

Decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on Wednesday, 23 March 2016

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Declaration of Interests	<p>Councillor Daby declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9 as a Phoenix Community Housing Board member and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this report.</p> <p>Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a local resident.</p>
A2	Minutes	Approved.
A3	Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies	<p>Matter Raised by Overview & Scrutiny Committee – South London suburban railways</p> <p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Alan Hall, the Mayor agreed the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received, and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response.</p>
A4	Outstanding Scrutiny Matters	Noted.
A5	Ofsted Inspection	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the Inspection reports, findings and associated recommendations be noted;</p> <p>(2) the Lewisham Improvement plan be endorsed as a response to the inspection findings;</p> <p>(3) the associated LSCB Improvement plan be noted;</p>

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		(4) the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee as set out be received and a response for Mayoral consideration be prepared by the Executive Director for Children & Young People.
A6	A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham - Biodiversity Action Plan	<p>Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the 'A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham' document and the strategic aspirations of the Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership be endorsed; and</p> <p>(2) the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out be received and a response for Mayoral consideration be prepared by the Executive Director for Customer Services.</p>
A7	Housing Allocations Policy	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the rationale for undertaking a review of the Allocations Policy be noted;</p> <p>(2) the proposed changes as set out be noted;.</p> <p>(3) officers be asked to proceed to consult with residents and partners about the proposed changes;</p> <p>(4) a full equality assessment analysis will be undertaken; and</p> <p>(5) a report be brought back to Mayor and Cabinet later this year seeking approval for changes to the Allocation Policy in light of the outcome of</p>

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		the consultation and equality assessment analysis.
A8	Brasted Close Housing Development	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) having considered the responses to the statutory Section 105 consultation, the garage site on the Brasted Close estate shown on an attached plan be declared surplus to the Council's requirements;</p> <p>(2) officers work with the London Community Land Trust and Lewisham Citizens exclusively for a period of twelve months to seek to develop a fully affordable housing scheme for the site;</p> <p>(3) officers provide a further report to Mayor and Cabinet to agree the disposal terms if a viable business case for pursuing the development can be finalised.</p>
A9	Phoenix Community Housing Development	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the on-going partnership work between the Council and Phoenix Community Housing to identify housing development opportunities in the south of the borough, and to review potential mechanisms to fund those opportunities be noted;</p> <p>(2) funding of £1.32m be provided from S106 funds to support the development at Forster House;</p> <p>(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to finalise the terms of the funding agreement;</p>

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		(4) Officers review options for the longer term funding of housing development by Phoenix Community Housing and report these back to Mayor and Cabinet.
A10	Comprehensive Equality Scheme	Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for the Third Sector, Councillor Joan Millbank, the Mayor agreed that: (i) the draft equality objectives for the next four years be approved; and (ii) the Comprehensive Equalities Scheme 2016-20 be approved.
A11	Deferred Payment Agreement Policy	Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Health, Well Being & Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor agreed that: (1) the Council's proposed universal deferred payments scheme under the Care Act 2014 as set out for new deferred payment agreements entered into by the Council be approved; (2) the maximum interest rate allowed by the Department of Health be used; (3) charges for deferred payment agreements be as set out; (4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and Head of Law, to agree the more detailed guidance and procedures for the operation of the scheme.
A12	Financial Forecasts	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet

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		Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2016 and the action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage down the forecasted year-end overspend be noted.
A13	Response Public Accounts Work Programme	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that: the proposed responses to the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee as set out be approved and reported to the Select Committee.
A14	Modern Roads Review Response to SDSC	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that the response from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the Modern Roads Review undertaken by the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out be approved and reported to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.
A15	Creekside Copperas Street depot disposal Part 1	Item withdrawn.
A16	Exclusion of Press and Public	Item withdrawn.
A17	Creekside Copperas Street depot disposal Part 2	Item withdrawn.