

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Monday, 17 July 2017 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Obajimi Adefiranye (Chair), Abdeslam Amrani, Chris Barnham, Peter Bernards, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Bill Brown, 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, Simon Hooks, Mark Ingleby, Councillor Joyce Jacca, Stella Jeffrey, Liz Johnston-Franklin, Roy Kennedy, Helen Klier, Jim Mallory, Paul Maslin, Sophie McGeevor, David Michael, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon, Olurotimi Ogunbadewa, Rachel Onikosi, Jacq Paschoud, John Paschoud, Pat Raven, Joan Reid, Gareth Siddorn, Jonathan Slater, Alan Smith, Luke Sorba, Eva Stamirowski, Alan Till, Paul Upex, James-J Walsh and Susan Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Best, Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor Sue Hordijkeno, Councillor Joan Millbank and Councillor Hilary Moore.

## 86. Declaration of Interests

Councillors John Paschoud, Maja Hilton, John Muldoon, Susan Wise, Jacq Paschoud, Alan Till, Obami Adefiranye, Pauline Morrison, and Peter Bernards all declared a personal interest in Item 9 as members of the Co-operative Party.

Councillors Luke Sorba, Alan Hall and John Muldoon declared a personal interest in Item 8 as a Governor of the SLaM NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Susan Wise declared a personal interest in Item 8 as a Governor of the Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Alan Hall declared an interest in Item 9 as Chair of the Lewisham Co-operative Party and as a member of the London Co-operative Party Council and as a Board Member of Phoenix Community Housing.

Councillors Susan Wise, Joan Reid and Gareth Siddorn declared a personal interest in Item 9 as Board Members of Lewisham Homes.

Councillor Jonathan Slater declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a Board Member of Phoenix Community Housing.

Councillor John Coughlin declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a member of the Brockley Tenants Co-operative.

Councillor Carl Handley declared a personal interest in Item 9 as a Governor at Watergate School which was part of the Brent Knoll Co-operative Trust.

## 87. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on March 27 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **88. Petitions**

The Chair referred to the abortive meeting held on June 21 and informed the Council that a petition had been received from Councillor Hilary Moore, who could not be present on the rearranged date. The petition bore approximately 300 names and was in support of the construction of a GP surgery at 54 Chinbrook Road. Councillor Colin Elliott presented additional petition correspondence bearing the names of a further 119 supporters.

Councillor Maja Hilton, on behalf of Jenny O'Shea presented a petition bearing 309 names asking the Council for an alteration to the planned regeneration works on Dartmouth Road.

Shaka Anderson, on behalf of Lewisham Education Group presented a petition bearing approximately 1620 names calling on the Council to establish regular forums with schools and the Council on ways to tackle the attainment issue in the borough and for involvement in the independent panel for exclusions.

Councillor Mark Ingleby presented a petition bearing 27 names from the Whitefoot Assembly calling on the Council to answer phonecalls within a reasonable time scale.

Sean Lowrie, a resident of Wallbuton Road, presented a petition from local residents bearing approximately 300 names calling on the Council to take down the mobile phone mast which they believed had been illegally installed on Forsythia House on Pendrell Road.

Anna Finch-Smith, on behalf of a number of residents of Grove Park, presented a petition bearing 305 names in opposition to a planning application that has been submitted for the demolition of a 6 bedroom house at 54 Chinbrook Road named Bethany House and replace it with a new 4 storey medical centre.

Councillor Alan Hall presented a petition bearing 640 names opposing further retail development at Bell Green thus ensuring the survival of the Bell Green Gas Holders.

## **89. Announcements or Communications**

### **Obituaries**

The Chair pointed out that since the last meeting there had been a series of tragic events which had been marked by the Council. These were the Manchester bombing, the attack at London Bridge in the neighbouring borough of Southwark, the Grenfell Tower disaster and the Finsbury Park Mosque assault have all impacted on our nation.

The Mayor addressed the Council on these tragic events and expressed his admiration for the national response to the outrages which he stated would have frustrated the intentions of the terrorists. His remarks were echoed by

Councillor De Ryk.

All present observed a 1 minute silence in memory of those who have lost their lives in the events described and also in memory of Joanne Britton and Maria Dalrymple whose deaths were reported in the written report.

