

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Councillors Chris Best, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Brenda Dacres, Joe Dromey, Joani Reid and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Sophie McGeevor (Parks, Neighbourhood & Transport (jobshare), Councillor Amanda De Ryk (Finance, Skills & Jobs (jobshare), Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Liam Curran and Councillor John Muldoon.

234. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

235. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of Mayor & Cabinet Contracts held on April 18 2018 and Mayor & Cabinet held on June 6 2018 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

236. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The Cabinet received the written views of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on the two items shown below

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Cabinet agreed that the written submission of the Business Panel be accepted in full.

RESOLVED that

(1) officers be asked to show how Council Members, and the community are involved in the CIL process.

(2) officers be asked to produce an easy to read diagram to illustrate the process; and

(3) officers be asked for information on how the decision making process on the allocation of CIL operates in other boroughs.

Veolia Heat Exchange

The Cabinet asked the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration to report back on the suggestion being made taking into account their Manifesto pledges.

RESOLVED the suggestion that sufficient resources be provided to officers to appoint an efficient and effective consultant for the investigation, to ensure the Council gets the best possible deal be investigated further by the Executive

Director for Resources and Regeneration taking into account a Manifesto commitment to favour in house solutions where possible.

237. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

238. Deptford Southern Housing - Tidemill update

The Mayor made some preliminary remarks on the proposals, outlining the engagement he and Councillor Bell had undertaken with local people who had misgivings about the scheme.

The recommendations were then promoted by Councillor Bell who referred to a petition objecting to the proposals which was tabled at the meeting.

The Executive Director for Customer Services representative added that an addendum paper had also been tabled which clarified the stance taken by the Mayor of London on the issue of balloting local residents affected by regeneration proposals.

The Cabinet was next jointly addressed by local residents Pauline Wamunyu and Diann Gerson who urged the Cabinet not to break up the community and retain the existing building.

Councillor Liam Curran, Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, backed the residents pleas and asked for the full consideration of alternative views and a ballot of residents.

Councillors Bell, Dromey and Dacres all expressed their views on the proposals, noting the residents concerns but pointing out the length of the existing Housing waiting list in Lewisham and the numbers of homeless people. They concluded that the guarantee of a lifetime tenancy in the new development at existing rent levels was fair. The Mayor agreed with their conclusions and pointed out manifesto commitments to reduce waiting lists and tackle homelessness. He assured local residents that engagement with them would continue and that they would be central to any new development.

Having considered an officer report and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, two members of the public from Reginald Road and the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Liam Curran, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons stated and as set out in the report:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to zero that:

(1) the update on the Deptford Southern Housing Sites project, as detailed in section 5 be noted;

(2) the Development Agreement be varied to extend the longstop date to 30 June 2019; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Director for Customer Services and the Head of Law, to negotiate and agree the necessary legal documentation in connection with the report recommendations.

239. Perry Vale and the Christmas Estate Conservation Area Appraisal and Article 4 direction (SPD)

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that :

(1) the proposed introduction of conservation area designation and article 4 direction be noted;

(2) the content of the draft appraisal SPD and article 4 direction schedule, be noted and;

(3) a 6 week period of public consultation on the introduction of conservation area designation, the introduction of an Article 4 Direction, and the draft appraisal document, be approved.

240. Review of the Lewisham Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2018

The Executive Director for Children & Young People recorded her thanks to Kim Knapett for her help in formulating the Syllabus.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the Lewisham Agreed Syllabus for religious education 2018 for use in Lewisham schools be presented to Council on 18 July for approval.

241. Annual lettings plan

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

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that :

(1) the lettings outcomes for 2016/17 and 2017/18 and the position on the housing register be noted; and

(2) the proposed Lettings Plan for 2018/19 set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

242. Local Authority Governors

In moving the recommendations Councillor Barnham reiterated the pledge he

made at the June 6 regarding a review of governor appointments to ensure all sections of the community were represented.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, having considered the information supplied in respect of the nominations:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the persons set out below be nominated as local authority governors:

Tracey Gration	Forest Hill
Cllr John Paschoud	Perrymount

243. Response to Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee LGBT

Councillor Slater commended the Select Committee for the Review which had been undertaken and looked forward to close collaboration between the Cabinet and Scrutiny.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the response from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

244. Response to CYP select Committee SEND provision

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the responses to the comments from the Children and Young People Select Committee be approved and reported back to the Children and Young People Select Committee.

245. Review of Recruitment and Retention Response to CYP Select Committee

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the responses to the comments from the Children and Young People Select Committee be approved and reported back to the Children and Young People Select Committee.

246. Response to Housing Select Committee review

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet

Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the responses to the comments from the Housing Select Committee be approved and reported back to the Housing Select Committee.

247. Catford Regeneration Partnership Ltd

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that by 9 votes to nil that the contents of the 2018/19 Business Plan for the Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) be noted and that it be submitted to the next available meeting of Council for approval.

248. 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 paragraph 3, 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

16. Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited Business Plan Loan Injection

17. Catford Town Centre Masterplan Study - Contract Award

249. Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited Business Plan Loan Injection

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that:

(1) the reasons for the additional loan to support CRPL effectively deliver their commitments pending the advancement of the regeneration plans for Catford Town Centre be noted;

(2) a repayment loan of up to a stated figure with the final payment due in May 2048 at an interest rate of 4.3% from the Council to CRPL be approved; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Law, authority to finalise the arrangements by which CRPL will draw down the loan, consistent with their business objectives agreed by Council.

250. Catford Town Centre Masterplan Study - Contract Award

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED by 9 votes to nil that the award of contract for the production of the Catford Town Centre Masterplan Study to Studio Egret West be approved for an initial period of 10 months for a contract value not exceeding a stated value.

The meeting closed at 19.10pm