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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 13 January 2016 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), 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 James-J Walsh.

327. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Bonavia declared a personal interest in Item 8 as a Ward Councillor who had previously not expressed a view on the proposals.

Councillor Bonavia declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9 as Chair of the Blackheath Joint Working Party which had already expressed a view on the proposals. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Chief Executive declared an interest in Item 9 as a local resident and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

328. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on December 9 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

329. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

The Mayor observed there had been no slippage and that one response would appear ahead of schedule.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

330. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Matter Referred by Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel - Decisions made at Mayor and Cabinet on 9 December 2015 – Revenue Budget Savings – L6 Libraries and Information Service

Having received a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel, Councillor Alan Hall who stated the Business Panel wished to see a formal resolution pertaining to consultation on libraries with particular regard to Catford, the Mayor indicated he was happy to formally reconfirm his commitment on consultation as previously reported.

RESOLVED that the recommendation made by Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee that officers engage with the public including via the relevant Local Assemblies to ensure the public's contributions and its commitment to libraries are included in the development of more detailed plans for the libraries, be endorsed.

Matter Referred by Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel Decisions made at Mayor and Cabinet on 9 December 2015 – Revenue Budget Savings – Trade Union Secondments

Having received a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the final decision on Trade Union Secondments be taken at Mayor and Cabinet.

Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the Select Committee Work Programme Report

Having considered an officer report the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views of the Public Accounts Select Committee as set out be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral approval and reporting to the Select Committee.

Matters referred by Sustainable Development Select Committee – High Streets Review - Report and Recommendations

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views and recommendations of the Committee set out be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response to the review's recommendations for Mayoral consideration prior to reporting to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

331. Council Tax Base 2016 17

Having considered an 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:

- (1) the Council Tax Base calculation for 2016/17, as set out in the annual Council Tax Base government return, be noted;
- (2) Council be recommended to agree at its meeting on 20 January 2016, a Council Tax Base of 78,528.58 band D equivalent properties for 2016/17;
- (3) Council be recommended to agree a budgeted Council Tax collection rate of 96.0%;
- (4) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for second homes for 2015/16 be continued for 2016/17;

(5) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for empty homes Class A (an empty property undergoing structural alteration or major repair to make it habitable) be continued;

(6) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 100% discount awarded for a period of four weeks and then a 0% discount thereafter, for empty homes – Class C (a substantially empty and unfurnished property) be continued;

(7) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of an empty homes premium of 50% in respect of long term empty properties be continued.

(8) Council be recommended to agree the proposed National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) estimated net yield of £49.143m, based on the NNDR3 for 2014/15, and

(9) Council be recommended to agree consistent with the approach taken in 2015/16, to implement the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) where 3.0% is passed onto working age CTRS recipients.

332. Gambling Act Policy 2016-2019

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

RESOLVED that the Gambling Act Policy for 2016-2019 should be presented to the Council for formal determination and publication.

333. Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the consultation procedure on the preparation of a Gypsy and Traveller Site(s) Local Plan be approved (including the scoping and search parameters, site selection criteria and timetable for identifying a site or sites) as set out in the Regulation 18 Consultation Report together with the consultation on the associated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and recommend the Council do the same; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to make any minor alterations to the consultation document prior to the start of the formal consultation.

334. Lee Neighbourhood Plan

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

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the designation of the Lee Neighbourhood Area as set out be approved;
- (2) the designation of the Lee Neighbourhood Forum be approved; and
- (3) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be authorised to undertake the required publicity to the designations.

335. Parks Events Policy

The item was introduced by Councillor Onikosi who acknowledged receipt of a late representation from the company OnBlackheath. She advised the Mayor that she believed the proposed policy was in line with those of other boroughs. She asked officers to speak to the company further about their concerns.

The Executive Director for Customer Services representative acknowledged that altering tariffs with only 8 months notice might have an impact on long term planned commercial events. He said he believed the overall strategy was correct but it would be reasonable to delay for a year to allow those affected to plan appropriately. He added the Council was open to negotiations but that in the current financial climate it could not afford to undersell its assets.

The Mayor agreed that a delay in implementation could be appropriate.

Councillor Best received agreement that Section 4.4 on Stakeholder Engagement in both parts of the policy be amended to add a reference to Ward Councillors.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Lewisham Events Policy 2016-2020 be adopted as outlined, subject to the inclusion of Ward Councillors in the Stakeholder Engagement segments; and
- (2) the Blackheath Events Policy 2016-2020 be adopted as outlined, subject to the inclusion of Ward Councillors in the Stakeholder Engagement segment

336. Music Service

Councillor Maslin introduced the report viewing it as an exciting project which presented a huge opportunity to produce a new vision and new direction.

Councillor Millbank agreed with the proposals saying the Music Service was starting from a position of strength and that as long as the spin off was

genuine there was every prospect of success.

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:

(1) the proposal for the future provision of music education services for young people in Lewisham and the background to the proposed changes as set out be noted;

(.2) officers advice be accepted that the best option is to spin out the Music Service into a charitable trust in order to safeguard music education for young people in Lewisham; and

(3) a consultation on the proposal to spin out the Music Service be approved and that officers bring the outcome of the consultation, a business case, budget and governance plans to the Mayor for a decision in May 2016.

337. Heathside and Lethbridge Demolition Notice

Having considered an open 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:

(1) the progress of the Heathside and Lethbridge regeneration scheme be noted;

(2) Initial Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within Phases 5 and 6 in order to suspend the requirement for the Council to complete right to buy applications for as long as the Notices remain in force; and

(3) Final Demolition Notices be served on all secure tenants within Phases 5 and 6 once the proposed demolition date is known, in order to render all existing right to buy applications ineffective and prevent any further right to buy applications being made.

338. Management Arrangements Shared Communications Service

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) The appointment of an interim joint head of communications with Lambeth Council on a fixed-term contract be approved; and

(2) Officers to Investigate further a fully shared communications service with

Lambeth Council.

339. 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 Management Report be noted.

340. Response to SDSC Sec 106 and CIL funds

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

RESOLVED that the responses from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be approved and reported to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

341. Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group response

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

RESOLVED that the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Public Spending in Lewisham Working Group as set out be approved and reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

342. Instrument of Government Kilmore Primary School

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 the Instrument of Government for Kilmore Primary School be made by Local Authority order.

343. Local Authority Governor Nomination

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

RESOLVED that

(1) the person set out below be nominated as a Local Authority governor;

Annabel Walker - Baring Primary

(2) the information concerning the recommended nominated governor be noted.

344. Modern Roads Review Report

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral approval and reporting to the Select Committee.

345. Exclusion of Press and Public

This item was not considered.

346. Catford Stadium Redevelopment Funding of Footbridge Additional Costs

Item was withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 7.06pm