### **Refugee Week 2017**

The Chair reported the Council had welcomed the families which it had formally resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Schemes at a reception in Laurence House on June 21. He reported Lewisham had welcomed a total of 4 Syrian refugee families and 2 Iraqi families, the latter selected for reasons related to their children's special needs. Two more Syrian families were expected this week. Many of the groups who had been involved in the welcome of the families, such as Lewisham Citizens and the Diocese of Southwark, took part in a visit to Lewisham's German twin town, Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, in May. A total of 27 Lewisham community members and officers participated in the trip, which was funded by the European Commission's 'Europe for Citizens' programme, and was entitled 'Migration and Integration: Local Cooperation in Action'. The group – led by Councillor Kevin Bonavia - learned how Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf had been resettling the thousands of migrants and refugees arriving in the last couple of years through its distinct approaches to housing, language classes, educational provision and community participation. The group was also joined by representatives of our French twin town, Antony.

Councillor Kevin Bonavia reported on efforts made to welcome refugees so far and on the intention to continue with assistance to those in need.

### **Fire Safety**

The Mayor updated the Council on involvement with Grenfell Tower and fire safety in Lewisham.

He stated advice on cladding in Lewisham had been rapidly received following the calamity in Kensington & Chelsea. Three buildings in Lewisham had been identified as have cladding of the same kind as at Grenfell Tower. Meetings had been held with tenants who were assured fire safety teams were to be in the blocks 24 hours a day and inspections carried out by the London Fire Brigade. The Mayor also reported on assistance given to Housing Associations and private sector landlords.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Chief Executive had been seconded to the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to lead recovery efforts. Other officers had been deployed there on a part or full time basis. This assistance was likely to continue for a considerable time. Additionally a centre for the bereaved had been completely staffed by Lewisham officers for six days.

### **Prudential London-Surrey 100 mile Cycle Ride Sunday July 30**

Cllr Ingleby made an announcement about the Prudential London-Surrey 100

mile Cycle Ride and encouraged donations to be made on his 'Just Giving' webpage.

### **Beyond Boundaries India 2017**

The Chair advised the Council Councillor Stella Jeffrey had informed him of a project called 'Beyond Boundaries India 2017'. This was an initiative involving Lewisham's Looked After Children who, subject to successful fund raising, would be going on a trip to India and working with local orphaned children. He encouraged all present to make donations directly to Councillor Jeffrey.

### **Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme.**

The Council welcomed the granting of a bronze award by the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme. The award recognised the Council's efforts to support the armed forces, promote being armed forces-friendly and open to employing those connected with the forces.

### **Sporting Play-Off Success**

The Council congratulated two local teams who secured promotion in their respective sports via play-offs, namely Millwall FC and the Old Elthamians.

### **Report of the Returning Officer - General Election June 2017**

The Council congratulated Vicky Foxcroft and Heidi Alexander on their re-election as MPs for Lewisham Deptford and Lewisham East respectively and newly elected MP Ellie Reeves who took over from Jim Dowd as MP for Lewisham West and Penge.

The Mayor recorded his grateful thanks to Jim Dowd for the massive contribution he had made to public life over 45 years, both as an MP since 1992 and previously as a long serving member of Lewisham Council. He reported he had sent a letter of thanks to Jim Dowd and was hopeful he would be able to accept invitations to various civic events.

### **Queens Birthday Honours**

The Council congratulated Eileen O'Sullivan, a volunteer at Age Exchange in Blackheath, who was awarded a BEM for services to Education.

## **90. Public Questions**

67 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 Egan
2.	Andy Hughes	Cllr Smith
3.	Carole Hope	Mayor
4.	John Russell	Cllr Maslin

5.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
6.	Georgia Smith	Cllr Onikosi
7.	Saraid Dodd	Cllr Maslin
8.	Andrew Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
9.	Mrs Richardson	Mayor
10.	Carol Spurling	Mayor
11.	Shereener Hudson	Cllr Onikosi
12.	Trina Lynskey	Cllr Onikosi
13.	Barry O'Donovan	Mayor
14.	Karen Galloway	Cllr Smith
15.	Mari	Cllr Smith
16.	Christian Turner	Cllr Smith
17.	Mr Richardson	Mayor
18.	Moira Kerrane	Cllr Maslin
19.	Scott Barkwith	Cllr Onikosi
20.	Andy Hughes	Cllr Egan
21.	Carole Hope	Cllr Onikosi
22.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
23.	Georgia Smith	Cllr Onikosi
24.	Mr Woolford	Cllr Smith
25.	Andrew Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
26.	Mrs Richardson	Mayor
27.	Shereener Hudson	Cllr Onikosi
28.	Trina Lynskey	Cllr Onikosi
29.	Christian Turner	Cllr Smith
30.	Mari	Cllr Smith
31.	Christian Turner	Cllr Smith
32.	Mr Richardson	Cllr Bonavia
33.	Moira Kerrane	Cllr Maslin
34.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
35.	Georgia Smith	Cllr Onikosi
36.	Mr Woolford	Cllr Smith
37.	Carole Hope	Cllr Onikosi
38.	Andrew Tonge	Cllr Onikosi
39.	Shereener Hudson	Cllr Smith
40.	Trina Lynskey	Cllr Smith
41.	Mari	Cllr Smith
42.	Moira Kerrane	Cllr Maslin
43.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
44.	Carole Hope	Cllr Onikosi
45.	Georgia Smith	Mayor
46.	Carole Hope	Cllr Onikosi
47.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan
48.	Mark Morris	Cllr Onikosi
49.	Helen Mercer	Cllr Egan
50.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
51.	Sarah McMichael	Cllr Bonavia
52.	Nicola Blackwell	Cllr Smith
53.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan
54.	Mark Morris	Cllr Smith

55.	Helen Mercer	Cllr Egan
56.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
57.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan
58.	Mark Morris	Cllr Best
59.	Emily Frith	Cllr Onikosi
60.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Daby
61.	Mark Morris	Cllr Onikosi
62.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
63.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan
64.	Emily Frith	Cllr Smith
65.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan
66.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Onikosi
67.	David Da Silva Pereira	Cllr Egan

**91. Member questions**

13 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 Walsh	Mayor
2.	Cllr Curran	Mayor
3.	Cllr Hall	Mayor
4.	Cllr Upex	Deputy Mayor
5.	Cllr McGeevor	Deputy Mayor
6.	Cllr Hall	Deputy Mayor
7.	Cllr Upex	Deputy Mayor
8.	Cllr Curran	Mayor
9.	Cllr Upex	Cllr Maslin
10.	Cllr Curran	Mayor
11.	Cllr Upex	Mayor
12.	Cllr Hall	Deputy Mayor
13.	Cllr Walsh	Deputy Mayor

**92. CRPL Business Plan Report**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel, Councillor Alan Hall and it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the 2017/18 Business Plan for the Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) be approved; and
- (2) the resolution of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel to direct the Constitution Working Party to review the governance of Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited, with a view to increase the current number of Directors to include a non-Executive Member be endorsed.

### **93. Establishment of a SLaM Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

The Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor John Muldoon, moved that the recommendations be approved and this was seconded by the Vice-Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor Susan Wise and it was:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the creation of a JHOSC with the participant authorities being Lambeth, Southwark, Croydon and Lewisham, with the terms of reference as set out be approved;
- (2) Councillors John Muldoon and Alan Hall be appointed to sit on the joint committee;
- (3) that the councillors appointed to the JHOSC be able to nominate substitutes to attend meetings of the JHOSC in their place in the event that they are unable to attend.
- (4) the terms of reference not include the power to make a report to the Secretary of State (under regulation 23(9) of the Regulations in relation to the proposal from SLaM for Lambeth, Southwark, Croydon and Lewisham Councils.

### **94. Motion 1 Proposed Councillor Curran Seconded Councillor Handley**

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 Curran and seconded by Councillor Handley. Following contributions from Councillors Hall, Wise, Coughlin and Kennedy, the motion was then put to the vote and declared to be unanimously carried.

RESOLVED that the following motion be agreed:

“Lewisham Council believes that co-operatives play a vital role both in our borough and across the UK in strengthening communities and giving members a say in how their businesses and organizations are run. Almost 17.5 million people own the UK's cooperatives and co-operatives contribute £34.1 billion a year to the UK economy.

“The Council salutes the recent Co-operative Fortnight and takes the opportunity to welcome the work done by all cooperatives in the borough including Phoenix Community Housing which is to be congratulated for being recognized as an Investor in People, for being a London Living Wage employer, for being nominated as a Top Ten Landlord in the 24housing magazine awards and also winning the award for the UK's best landlord for tenant involvement in the UK Housing Awards 2017.

“We also commend Lewisham Plus Credit Union which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. We note that in its first year it granted 32 loans, achieved 100 members and savings of over £20,000. By 2016 the Credit Union had over 10,000 adult members, over 1500 junior members, had granted over 5,000 loans and achieved savings approaching nearly £5m pounds.

“These facts reveal the true power of co-operation and we thank all those who have worked hard to achieve this success that builds stability, co-operation and resilience in our community.”

The meeting closed at 9.11pm.