

# MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Thursday, 10 October 2019 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Councillors Chris Best, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Joe Dromey, Sophie McGeevor, Amanda De Ryk and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Maslin, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor John Muldoon and Councillor James-J Walsh.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brenda Dacres and Councillor Joani Reid.

## **141. Declaration of Interests**

None were made.

## **142. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 18 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **143. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies**

No matters were raised.

## **144. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **145. Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee referral on budget cuts**

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

RESOLVED that the views of the Select Committee be received and response be prepared by the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment for consideration by Mayor & Cabinet.

## **146. Lewisham's Brexit Preparations**

The report was presented by Councillor Kevin Bonavia who stressed that Brexit was an area of critical concern in Lewisham given the 23,000 EU citizens who lived here. He reminded the Cabinet that Lewisham had voted strongly to Remain and that the agreed policy of the Council was to call for a second Referendum. He summarised the report which had highlighted areas of potential impact and outlined the massive uncertainty that still surrounded any potential Brexit. He confirmed all Council services had risk assessment

plans in place and that Brexit would be again fully considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel the following Tuesday.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees and Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor and Cabinet, from the options available:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

**147. Recommissioning of Building Based Day Services for Older Adults**

This item was deferred to a date to be agreed.

**148. Surrey Canal Triangle Regeneration - Update on Conditional Land Sale Agreement and Compulsory Purchase order Indemnity Agreement between LBL and Renewal.**

The Mayor introduced the report, warmly welcoming the massive progress which had been made and congratulating both Renewal and Millwall FC on agreeing a way forward. He pointed out there was a huge difference to the original plans and he was particularly pleased that more genuinely affordable housing was being planned. He recounted the warm relationship the Borough had held with Millwall and stated his belief that their plans could assist in the regeneration of their area of the borough and would be a huge boost for generations to come.

Local Ward Councillor Paul Maslin addressed the meeting asking about the inter dependence of a Masterplan drawn up by two developers and querying what guarantees were there that the Football Club could deliver its development. He asked to be told what timelines had the club committed to and what were the implications of the Club not delivering within a specified timeframe.

Mr Viv Evans, the Head of Programmes: Complex Projects responded by saying the Renewal plan would proceed first but that it was impossible for hard and fast timelines to be set. He estimated Renewal's hybrid application could appear in late 2019 or early 2020 and that the club's proposals were likely to come forward in mid 2020. He confirmed that a Masterplan was at an advanced draft stage and could be seen at Mayor & Cabinet as early as October 30.

Cabinet Member Joe Dromey reminded the meeting that he was also a local Councillor and that he had opposed and voted against the original CPO proposals. He now extended a huge welcome to the revised plans and partnership working and he looked forward to rebuilding relations with Millwall. He believed the potential existed to secure massive benefits for the local community and he made a plea for engagement to take place with the residents of the Winslade Estate.

Councillor Chris Barnham echoed Councillor Dromey's support and he expressed his admiration for former and current Cabinet Members who had

suffered unfair public criticism and personal abuse despite being vindicated in by an Independent report.

Councillor Bell offered his thanks to the Mayor for bringing the joint proposals forward and he paid tribute to former Cabinet Member Councillor Joan Millbank who had endured vile levels of personal abuse.

Councillor Chris Best joined those in welcoming the report and she highlighted the various sporting and recreational opportunities which would be possible when the plans were approve.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Conditional Land Sale Agreement entered into on 20 December 2013 between the Council and Renewal Group Limited be terminated conditional upon the adoption of the Surrey Canal Triangle Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document and such other terms as the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment shall consider appropriate, and a new agreement entered into for the disposal to Renewal Group Limited of the Council's freehold interest in the land shown coloured orange on the plan attached at Appendix 2;

(2) the Compulsory Purchase Indemnity Agreement entered into on 20 December 2013 between the Council and Renewal Group Limited should be terminated and replaced or (if the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment shall consider it appropriate, varied) so as to exclude the prospective compulsory acquisition of the leasehold interests of Millwall Football Club and Millwall Community Scheme.

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to agree the terms of the new Conditional Land Sale Agreement referred to above, and to take all necessary steps to terminate the existing Conditional Land Sale Agreement and enter into such new Conditional Land Sale Agreement and any associated legal documentation;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to agree the terms of a varied (or new) Compulsory Purchase Order Indemnity Agreement referred to above with Renewal Group Limited, such varied or new Compulsory Purchase Indemnity Agreement to exclude all land owned by the Council and leased to Millwall Football Club and Millwall Community Scheme, and to enter into such varied or new Compulsory Purchase Order Indemnity Agreement; and

(5) confirmation be given to Renewal Group Limited, Millwall Football Club and Millwall Community Scheme that the Council wishes to achieve the comprehensive regeneration of the Site and the regeneration objectives of the Core Strategy and other policy documents and in the event that any of the parties are unable to secure the necessary third party land interests/rights to

achieve that, then the Council will consider supporting the acquisition of the necessary land and rights through use of its compulsory purchase powers.

