

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 12 February 2020 at 6.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Maslin, Councillor Stephen Penfold, Councillor James Rathbone and Councillor James-J Walsh.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kevin Bonavia.

261. Declaration of Interests

None were declared.

262. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

No matters were raised.

263. Overview and Scrutiny Committee - requests for further information

RESOLVED that the officer report be noted and officers be asked to prepare a response for future consideration.

264. Comments of the Housing Select Committee on overcrowding in Lewisham

The report was presented by Councillor Penfold who laid out the work undertaken by the Housing Select Committee on overcrowding.

In response Councillor Paul Bell said he valued the work done by the Select Committee but advised that homelessness issues needed to be addressed before significant action could be taken on overcrowding.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee, Councillor Stephen Penfold, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that officers be asked to prepare a response for future consideration.

265. Housing Select Committee in-depth review of resident engagement in housing development: final recommendations and summary of evidence

The report was presented by Councillor Penfold who explained the scope of a review which had taken place on resident engagement in housing developments.

The Mayor thanked him for his contribution and spelled out his continuing commitment to resident engagement.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee, Councillor Stephen Penfold, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that officers be asked to prepare a response for future consideration.

266. Budget 2020/21 Update

The Acting Chief Finance Officer confirmed that there were sufficient operational reserves available to the Council which would allow him to sign a Section 25 Statement.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the changes to the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital programme be noted and Council be recommended to approve the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme of £559.5m, as set out in section 5 and attached at Appendix A;

(2) Council be recommended to approve a Band D Council Tax for 2020/21 of £1,314.37 for the Council's element being an increase of 3.99% (including a social care precept of 2%), based on a General Fund Budget Requirement of £248.714m for 2020/21;

(3) Council be asked to note the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept being increased by £11.56 to £332.07 (Band D equivalent), a 3.6% increase from its 2019/20 level;

(4) Council be asked to approve an overall total Band D Council Tax for 2020/21 of £1,646.44, a 3.91% increase, to include the GLA precept;

(5) Council be recommended to approve on 26 February 2020, the statutory calculation of the Budget Requirement for Lewisham for 2020/21, attached at Appendix B;

(6) Council be recommended to approve on 26 February 2020, the motion on the budget, attached at Appendix C, including any modifications made to the proposals published in the 2020/21 Budget Report;

(7) the provisional and estimated precept and levies from the GLA and other bodies as detailed in Appendix D be noted and authority be delegated to the Acting Chief Finance Officer to include any changes to these in the report for Council;

(8) the final settlement figure for 2020/21 announced on 06 February and confirmed as £123,149,204 be noted;

(9) there was one response from Business Rate payers to the consultation on the draft Budget which took place from 15 January 2020 to 4 February 2020 with further information provided in section 5;

(10) the revised 2020/21 to 2022/23 prudential borrowing numbers as laid out in tables six to nine be noted; and

(11) the Section 25 Statement from the Chief Finance Officer attached at Appendix E be received.

267. Update on Community Wealth Building and the Inclusive Growth & Innovation Strategy.

The Mayor voiced his thanks to the officers and members who had contributed to the development of the strategy. He believed it was a very significant area involving close partnership working which would continue in the future.

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk and by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs & Skills, Councillor Joe Dromey, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the work undertaken to date to consider alternative forms of community wealth building and the positive conclusion and findings presented by CLES for further development be noted; and

(2) further consideration and refinement of this form part of the development and delivery of the Council's Inclusive Growth & Innovation Strategy be approved.

268. Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form Admissions arrangements for 2021/22

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, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the admissions arrangements for mainstream community nursery, primary, secondary schools and sixth forms as set out in Appendix A to G be approved

(2) the Published Admissions Number (PAN) for each community mainstream school in the borough as detailed in Appendix H including the reductions to

the PAN for Adamsrill and Forster Park Primary schools be approved; and

(3) the pan London Admissions Schemes for reception and secondary transfer and a local scheme for in year admissions as detailed in Appendix I be approved.

269. Integration with the NHS: approval of participation in NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group's Lewisham Borough Based Board

The Deputy Mayor confirmed the Health and Well Being Board would remain unchanged if the proposals were agreed.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Best, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the proposed arrangements for the Council's involvement in the Lewisham Borough Based Board of the proposed NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group be noted;

(2) participation in the NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group's Borough Based Board on the basis substantially as set out in the Board's draft Terms of Reference (Annex 1), be approved, providing that if changes are made to the Terms of Reference the Chief Executive is satisfied that the changes have no negative impact on the Council; and

(3) further updates be received on joint work with the proposed NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group as required.

270. Response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee comments on the priorities for the Borough Wide Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) fund

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the comments made by the Sustainable Development Select Committee be noted and a full report on the priorities for the Borough Wide Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) fund be received on 11 March 2020.

271. State of the Highways Infrastructure - an update on the Highways Asset Management Strategy

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that the Highways Asset Management Strategy be approved.

272. Community Energy Fund Grant Award Report

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the grants listed below be awarded for the financial year 2019/20.

Organisation	Recommended grant
Beecroft School	£15,000
Rathfern School	£15,000
Retrofit Action for Tomorrow	£14,500
Sydenham Gardens	£15,000
Dalmain School	£14,971.35

(2) the six grants below £10,000 awarded to the organisations listed below be noted.

Organisation	Recommended grant
Deptford Park Play Club	£1,500 (final amount TBC)
2000 Community Action Centre	£1,500
Climate Action Lewisham	£1,895
Evelyn TRA - LH	£1,500
Kilmorie - SELCE	£3,000
John Bull - SELCE	£6,160

273. 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

14 Core Revenue & Benefits IT System and associated support and maintenance re-procurement.

15 Highways contract Strategy (2021 onwards)

16 Liquid Logic Contract Renewal

274. Core Revenue & Benefits IT System and associated support and maintenance re-procurement.

Having considered a confidential officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to Capita Business Services Ltd for a period of five years, from 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2025, with options to extend by a further two years for the provision of the Advantage IT system including the support & maintenance of the system at a stated annual cost for the Academy system and a stated annual cost for the support and maintenance.

275. Highways Contract Strategy (2021 onwards)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the strategy for highway service delivery via works contracts as set out be approved; and

(2) the procurement of the Highways Maintenance and Planned Works (HMPW) contract for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for a period of 3 years, to include footway works, to be tendered in 2020 for its commencement in April 2021, be approved

276. Liquid Logic Contract Renewal

Having considered a confidential officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to Liquidlogic for LAS for a period of 5 years (with the option to extend for a further period of up to 2 years) at a stated annual cost.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm