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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 21 October 2015 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: 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 and Councillor Helen Klier.

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Sir Steve Bullock.

271. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

272. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 30 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

273. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The written views of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel were presented by Councillor Alan Hall.

Lewisham Future Programme 2016/17 Revenue Budget Savings

The Cabinet accepted in full the request made in respect of saving O5. For saving L6, Councillor Chris Best advised consultation timetabling issues might dictate that the Select Committee received an updated position rather than a final proposal for pre decision scrutiny.

Lewisham Homes Business Plan

Councillor Hall pointed out that in addition to the Housing Bill, the Communities Bill, the Immigration Bill and various Executive Orders could all affect the Housing Strategy and have a consequential impact on this Business Plan.

RESOLVED that

(1) Officers be instructed to inform the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee about options being investigated for the Discretionary Freedom Pass (O5)

(2) Officers be instructed to take all available results of consultations connected with the Library and Information Services (L6) to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee for pre-decision scrutiny; and

(3) the Executive Director for Customer Services be instructed to review the Housing Strategy in light of the new Housing Bill and other proposed legislative changes and the consequential need to review the Lewisham Homes Business Plan.

274. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

275. Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group

The report was presented by Councillor Alan Hall who had chaired the Public Expenditure in Lewisham Working Group. Councillors Smith, Dromey, Bonavia, Millbank and Daby all praised the report and thanked all the partner organisations and council officers who had contributed to what was unanimously considered to be a very valuable piece of work.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall, the Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group as set out be noted and the relevant Executive Directors be asked to provide a response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 25 January 2016.

276. Community Budget Joint Committee

The Chair praised the success of the hitherto informal joint venture between the three boroughs. Councillor Dromey added that the pilot programme had proved to be around five times more successful at getting people with complex needs into work than existing national programmes and that its approach was now being recommended for national adoption by a parliamentary select committee.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the establishment of a joint committee between the three boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark with the terms of reference set out at Appendix 1 be approved;

(2) the following people be appointed to be members of the joint committee:-

- The Mayor; and
- The Deputy Mayor as his/her substitute

(3) a governance agreement be entered into with the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark in accordance with the principles set out and to the approval of the terms of that agreement be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration upon the advice of the Head of Law.

277. New Homes Better Places Programme

Councillor Millbank pointed out that some confusion had arisen in the community based on a misunderstanding that all the schemes had been agreed whereas in fact a majority of the proposals still required mayoral

approval. She successfully proposed that a list of schemes requiring further approval be added to the meeting minutes.

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress made in delivering new Council homes in the borough be noted;

(2) the progress made in reviewing sites for their potential for new build housing and that the previously agreed tenure split of 80% rented and 20% sale be maintained;

(3) current proposals for the Kenton Court site, as identified, be approved with more detailed design work being undertaken and a planning application being submitted, progressing the development of the scheme to the point that it constitutes a formal part of the New Homes, Better Places programme;

(4) having considered the business case set out in part 2 of this report, the disposal of the long term and high cost void three bedroom property referred to be approved and authority be delegated to the Director of Asset Strategy and Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Strategic Housing and Head of Law, to dispose of the property with a view to achieving the best consideration reasonably obtainable and to finalise and agree the disposal terms; and

(5) a list of new build housing schemes (as shown below) which are due to return to Mayor & Cabinet for decision be recorded in the minutes:

- a) Mona Road, Telegraph Hill
- b) Wild Gosse Drive, Telegraph Hill
- c) Walsham Road, Telegraph Hill
- d) Endwell Road, Telegraph Hill
- e) Embleton Road, Ladywell
- f) Wellmeadow Road, Lewisham Central
- g) Marnock Road, Crofton Park
- h) Crofton Park Road, Crofton Park
- i) Honor Oak Community & Youth Centre, Telegraph Hill
- j) Allison Close, Blackheath
- k) Pagoda Gardens, Blackheath
- l) Gosterwood Street Community Centre, Evelyn
- m) Besson Street, New Cross
- n) Bampton Estate, Perry Vale
- o) Hillcrest & High Level Drive Estate, Sydenham

278. River Corridor Improvement Plan SPD

Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the

report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the changes to the RCIP SPD and Sustainability Appraisal be approved;

(2) the Council be recommended to adopt the RCIP SPD and the Sustainability Appraisal.

279. Licensing Act Policy

Councillor Bonavia received clarification that apart from the existing Cumulative Impact Zones in Blackheath and New Cross, no new zones were currently being contemplated but that if a new proposal did arise it would not have to wait for the next review of the policy in five years time.

Councillor Bonavia further inquired if any Early Morning Area Restriction Orders were being considered and was informed there were no current plans to issue any but that they remained as a tool for possible future deployment.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the Licensing Act Policy for 2015-2019 should be presented to full Council for it to be formally determined and published.

280. Instrument of Government Leathersellers Federation

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

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for The Leathersellers' Federation of Schools be made by Local Authority order.

281. Response to OSC - London Fire Brigade

This item was considered prior to consideration of the agenda item on the Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group which involved a boroughwide survey of emergency services in Lewisham.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Councillor Janet Daby, the Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the response be approved and forwarded to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

282. Response to HCSC - transition from Children's to Adult Services

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

Member for Health, Well-Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(1) the response of the Executive Director for Community Services and the Executive Director for Children and Young People in relation to the issues raised by the Healthier Communities Select Committee and in particular their request that the provision of education and care services for young adults with disabilities be further developed within Lewisham, be approved; and

(2) the response be forwarded to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

283. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that 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, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:-

14. New Homes Better Places Programme Part 2

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Commercially sensitive information relating to the disposal of one property was considered in closed session prior to discussion on the open report on the same subject.

The meeting closed at 7.08pm.