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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 at 6.05 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Councillors Alan Smith, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Janet Daby, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Paul Maslin, Joan Millbank and Rachel Onikosi.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Alan Hall.

209. Declaration of Interests

The Mayor declared a personal interest in Item 15 as Chair of the LGA Commercial Board which was responsible for reletting their IT contract.

210. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on May 13 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

211. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

212. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Matters referred by Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee – Violence Against Women and Girls: awareness raising and prevention review

The Mayor received a written report from the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee and

RESOLVED that the views and recommendations of the Select Committee be received and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response to the review's recommendations.

No Recourse to Public Funds

Councillor Alan Hall presented the referral from the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel. He was pleased to note the Mayor had already personally written to the Home Secretary, Theresa May, regarding the impact expenditure on the No Recourse to Public Funds area was having on the Council. He urged the Mayor to ensure the Chief Executive made a similar representation to the responsible Permanent Secretary. In response the Mayor confirmed this was a crucial area of activity and that he would draw the Business Panel's request to the attention of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel be informed of the response made by the Mayor.

213. Consultation on proposed change of Prendergast School, Prendergast Vale School and Prendergast Ladywell School - ITEM WITHDRAWN

The Mayor confirmed the academisation proposal had been withdrawn and the consultation had ceased, therefore a report had not been written.

214. Adoption Service Update

Councillor Maslin and the Mayor both paid tribute to all the staff involved in delivering a very successful year for the Adoption Service.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report of the work of the Adoption Service be noted;
- (ii) the review of the Statement of Purpose 2015-16 be approved;
- (iii) the updated Children's Guides to Adoption and Adoption Support Services be approved.

215. Fostering Report 2015-16

Councillor Maslin introduced the report and officers acknowledged the picture for the Fostering Service was more mixed particularly in regard to the results delivered by agencies employed to recruit foster carers.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the report of the work of the Fostering service be noted;
- (ii) the review of the Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service for 2015 – 2016 be approved; and
- (iii) the updated Children's Guides – My Guide to Foster Care be approved.

216. Sedgehill School deficit

Councillor Paul Maslin introduced the report and explained that related efforts to drive up standards at the school aimed to make it popular and that attracting more pupils would have a positive impact on finances.

Councillor Kevin Bonavia received an explanation as to what factors caused the overspend and what steps were to be put in place to recover the overspend without causing prejudice to educational standards.

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

Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Sedgehill School should have a licensed deficit of £1,148,000; and
- (ii) in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation the school brings the budget back into a surplus position over a five year period.

217. S75 arrangements for Social Care and Health including Public Health

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being and Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the amended s75 agreement for non-pooled adult social care and health services between the Council and the PCT be approved;
- (ii) a contribution of £71,151,000 be made towards the cost of the non-pooled adult social care and health services provided under the amended s75 agreement for the year 2015/16 and note the CCG contribution of the sum £78,169,000 for 2015/16;
- (iii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, on the advice of the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and Head of Law, to agree any final amendments to the s75 agreement for non-pooled adult social care and health services;
- (iv) the Public Health s75 agreement be approved;
- (v) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, on the advice of the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and Head of Law, to agree any final amendments to the s75 agreement for Public Health, including final values for contracts with Lewisham & Greenwich Trust;
- (vi) the Better Care Fund s75 agreement set out be approved to govern the delivery of the Lewisham Better Care Fund Plan 2015/16 and for an agreed period thereafter;
- (vii) the establishment of a pooled fund as part of this BCF agreement be approved;
- (viii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, on the advice of the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and Head of Law, authority to agree any final amendments to the s75 agreement for the Better Care Fund;
- (ix) these agreements will also require approval by the CCG and that CCG officers have been involved in their development to date.

218. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The Deputy Mayor advised the Mayor on the points raised by the Sustainable Development Select Committee in a written referral contained in a supplementary agenda.

In regard to the suggestion on Southend Park, the Deputy Mayor advised the European River Corridors Improvement Programme had proved useful in the past and could be approached again.

On permeable driveways, the Deputy Mayor noted this was existing planning policy.

The River Quaggy was confirmed as the responsibility of the Environment Agency and the pavements above were the responsibility of TfL. Extensive discussions had taken place with TfL about the siting of bus stops which had implications for the culvert.

The Deputy Mayor confirmed the existence of a council stock of sandbags and encouraged others to obtain their own stocks.

The Deputy Mayor stated London Councils were now in the process of gathering together all Management Plans prior to a full review.

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged Thames Water were the appropriate body to investigate 'ground water' issues.

The Deputy Mayor promised to consider further the issues raised by the Bakerloo Line extension and the relocation of Lower Sydenham Station.

Having considered an officer report, the written views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and its associated documents be published;
- (ii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to make any final minor changes to the text and format of the documents prior to those documents being published; and
- (iii) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration to the referral made by the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

219. Financial Outturn 2014-15

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the financial results for the year ending 31 March 2015 be noted.

220. Management Report

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance, Councillor Joe Dromey, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

221. Demolition of 127 Mayow Road

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the demolition of 127 Mayow Road in advance of the future development of the site for new homes be approved.

222. 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 paragraphs [3, 4 and 5] 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

15. ICT Service Review

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Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(i) work be undertaken with the London Borough of Brent to establish a shared IT infrastructure support service to replace Lewisham's existing arrangements with Capita and officers from Lewisham and Brent jointly develop detailed proposals on the exact nature of the shared service for Mayor and Cabinet to approve in autumn 2015, with a view to implementing changes by April 2016 and notes that London Borough of Brent is seeking approval from its Executive for the same in June 2015;

(ii) the procurement of hardware and software to update the Council's IT infrastructure be approved up to a stated maximum value using a call off from

a Framework established by the London Borough of Brent to include implementation services provided by IT support staff from Brent;

(iii) reciprocal arrangements be put in place to host disaster recovery facilities with Brent with Lewisham hosting disaster recovery facilities at its data centre in Slough (under a contract between the Council and Logicalis UK Limited dated 23rd December 2010) and for Brent to host disaster recovery facilities for the Council at the Brent Civic Centre; and

(iv) in relation to the Logicalis Data Centre, authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration upon the advice of the Head of Law to finalise the legal and contractual arrangements for such hosting arrangements with Brent and Logicalis respectively.

The meeting closed at 7.09pm