#### **149. Green Scene The Future Management and Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces**

The report was presented by Councillor McGeevor who praised the work done by Glendales in ensuring Lewisham had some of the best public parks in London. She added that the Council supported the Mayor's election manifesto commitment to insource services wherever possible.

The Mayor confirmed the manifesto commitment and stressed that in any transition his aim would be to maintain existing standards transferring in existing staff as appropriate.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the job-share Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) intention in principle be given to insource all aspects of Lewisham's parks and open space services on 1 November 2021, subject to further detailed consideration.

(2) officers undertake a more detailed evaluation of the option to establish a wider divisional LATCo. the outcome of which will be to be reviewed following the insourcing of the parks service.

(3) the current contract be extended on the existing terms and conditions with Glendale Grounds Management for 20 months from 29th February 2020 until 31st October 2021 at a maximum cost to the Council of £4,347,000.

#### **150. 2020-21 LIP annual spending submission**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the job-share Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that the LIP Annual Spending Submission 2020/21 to TfL as set out be approved.

#### **151. Financial Forecasts 2019/20**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2020 and the action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage down the forecasted year-end overspend be noted; and

(2) the current position on the Oracle Cloud implementation as set out be noted.

**152. Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee on Catford Regeneration Programme**

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

RESOLVED that the response be approved and that it be submitted to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

**153. Response to CYP Select Committee on Exclusions Review**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the reduction in the number of permanent exclusions in Lewisham and the continuing work with schools and other partners to reduce this further be noted; and

(2) the response to the recommendations of the Children and Young People Select Committee Review of Exclusions be approved reflecting the high priority given to this issue by the Mayor and Cabinet.

**154. Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee on Pubs**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that the response be approved and that it be submitted to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

**155. Response to OSBP on equalities issues**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that

(1) the officer comments as set out be endorsed;

(2) the report considered by the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee (SSCSC) on 9 October 2019 be noted and the comments of the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee reserving the right to make further referrals be noted; and

(3) a response be made to the Business Panel.

**156. Response to Public Accounts Select Committee Income Generation referral**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the response be approved and that it be submitted to the Public Accounts Select Committee.

**157. 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 paragraph 3, 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.

18. Approval for the Procurement for the Disposal of Dry Recyclables
19. Permission to extend Services for Community Nutrition & Physical Activity and Commercial Weight Management Services
20. The future of the deK Enterprise Hubs

**158. Approval for the Procurement for the Disposal of Dry Recyclables**

The Mayor asked for further information about the export of Lewisham's dry recyclables to overseas markets. He was told most local recyclables were sent to Europe or the UK but that a small percentage was also shipped to Asia. The Mayor asked what safeguards were in place for the Asian market and was informed all exports were subject to Environment Agency audit.

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the job-share Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that the single stage open procurement process for the dry recyclable waste disposal contract be commenced on the basis the Council procures a 5 year contract with the option to extend for up to 2 years at the Council's discretion at a stated estimated value assuming service is provided for the full 7 years and a stated annual cost.

### **159. Obesity services extension**

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) an extension of the Council's contract for a community nutrition and physical activity service with Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency (GCDA) be approved for a further year until 31st March 2021, up to a stated value;

(2) an extension of the weight management contract WW until 31st March 2021 be approved for a further year up to a stated; and

(3) an extension of the weight management contract with Slimming World be approved until 31st March 2021 for a further year up to a value of £34,500.

### **160. The future of the deK Enterprise Hubs**

The report was presented by Councillor Dromey who reminded the Cabinet of a Manifesto commitment to extend Enterprise Hubs. He praised officers who had ensured considerable obstacles had been overcome and had put a hugely valued scheme back on track.

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the job share Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills, Councillor Joe Dromey, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the extension of the contract with Bow Arts for the provision of the 4th Floor deK Enterprise Hub in the Old Town Hall until 31st March 2024 be approved at a stated cost;

(2) a variation of contract with Bow Arts be approved to include management and operation of the 5th floor deK Enterprise Hub in the Old Town Hall for up to 31st March 2024, to continue providing workspaces and studio spaces for creative businesses at a stated;

(3) the Director for Corporate Services be given delegated authority to approve the future commission to develop and manage Ladywell deK Enterprise, which is located in Unit D at Place Ladywell for the same period as Unit A B and C at Ladywell, currently up to 31st March 2021 at a stated cost;

(4) the use of unspent New Homes Bonus be approved to meet the cost of paying the business rates, service charges and ongoing management costs for 5th floor DeK Enterprise Hub in the Old Town Hall and DeK Ladywell until

31st March 2020 and to contribute to the cost of re-configuration of the 5th floor Old Town Hall (with end to end semi-private office/studio spaces) at a stated cost; and

(5) the use of unspent New Homes Bonus currently held by Corporate Finance be approved to facilitate affordable workspace provision with an ongoing service charge subsidy – capping the principal charges at stated annual costs for 4th and 5th floor deK Enterprise Hub in the Old Town Hall respectively, and meeting the 5% increase year on year in financial years from April 2020 up to March 2024 for 4th and 5th floor deK Enterprise Hub in the Old Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm