

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 23 November 2016 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Obajimi Adefiranye (Chair), Abdeslam Amrani, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, David Britton, Bill Brown, Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Suzannah Clarke, John Coughlin, Liam Curran, Janet Daby, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Damien Egan, Colin Elliott, Alan Hall, Carl Handley, Maja Hilton, Sue Hordijkeno, Mark Ingleby, Joyce Jacca, Stella Jeffrey, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Roy Kennedy, Helen Klier, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, Sophie McGeevor, David Michael, Joan Millbank, Jamie Milne, Hilary Moore, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Olurotimi Ogunbadewa, Rachel Onikosi, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Pat Raven, Joan Reid, Gareth Siddorn, Jonathan Slater, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till, Paul Upex, James-J Walsh and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Bernards and Councillor Simon Hooks. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Paul Maslin.

28. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Muldoon declared a personal interest in Item 15 as an elected governor of the SLAM NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Hall declared a personal interest in Item 16 as Chair of the Lewisham Co-operative Party and as a member of the London Co-operative Council and in Item 15 as an elected governor of the SLAM NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Sorba declared an interest in Item 15 as a member of the Council of the SLAM NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Wise declared a personal interest in Item 15 as an elected member of the Kings College Hospital Foundation Trust.

Councillors John Paschoud and Bell declared personal interests in Item 15 as an elected member of the Kings College Hospital Foundation Trust and in Item 16 as a member of the Co-operative Party.

Councillors Kennedy, Bonavia, Best, Hilton, Jacq Paschoud, Upex, Walsh, Hordijkeno, Stamirowski, and Jacca declared a personal interest in Item 16 as a member of the Co-operative Party.

Councillor Walsh declared a personal interest 15 as a member of the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

Councillor Adefiranye declared a personal interest in Item 4 as a Governor of Addey and Stanhope School.

29. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 21 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30. Petitions

Mr Enamul Khan presented a petition bearing 308 names opposing any plans to demolish the BWA Muslim Cultural Centre.

Ms Iona Singleton presented a petition of 526 names, and Councillor Paul Upex read out a supporting statement, calling for a lorry ban on Honor Oak Road.

Ms Dionne Lewis presented a petition bearing 315 names opposing any location of a traveller site on the Winslade Estate.

Ms Jacquie Utley presented a petition bearing 48 names opposing the demolition of any properties in Achilles Street.

Councillor Sue Hordijkeno presented a petition bearing 126 names opposing the creation of any more Houses of Multiple Occupancy in Bellingham.

Councillor Pat Raven presented a petition bearing 107 names calling on the Council to remove the partially collapsed storage building and waste from the alley behind Stanford Estate Agents facing on to Longhurst Road.

31. Young Mayor

The Chair introduced the new Young Mayor, Kayla Sh'ay Nswa and Deputy Young Mayor, Tekisha Henry.

The Mayor spoke to the item and congratulated the winning candidates on their success at the polls He noted this would be the thirteenth year of the scheme and he pointed to the enduring success of the Young Mayoralty which he continued to believe had been established as a permanent and valued feature of the Lewisham landscape and had attracted a consistently high calibre of successful candidates and interest, as shown by the strong turn out of voters. He noted that for only the second time the outcome had been the election of both a female Young Mayor and Deputy Mayor He thanked the outgoing Young Mayor, and Deputy Young Mayor, Emmanuel Olaniyan and Hanna Dimtsu, for their service in what had been an unprecedented second term of office for a Young Mayor.

The new Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor then signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and an undertaking to abide by the Code of Practice for their respective roles which were witnessed by the Chief Executive.

The outgoing Young Mayor, Emmanuel Olaniyan, addressed the meeting and thanked the Council for the opportunities given to him during his second year of office. He wished his successors every success in their year of office.

32. Announcements or Communications

Report of the Returning Officer

The Chair welcomed Councillors Joyce Jacca and Sophie McGeevor to their first meeting of the Council.

Obituaries

The Chair reported the deaths of two individuals who had played key roles in the life of Lewisham, Tommy Bevan a long serving TGWU Branch Secretary and Harry Haward, a noted activist for the elderly with DAGE in Deptford.

The Mayor paid tribute to the contributions made by both men. Councillor Wise added her recognition to the work undertaken by Harry Haward for the elderly and the Council observed a one minute silence in their memory.

Race Relations Act

The Council marked the 40th anniversary of the Race Relations Act, which received Royal Assent on November 22 1976, with statements from Councillors Hall, Michael and the Chair. This was followed by a presentation to the Council by the Young Mayor's team that accompanied a static display in the Council's Upper Foyer.

White Ribbon Day

The Chair announced November 25 would mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day, which would be followed by 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

World Aids Day

The Chair announced World Aids Day would take place on December 1 and that this was dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Councillor Hall provided further details of the Day and set the local context of a significantly higher than average prevalence of the HIV infection in Lewisham.

Mayor of Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

The Chair reported Mayor Reinhard Naumann had commenced a second term as Mayor of twin-town Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf in Berlin on November 17.

Nicaragua

The Chair reported the re-election of Daniel Ortega to a third term as President of Nicaragua and he welcomed to the meeting Mr Ricardo Carioni, Deputy Head of Mission of the Republic of Nicaragua in the UK.

Mr Carioni said it was a pleasure to be present on behalf of the Ambassador and he thanked the Council for the continuing links with Matagalpa which had now reached a 30th anniversary. He reported on the outcome of the Presidential election in Nicaragua and noted his country's economic growth, safety record and that she was now a world leader in the level of female political representation.

33. Public Questions

13 questions were received from the following members of the public which were answered by the Cabinet Member indicated. A copy of the questions and answers was circulated separately and can be viewed on the Council website with the meeting papers.

1.	Mr Woolford	Cllr Smith
2.	Mrs Richardson	Cllr Best
3.	Mr Richardson	Cllr Best
4.	Corin Ashwell	Cllr Smith
5.	Jacque Utley	Cllr Egan
6.	Mr Bryce	Cllr Egan
7.	Ken Maxton	Cllr Smith
8.	Enamul Khan	Cllr Egan
9.	Mr Woolford	Cllr Onikosi
10.	Mrs Richardson	Cllr Best
11.	Mr Richardson	Cllr Best
12.	Mr Woolford	Cllr Smith
13.	Mr Richardson	Cllr Best

34. Member questions

14 questions were received from the following Councillors which were answered by the Cabinet Members indicated. A copy of the questions and answers was circulated separately and can be viewed on the Council's website with the meeting papers.

1.	Cllr Hall	Mayor
2.	Cllr Coughlin	Cllr Smith
3.	Cllr Walsh	Cllr Best
4.	Cllr John Paschoud	Mayor
5.	Cllr Curran	Cllr Smith
6.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Maslin
7.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Smith
8.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Onikosi
9.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Egan
10.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Egan
11.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Smith
12.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Best
13.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Smith
14.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Onikosi

35. Draft response to Boundary Commission for England

Councillor John Paschoud moved that the recommendations as set out in a tabled amended report be approved and this was seconded by Councillor Jeffrey and it was:

RESOLVED that

(1) the counter proposal considered by the Elections Committee be approved and this report be submitted to the Boundary Commission for England in support of the counter proposal as set out in appendix C.

(2) the Chief Executive be authorised to re-submit his letter relating to the use of the 1/12/15 register to the Boundary Commission for England during the consultation period as shown at appendix D.

36. Broadway Theatre Working Group Report

The mover and seconder accepted an amendment to paragraph 2.1 submitted by the 5pm deadline on the day before the meeting.

Councillor Walsh moved that the recommendations, as amended, be approved and this was seconded by Councillor Curran and it was:

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations be received, and the Executive be asked to prepare a response for the next full Council.

37. Overview and Scrutiny Mid Term Review

The report was presented by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall, who moved that the report be accepted and this was seconded by the Vice-Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, Councillor Siddorn and it was:

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Mid-term review be received.

38. Appointments

Councillor Dacres moved and Councillor Mallory seconded and the Council agreed that the following appointments be made:

RESOLVED that the appointments shown below be agreed:

- (a) Audit Panel – Councillor Jacca to replace Councillor Hordijenko
- (b) Planning Committee B – Councillor McGeevor

39. Motion 1 Proposed Councillor Daby Seconded Councillor Moore

An amendment received before the deadline on the day before the meeting correcting figures about the number of women and girls receiving treatment for FGM across England and Wales was accepted by the mover and seconder.

The motion was moved by Councillor Daby and seconded by Councillor

Moore and then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“The council notes that International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and White Ribbon day is on 25th November, marking the 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence. The days aims raise awareness around gender based violence and mobilise all communities to unite under the goal of ending violence against women and girls.

This council recognised that White Ribbon Campaign aim to:

- Mobilise men to campaign against violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- Campaign and raise awareness to address social attitudes and behaviour and alter social norms that lead to violent behaviour against women
- Increasing awareness on the issue and campaign to ensure services are available to support victims and survivors of abuse
- Mobilise the entire local community under the goal of ending violence against women and girls.

This council further notes that:

- 1 in 4 women in England and Wales will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes and 8% will suffer domestic violence in any given year.
- 1 in 5 women will experience some form of sexual violence, and in 2015 5,000 rapes were record in London, 229 in Lewisham.
- 8,660 women and Girls received treatment for FGM across England and Wales in 2015/16, 58% were in London
- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) is both a form of discrimination and a violation of human rights.

This Council and its members pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about the violence against women and girls.”

40. Motion 2 Proposed Councillor Kennedy Seconded Councillor Till

The motion was moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Till and then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“Lewisham Borough Council recognises and values local pharmacies as a vital primary care health service and as an integral part of the fabric of local communities.

Council notes that;

- Pharmacies offer a range of services such as dispensing prescriptions, disposal of unwanted medicines and supporting self-care.

- Pharmacies play an important role in promoting wellbeing such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise, flu vaccination, sexual health and more.
- Advice and support services are also available to care homes.
- Several local pharmacies are working towards and some have achieved Healthy Living Pharmacies (HLP) status recognising and evidencing their role in improving the health of the local population.

The Council is greatly concerned about Government imposed threats to pharmacies as a result of cuts in the budget of £170m nationally to take effect from October 2016. This is a 6% cut in cash terms but could effectively mean a cut of 12% during the financial year which could potentially close up to a quarter of pharmacies with an increased focus on warehousing dispensary and online services. Service cuts in pharmacies put more residents at risk as well as putting pressure on GPs and on hospital services and therefore increasing NHS costs. A fully funded community pharmacy service is cost effective and is in the interest of patients and carers.

The Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Health, NHS England and the Clinical Commissioning Group detailing our concerns and demanding an immediate reversal of these proposals.”

41. Motion 3 Proposed Councillor De Ryk Seconded Councillor Dacres

The motion was moved by Councillor De Ryk and seconded by Councillor Dacres. Following debate to which Councillor Jacq Paschoud contributed, the motion was put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“Every year approximately 3,500 babies in the UK are stillborn, one in every 200 babies. Another 2,000 babies die within the first four weeks of their lives, during the neonatal period.

Baby Loss Awareness week (9-15th October) has been running for 13 years and is an opportunity for bereaved parents, and their families and friends, to unite and commemorate their babies’ lives; to raise awareness about the issues surrounding pregnancy and baby loss in the UK and to let the public and key stakeholders know what the baby charities are doing to reduce the number of families affected.

Pregnancy and baby loss potentially affects one in five families in the UK and this Council calls upon our Chief Executive to draw up an action plan to show how local NHS and public health services can maximise and improve prenatal and bereavement services for Lewisham families.”

42. Motion 4 Proposed Councillor Hall Seconded Councillor Muldoon

The motion was moved by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Muldoon. Following debate to which Councillors Sorba and Bell contributed,

the motion was put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

"The Council welcomes the publication of South East London's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The Council also notes:

- That there is a significant shortage of funds in the NHS and social care system
- That respected think tank The Kings Fund has publicly expressed its numerous concerns over the STP process including:

"Tight deadlines have made it difficult to secure meaningful involvement in the plans from key stakeholders, including patients and the public, local authorities, clinicians and other frontline staff."

"Despite the focus on local ownership, key elements of the process have been 'top-down'."

"National requirements and deadlines for the plans have changed over time, and guidance for STP leaders has sometimes been inconsistent and often arrived late."

Therefore, the Council resolves to:

- Request full publication of all associated documents and appendices
- Request pre decision scrutiny on changes to NHS and social care provision locally
- Require full public consultation on significant changes to any service
- Call on HM Government to provide the resources to fund good quality services across South East London
- Reaffirm its commitment to an Accident and Emergency Department on the Lewisham Hospital site"

43. Motion 5 Proposed Councillor Kennedy Seconded Councillor Hall

The motion was moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Hall and then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

"This Council notes that tax evasion and avoidance are having a damaging impact on the world's poorest countries, to such a level that it is costing them far more than they receive in aid. It is also costing the UK as much as £30 billion a year and this practice also has a negative effect on small and medium-sized companies who pay more tax proportionately

This Council further notes:

- the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax avoidance and evasion by issuing Procurement Policy Note 03/14, which applies to all central government contracts worth more than £5m

- the availability of independent means of verifying tax compliance, such as the Fair Tax Mark
- In early 2015 new regulations required public bodies, including councils, to ask procurement qualification questions of all companies for tenders over £173,000 for service contracts and £4m for works contracts. However, these questions are not as detailed as the PPN 03/14.

This Council recognises:

- That, under the Council's current procurement policy, all suppliers bidding for contracts above £173,000 with the London Borough of Lewisham are required to self-certify their tax compliance status in line with central government practice, using the standards in PPN 03/14.
- That any supplier that has any occasion of non-compliance with last 5 years is excluded from the Council's procurement procedure, unless it has since fulfilled its obligation.

On 20th July 2016 the Council resolved to:

- Work to incorporate co-operative values and principles when planning services and in its engagement with local residents.
- Publicise existing co-operative good practice within the council and across the London Borough of Lewisham.
- Audit our contractors and suppliers on how many meet the Fair Tax Mark standards, pay the Living Wage and meet appropriate standards on apprenticeships.

This Council therefore resolves to promote its current procurement policy and encourage partner organisations to undertake similar approach. This Council asks the Cabinet to report on the promotion of its policy and on progress to obtain the Fair Tax Mark to Full Council on an annual basis for the next five years.”

44. Motion 6 Proposed Councillor Upex Seconded Councillor Barnham

An amendment received before the deadline on the day before the meeting to delete all of the text of the original motion and insert the text shown below was accepted by the mover and seconder.

The motion was moved by Councillor Upex and seconded by Councillor Barnham and then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) has launched an extensive consultation which sets out proposed changes to the timetable which will be operated by GTR in 2018 following completion of the Thameslink Programme.

Accordingly, the Council welcomes the imminent introduction of new rolling stock, with greater capacity. We also strongly welcome proposals in the current Thameslink timetable consultation to introduce four trains an hour Monday to Saturday, from 2018.

These proposals include:

- a) Diverting all our East Croydon services to West Croydon - making it take longer to get to Gatwick and other destinations in Sussex.
- b) Reducing our peak services to London Bridge to four trains an hour (the same capacity as the rest of the day). These services would be replaced by five carriage Overground trains to Dalston Junction.

This Council notes the Consultation taken place with regards to proposed changes to the timetable affecting residents who use the following stations – Sydenham, Forest Hill, Honor Oak, Brockley from 2018

This Council also supports the efforts of the 'Cinderella Line' campaign and Vicky Foxcroft MP to promote improvements to the unacceptably poor service on trains serving Crofton Park, Catford, Bellingham and stations beyond.

But the proposed improvements, while welcome, do not go far enough. We therefore call on Thameslink also to ensure:

That trains into central London do not terminate at Blackfriars – they should continue through to Kentish Town/St Pancras, because Blackfriars is difficult as an interchange.

four trains an hour also on Sundays, when demand can be as high as on other days

trains are timed evenly at 15–minute intervals, instead of 10 or 20 minutes, so that people have greater certainty about when the next train is due.

Coordination with London overground services at Denmark Hill and Peckham.

This Council call upon the Mayor of Lewisham to write to Southern on behalf of all Councillors and all passengers who use these services calling for the direct Service to East Croydon from these stations to be maintained and not cut. Whilst welcoming any proposed increase in Overground trains to Canada Water we have concerns with regards to safety at this already overcrowded station, furthermore we call upon the Mayor to oppose any cut in peak hour services to London Bridge. This Council calls on this matter to be referred to the Public Transport Liaison Committee and its finding to be reported back to full Council.”

The meeting closed at 9.53pm