby
Councillor Vincent Davis
Councillor Amanda De Ryk
Councillor Damien Egan
Councillor Vicky Foxcroft
Councillor Helen Gibson
Councillor Alan Hall
Councillor Michael Harris
Councillor Ami Ibitson
Councillor Mark Ingleby
Councillor Stella Jeffrey
Councillor Darren Johnson
Councillor Helen Klier
Councillor Jim Mallory
Councillor Paul Maslin
Councillor Joan Millbank
Councillor Pauline Morrison

Councillor John Muldoon
Councillor Marion Nisbet
Councillor Stephen Padmore
Councillor Jacq Paschoud
Councillor John Paschoud
Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Eva Stamirowski
Councillor Alan Till
Councillor Susan Wise

Abstentions - nil

Once the result of this vote was known the Mayor was asked if he wished to amend his proposals, being aware of the earlier debate and the results of the vote. He confirmed he did not wish to amend his submitted proposals as a result of the debate.

Again in accordance with the law and revised Council Constitution, a further recorded vote was held on the Mayor's Budget proposal with the following result

35 Votes In favour of the Mayor's Budget Proposals

Councillor Olufunke Abidoye
Councillor Obajimi Adefiranye
Councillor Anne Affiku
Councillor Abdeslam Amrani
Councillor Paul Bell
Councillor Chris Best
Councillor Kevin Bonavia
Councillor David Britton
Councillor Suzannah Clarke
Councillor Liam Curran
Councillor Janet Daby
Councillor Vincent Davis
Councillor Amanda De Ryk
Councillor Damien Egan
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Councillor Helen Gibson
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Councillor Michael Harris
Councillor Ami Ibitson
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Councillor Paul Maslin
Councillor Joan Millbank
Councillor Pauline Morrison
Councillor John Muldoon
Councillor Marion Nisbet

Councillor Stephen Padmore
Councillor Jacq Paschoud
Councillor John Paschoud
Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Eva Stamirowski
Councillor Alan Till
Councillor Susan Wise

10 Votes Against the Mayor's Budget Proposals

Councillor Christine Allison
Councillor John Bowen
Councillor Duwayne Brooks
Councillor Alexander Feakes
Councillor Julia Fletcher
Councillor Patsy Foreman
Councillor Sven Griesenbeck
Councillor Darren Johnson
Councillor Chris Maines
Councillor Philip Peake

Abstentions nil

RESOLVED that that the recommendations shown below in respect of the 2014/15 budget be agreed;

(i) the consideration of the Public Accounts Select Committee of 6 February 2014, incorporating the views of the respective select committees on the previously agreed revenue budget savings proposals for 2014/16 be noted;

(ii) having considered the views of those consulted on the budget, subject to proper process and consultation, the following modifications be made to the published proposals;

Capital Programme

(iii) the 2013/14 Quarter 3 Capital Programme monitoring position as set out in section 5 be noted;

(iv) the 2014/15 to 2017/18 Capital Programme of £385.9m be approved, while noting that there are no new proposed major capital projects for this period, as set out in section 5 and attached at Appendices W1 and W2;

Housing Revenue Account

(v) the consultation report on service charges to tenants and leaseholders in the Brockley area, presented to area panel members on 19 December 2013, be noted, as attached at Appendix X3;

(vi) the consultation report on service charges to tenants and leaseholders and the Lewisham Homes budget strategy presented to area panel members on 17 December 2013, be noted, as attached at Appendix X4;

(vii) an increase of dwelling rents 5.05% be set (an average increase of £4.61 per week), in accordance with the Rent Restructuring formula;

(viii) an increase in the hostels accommodation charge by 4.66% be set (or £3.03 per week), in accordance with the Rent Restructuring formula;

(ix) the following average weekly increases for dwellings be approved for:

(A) service charges to non-Lewisham Homes managed dwellings (Brockley);

- caretaking 3.70% (£0.04)
- grounds 3.70% (£0.04)
- communal lighting 3.70% (£0.04)
- bulk waste collection 3.70% (£0.04)
- window cleaning 0.00% (£0.00)
- tenants' levy No increase

(B) service charges to Lewisham Homes managed dwellings:

- caretaking 3.37% (£0.19)
- grounds 2.50% (£0.02)
- window cleaning 0.00% (£0.00)
- communal lighting -3.40% (-£0.03) decrease
- block pest control -8.89% (-£0.15) decrease
- waste collection 4.21% (£0.02)
- heating & hot water 0.50% (£0.05)
- tenants' levy No increase

(x) the following average weekly percentage decreases for hostels and shared temporary units be approved for;

- service charges (hostels) – caretaking etc.; -6.91% (-£6.03)
- energy cost decreases for heat, light & power; -50% (-£5.24)
- water charges decrease; -91% (-£1.88)

(xi) an increase in garage rents by inflation of 3.2% be approved (£0.25 per week) for Brockley residents and 3.2% (£0.31 per week) for Lewisham Homes residents;

(xii) the budgeted expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2014/15 be £104.0m;

(xiii) the HRA budget strategy savings proposals be approved in order to achieve a balanced budget in 2014/15, as attached at Appendix X1;

Dedicated Schools Grant and Pupil Premium

(xiv) subject to final confirmation of the allocation, that the provisional Dedicated Schools Grant allocation of £267.6m be the Schools' Budget for 2014/15 and note that this level of funding will not be supplemented by a general fund contribution;

General Fund Revenue Budget

(xv) the projected overall variance against the agreed 2013/14 revenue budget as set out in section 8 be noted;

(xvi) the previous revenue budget savings of £24.5m for 2014/15 and £1.7m for 2015/16, as set out in section 8 of the report and summarised in Appendix Y1 be approved;

(xvii) revenue budget pressures of £3.6m in 2014/15 be funded, allowing the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration to hold these resources corporately until such time that these pressures emerge during the year and it has been determined that the pressures cannot be contained within the directorates' cash limits;

(xviii) the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration maintain a fund of £3.9m against which risks and other potential budget pressures which emerge during the year would be considered for funding;

(xix) subject to decisions on the above proposals, the following option be approved:

That a General Fund Budget Requirement of £268.1m for 2014/15 be approved, and a 0% increase in Lewisham's Council Tax element be agreed and the 1% Council Tax freeze grant of £1.0m be accepted. This will result in a Band D equivalent Council Tax level of £1,060.35 for Lewisham's services and £1,359.35 overall. This represents an overall decrease in Council Tax for 2014/15 of 0.29% and is subject to the GLA precept for 2014/15 being reduced by 1.3% from its existing 2013/14 level;

(xx) the Council Tax Ready Reckoner which for illustrative purposes, sets out the Band D equivalent Council Tax at various levels of increase be noted as explained in section 8 of the report and set out Appendix Y3;

(xxi) the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration issues cash limits to all Directorates once the 2014/15 Revenue Budget is agreed;

(xxii) the draft Chief Financial Officer's Section 25 Statement at Appendix Y4 be received;

(xxiii) the draft statutory calculations for 2014/15 be approved as set out at Appendix Y5;

(xxiv) the prospects for the revenue budget for 2015/16 and future years be noted;

(xxv) officers continue to develop firm proposals as part of the Lewisham Future Programme to help meet the forecast budget shortfalls in future years;

Other Grants (within the General Fund);

(xxvi) the allocation of £0.65m per annum of New Homes Bonus over the next ten years 2014/15 to 2023/24 be approved, to provide delivery support for housing and school pressures as set out in section 9

Treasury Management Strategy

(xxvii) the prudential indicators and treasury limits be approved, as set out in section 10;

(xxviii) the 2014/15 treasury strategy, including the investment strategy and the credit worthiness policy be approved, as set out at Appendix Z3;

(xxix) the credit and counterparty risk management criteria, as set out at Appendix Z3, the proposed countries for investment at Appendix Z4, and formal delegation of responsibility for managing transactions with those institutions which meet the criteria to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be approved;

(xxx) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, during 2014/15, to make amendments to borrowing and investment strategies provided there is no change to the Council's authorised limit for borrowing;

(xxxi) the maximum deposit limits with the part nationalised banks be increased from £50m to £65m for each of Lloyds Banking Group and Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Group;

(xxxii) lending to other local authorities up to a maximum of £5m and for a period of up to one year be approved;

(xxxiii) the development of the Municipal Bond Agency be noted, and once fully established, to note its potential as a suitable Agency from which to borrow as an alternative to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb);

(xxxiv) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in section 10 be approved;

(xxxv) the Treasury Management mid-year review attached at Appendix Z6; be noted;

(xxxvi) the recommendation in relation to further savings of £0.3m from the Attendance and Welfare Service (AWS), to be implemented in September 2014 be approved.

STATUTORY CALCULATIONS

1) It be noted that at its meeting on 22 January 2014, the Council calculated the number of 73,941.2 as its Council Tax base for 2014/15 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Taxbase) Regulations;

2) The following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- a. £1,061,052,900 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for gross expenditure, calculated in accordance with Section 31A (2) of the Act;
- b. £792,990,900 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for income, calculated in accordance with Section 31A(2) of the Act;
- c. £268,062,000 being the amount by which the aggregate of 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate of 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its General Fund budget requirement for the year;
- d. £187,349,823 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. This includes a settlement funding assessment adjustment of £900,000;
- e. £80,712,177 being the residual amount required to be collected from Council Tax payers. This includes the surplus on the Council's Collection Fund of £2,308,625.
- f. £1,060.35 being the residual sum at (e) above (less the surplus on the Collection Fund), divided by the Council Tax base of 73,941.2 which is Lewisham's precept on the Collection Fund for 2014/15 at the level of Band D;

Band	Council Tax (LBL)
	£
A	706.90
B	824.72
C	942.53
D	1,060.35
E	1,295.98
F	1,531.62
G	1,767.25
H	2,120.70

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

3) It be noted that for the year 2014/15, the Greater London Authority is currently consulting on the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	GLA
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	Precept
	£
A	199.33
B	232.56
C	265.78
D	299.00
E	365.44
F	431.89
G	498.33
H	598.00

4) Having calculated the estimated aggregate amount in each case of the amounts at 2) (f) and 3) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, assumed the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band	Total Council Tax (LBL & GLA)
	£
A	906.23
B	1,057.28
C	1,208.31
D	1,359.35
E	1,661.42
F	1,963.51
G	2,265.58
H	2,718.70

COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

As part of the Localism Act 2011, any Council Tax increases that exceed 2% in 2014/15 will trigger an automatic referendum of all registered electors in the borough. The statutory calculation for whether the Council is required to hold a referendum is based upon the 'relevant basic' amount of Council Tax, which under accounting regulations, includes levies. Any final recommendations on Council Tax levels will need to meet statutory requirements.

To date, Lewisham has received estimations of its levies for 2014/15. Formal notifications are expected to be received week commencing 17 February 2014.

COUNCIL TAX AND LEVIES

'Relevant Basic' Amount of Council Tax	2013/14	2014/15
Council Tax Base	72,199	73,941
Council Tax Requirement with Levy (£)	76,555,149	78,403,552
Basic Amount of Council Tax (£)	1,060.35	1,060.35
Increase in basic amount of Council Tax (%)		0%

Levy bodies for Lewisham	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Change £
LPFA (estimated)	1,244,988	1,243,426	(1,562)
Lee Valley Regional Park (estimated)	236,933	232,194	(4,739)
Environment Agency (estimated)	169,511	170,425	914
Total Levies	1,651,432	1,646,045	(5,387)

201. Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan Adoption

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran, and it was:

RESOLVED that the Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan be adopted.

202. Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd 14-15 Business Plan

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran. Councillor Alex Feakes observed that the full balance sheet was not available and he proposed, and Councillor Chris Maines seconded, a proposal that the recommendation be not accepted.

Following a reply from Councillor Smith, the proposal not to accept the recommendation was put to the vote and declared to be lost. The recommendation was then put to the vote and declared to be clearly carried.

RESOLVED that the Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) business plan for 2014/15 be approved.

203. Pay Statement

The Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Paul Maslin moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Audit Panel, Councillor Mike Harris. Following a contribution from Councillor Feakes it was:

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy Statement be approved.

204. Motion 1 Proposed by Councillor Wise Seconded by Councillor Handley

The motion was moved by Councillor Wise and seconded by Councillor Hall. The motion was then put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This Council recognises that London is in the middle of a severe housing crisis. Home ownership is falling. Rents are rising by ten percent a year. Standards in the private rented sector are declining. Overcrowding is getting worse and homelessness is rocketing.

This Council regrets that the crisis has dramatically deteriorated under the Coalition Government and Tory Mayor of London. Under David Cameron house building has fallen to the lowest level since the 1920's. Boris Johnson has missed every one of his own targets for building new affordable homes. On average, Conservative Councils in London have built half as many affordable homes as Labour Councils and a fifth as many Council homes.

This Council believes that tackling the housing crisis must be our highest priority. Accordingly, this Council will:

1. Build more genuinely affordable homes
2. Tackle rogue landlords and rip-off letting agencies
3. Build more homes for London's growing population
4. Bring empty homes back into use
5. Create jobs and apprenticeships in the building industry”

205. Motion 2 Proposed by Councillor Feakes Seconded by Councillor Maines

This item was considered as part of Item 8 on the agenda and was voted upon and declared to be lost.

206. Motion 3 Proposed by Councillor Brooks Seconded by Councillor Feakes

The motion was moved by Councillor Brooks and seconded by Councillor Feakes. The motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“As a London borough that is privileged to have a professional football club within our boundaries, this Council recognizes the positive impact that team sports such as football can have on young people's lives. In addition, this Council recognizes that all sports and organised activities can play a vital role in local communities, and notes the benefits of sports and leisure opportunities for local people, including vulnerable people.

This Council wishes to ensure that London retains an Olympic legacy and that young people are encouraged to play sport, and therefore commits to support the development and uptake of sport and other organised activities by young people across the borough of Lewisham, through organised clubs or otherwise.

To demonstrate this support, this Council calls upon the relevant Cabinet Member to make an annual report to Council detailing the efforts that Member has made to encourage the development of sports and other organised activities within the borough.”

207. Motion 4 Proposed by Councillor Brooks Seconded by Councillor Foreman

The motion was moved by Councillor Brooks and seconded by Councillor Foreman. An amendment appearing in the names of Councillors Britton and De Ryk was accepted by the movers of the motion. The motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“This Council recognizes the historical problem of rogue landlords across the borough of Lewisham, and welcomes the Council's successful bid for £125,000 funding which has been boosted by a further £30,000 from Public Health in recognition of the link between poor housing and poor health outcomes. This funding will enable the Council to develop a programme which will include a dedicated enforcement co-ordinator and paralegal which will increase prosecutions.

This Council welcomes the findings of the recent Housing Select Committee report which highlighted there are currently some 50 rogue landlords and letting agencies in the borough, and some of these own large portfolios of properties, blighting the lives of residents and communities. Problems such as overcrowding, harassment, illegal eviction and illegal fees present a real problem for Lewisham's residents, and can have a devastating effect on the vulnerable. The Council's strategic approach to tackling the problem of rogue landlords along with the launching of the Private Sector Housing Agency will raise standards and improve the lives of many Lewisham residents.”

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.