

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 19 July 2017 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Alan Smith, Best, Kevin Bonavia, Janet Daby, Damien Egan, Paul Maslin and Joan Millbank.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Ingleby.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joe Dromey and Councillor Rachel Onikosi.

17. Declaration of Interests

The Mayor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 19 as his wife was a nominee for appointment to the Oakbridge Federation and he withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

18. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on June 21 and June 28 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

19. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee on the Library and Information Service Annual Report

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor received the views of the Select Committee as set out and

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

20. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

The Mayor noted that all the outstanding items were due for consideration that evening.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

21. Air Quality Campaign Plan 2017-18

The Mayor welcomed the report and explained that neither Councillor Onikosi, the responsible Cabinet Member or Councillor McGeevor, his Air Quality champion, could be present at the meeting.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the Air Quality Campaign 2017 be approved.

22. Beckenham Place Park update

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(1) the financial contribution from the Council towards to the regeneration of the park be as follows:

£1.4m from the capital programme

£180k from insurance monies arising from the fire at the homesteads in 2011
a target allocation of £200k from section 106 monies.

(2) the medium and long term strategy with regards to the buildings in the park be approved; and

(3) the proposed response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee shown in Section 9 be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

23. Adoption SoP

The Mayor noted that this would be the last meeting attended by Tina Benjamin and he placed on record his grateful thanks for the highly valued service she had given in the creation of a flagship service.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the report of the work of the Adoption Service be received;

(2) the review of the Statement of Purpose 2017-18 be approved; and

(3) the updated Children's Guides to Adoption and Adoption Support Services be received.

24. Fostering SoP

Councillor Paul Maslin placed on record his sincere thanks to all the staff involved in the Fostering service. The Mayor recounted his annual reception for foster parents as one of the highlights of the Civic Year.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the report of the work of the Fostering Service be received;
- (2) the updated Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service for 2017 – 2018 be approved;
- (3) the updated Children’s Guides – My Fostering Booklet and My Fostering Guide be received.

25. Amalgamation of Sandhurst Infant and Junior Schools

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that there should be an initial informal consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Sandhurst Infant School and Sandhurst Junior School with effect from April 2018, and that officers should report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of 2017 with the results and next steps.

26. Modification Addey and Stanhope

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

- (1) the reasons for the request for delaying the implementation date from September 2018 to September 2019 be noted;
- (2) the requested modification post determination as the statutory decision maker on behalf of the Local Authority regarding school organisational changes be approved whereby the implementation of the decision made on 22 March 2017 to expand Addey and Stanhope School by 2 additional forms of entry be delayed by 1 year to September 2019.
- (3) officers be instructed to publish the details of the modification on the council website where the original proposals were published, in line with the statutory guidance for making prescribed alterations to maintained schools.

27. Delivering School Places SEND

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

- (1) officers should conduct initial informal consultations on the following proposals to;

expand Greenvale School from 117 places to 210 places

expand Watergate School from 108 places to 167 places

extend the age range of New Woodlands School to accommodate KS4 pupils

(2) officers should report back to Mayor and Cabinet by the end of 2017 with the results and next steps.

28. New Homes Programme Update

Councillor Millbank, a Ward Councillor, endorsed the scheme and reported there was general support in the local area following the very good consultation that had taken place.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress update on the New Homes, Better Places Programme be noted;

(2) the design development and consultation which has been carried out on the proposed re-development of 1-27 Wellington Close, including the statutory Section 105 Consultation as summarised be noted;

(3) having considered the responses to the statutory Section 105 consultation on the proposed re-development of the former Somerville Extra Care Scheme as summarised, Lewisham Homes proceed with the design development of the scheme, and submit a planning application to deliver approximately 25 new Council homes on the site.

29. Medium Term Financial Strategy

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(1) the 2018/19 to 2021/22 Medium Term Financial Strategy be endorsed; and

(2) a further update be brought back as part of the savings and budget setting process to reflect any changes arising from the Autumn Budget or Local Government Finance Settlement.

30. Financial Forecasts

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor, for the reasons

set out in the report:

RESOLVED that

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and the action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage down the forecasted year-end overspend be noted; and

(2) the revised capital programme budget, as set out in section 14 with further detail attached at appendices 1 and 2, be noted.

31. Response Housing and Mental Health Review

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor,

RESOLVED that the actions set out in response to the recommendations of Housing Select Committee's Mental Health Review be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

32. Response to the Consultation to implement a Joint Travel Assistance Poli

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well-Being and Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the outcome of the consultation as set out in section 6 and the Equalities Analysis Assessment in section 12 be received;

(2) the Council implements the Joint Travel Assistance Policy for people aged over the age of 16 based on the principles published in the consultation;

(3) a personal budget be developed as part of the individual's assessment of travel needs, in line with other support provided by Adult Social Care and those eligible will be offered the choice of taking their personal budget as a direct payment if they wish;

(4) the Council implement a travel assessment to identify people's individual travel needs and an eligibility criteria to determine the support offered by the Council;

(5) the Council will follow the precepts of the Care Act in promoting independence by encouraging people to travel independently where they are able to do so safely;

(6) the Council include travel assistance in the existing Care Act assessment and ask how family and carers what support they can provide to meet a person's needs as part of a holistic assessment which will take into consideration the carer's own need for support and other responsibilities they may have.

(7) the Council will consider how other benefits and support available to the family can be used to meet the person's eligible needs, taking into consideration how they are currently used.

33. Response to Select Committee Post Office

The Executive Director for Customer Services confirmed no positive substantive response had been received to the representations that had been made.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the actions taken to date be noted and the report be approved for submission to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

34. Response To Referral From SDSC and HSC - Housing Zones

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the actions taken to date be noted and the report be approved for submission to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.

35. Local Authority Governor Nominations

The Mayor withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item and the chair was taken by the Deputy Mayor.

Having considered an officer report and a formal presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, Councillor Paul Maslin, the Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the following person be nominated as a School Governor for the school shown.

Sharon Long	Beecroft Garden
Peter Fidel	Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Federation
Kris Hibbert	Oakbridge Federation
Kevin Jeffrey	Ashmead
Peter Main	St. Bartholomew's

36. Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the financial outturn 2016-17

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor received the views of the Select Committee as set out and

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

37. Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on income generation

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor received the views of the Select Committee as set out and

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

38. Catford Programme Update and A205 Realignment Options

This item was considered subsequent to the confidential report on the same topic.

In promoting the recommendations, the Deputy Mayor outlined the history of the proposals dating back to the 1972 Catford Action Plan.

Having considered an officer report and presentations by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, and by the Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Mark Ingleby, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report and having already considered the options outlined in a confidential report:

RESOLVED that officers develop a master plan brief to be reported back to Mayor and Cabinet subject to recommendations relating to the preferred option for the realignment of the A205 contained in the confidential report.

39. 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.

24. Catford Programme Update and A205 Realignment Options - Part 2
25. New Homes Programme Update Part 2
26. Housing Property Acquisition
27. Extending the Shared ICT Service to LB Southwark

40. Catford Programme Update and A205 Realignment Options - Part 2

The Deputy Mayor presented the report and stated a preference for a new route for the South Circular Road as shown in Option 2.

Councillor Mark Ingleby presented a referral from the Sustainable Development Select Committee which also pressed the Mayor to adopt Option 2.

The Mayor considered the available options and stated he would be delighted

to proceed with Option 2.

Having considered a confidential officer report and presentations by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, and by the Vice-Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Mark Ingleby, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the options analysis exercise on the A205 (South Circular) be noted;
- (2) the recommended option for the realignment of the A205 (South Circular) Road through Catford Town Centre be approved;
- (3) an allocation of up to a stated maximum figure be approved to match funding from TfL in order to progress the next stage of feasibility design work related to the preferred option; and
- (4) the comments of the sustainable Development Select Committee as set out in be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

41. New Homes Programme Update Part 2

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the valuation advice received for the properties at Woodvale, Forest Hill be noted;
- (2) the proposed strategy for marketing the units be noted; and
- (3) authority to agree the final sale value for each property be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, subject to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration being advised in each case by the Head of Asset Services that the final sale value represents the market value of the unit.

42. Housing Property Acquisition

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the business case at section 7 that sets out the financial and operational benefits from acquiring 93-95 Rushey Green, SE6 be noted;

(2) officers should seek to purchase the freehold interest in 93-95 Rushey Green, SE6 for not more than its certified market value plus associated acquisition costs; and

(3) authority to finalise negotiations and complete the purchase be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Director for Customer Services and the Head of Law, at no more than its certified market value.

43. Extending the Shared ICT Service to LB Southwark

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the work undertaken since approval was given to work with the London Borough of Southwark to explore expanding the Shared Service be noted including:

- i. completing the identified due diligence and assurance activities;
- ii. entering into an interim inter-authority agreement between Lewisham, Brent and Southwark dated 30 March 2017; and
- iii. developing the final inter-authority agreement to govern the delivery of the three-way Shared ICT Service.

(2) the establishment of a three-way Shared ICT Service with the London Borough of Brent and the London Borough of Southwark within the agreed scope and with a planned service commencement date of 1 November 2017 be approved;

(3) the delegation from Southwark Council to Brent (as the primary host authority in the Shared Service) for the delivery of ICT services be noted;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services, on advice from the Head of Law, to agree the final terms of the inter-authority agreement for accession of Southwark into the existing Shared Service and for the operation of the 3-way Shared ICT Service;

(5) officers in Southwark and Brent have recently presented reports to their respective Cabinets in relation to this delegation and the future Shared ICT Service, which have been agreed;

(6) the Joint Committee be reconstituted, to include the London Borough of Southwark;

(7) the Joint Committee will consist of two elected members from each Council; and

(8) Brent will manage ICT procurement for all three councils, where appropriate, within an agreed scope and governed by a strict procurement

protocol.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm