

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 6.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Amanda De Ryk.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sophie McGeevor and Councillor Joani Reid.

362. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

363. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on December 12 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

364. Council Tax Base 2019- 20

The report was introduced by Councillor Amanda De Ryk. Councillor Paul Bell thanked her for her presentation and welcomed the surcharge on empty properties which could help promote responsible home ownership and maximise housing available to local residents.

Councillor Brenda Dacres praised the system of automatic rebates which would particularly help those most in need.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the non-voting job share Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, and a member of the public, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Council Tax Base calculation for 2019/20, as set out in the annual Council Tax Base government return, attached at Appendix A be noted;
- (2) Council be recommended to agree a Council Tax Base of 88,405.1 Band D equivalent properties for 2019/20;
- (3) Council be recommended to agree a budgeted Council Tax collection rate of 97.0%;
- (4) Council be recommended to approve the continuation of the discretionary Council Tax discount of 100% for care leavers up to the age of 25;

(5) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for second homes for 2018/19 be continued for 2019/20;

(6) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for empty homes Class A (an empty property undergoing structural alteration or major repair to make it habitable) be continued, as set out in section six of this report;

(7) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 100% discount awarded for a period of four weeks and then a 0% discount thereafter, for empty homes – Class C (a substantially empty and unfurnished property) be continued;

(8) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of an empty homes premium in respect of long term empty properties is increased to 100%, as set out in section six of this report;

(9) the proposed 2019/20 National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) estimated net yield of £67.4m, based on current information available, be noted;

(10) Council be recommended to agree to delegate the approval of the final 2019/20 NNDR1 form to the Interim S151 Officer for submission by the deadline of 31st January 2019.

365. 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 by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Perry Vale and Christmas Estate conservation area be designated;

(2) Adopt the Conservation Area Appraisal (Appendix 1) be adopted, and;

(3) The making of a non immediate Article 4 Direction to the residential streets within the proposed conservation area (Appendix 3) be approved.

366. Article 4 Direction to withdraw permitted development rights for the change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to small HMO's (Use Class C4)

Councillor Jonathan Slater expressed his delight at the Mayor's proposals, as his Ward was plagued by HMOs operated by rogue landlords and attracting anti social behaviour. Councillor Paul Bell added his support saying implementation would help with work to protect vulnerable residents.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the making of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction for Lewisham's southern wards of Bellingham, Downham, Whitefoot and Grove Park to withdraw permitted development rights for the change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to small HMO's (Use Class C4) be approved with such direction to come into force 12 months after notice of the direction is published;

(2) officers be authorised to carry out consultation as set out Section 6; and

(3) the financial and legal implications of making the Article 4 Direction be noted.

367. Gambling Statement

Officers highlighted moves to ensure social responsibility was at the forefront of the revised policy, with all establishments now required to carry out risk assessments.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the Gambling Statement of principles for 2019-2022 should be presented to the Council for it to be formally determined and published.

368. Housing Assistance Policy

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 by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the changes to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy be approved;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make minor amendments to the Housing Assistance Policy.

369. Stillness Junior School Instrument of Government

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 by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for Stillness Junior School be made by Local Authority order dated 16 January 2019.

370. Local Authority Governor nominations

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 each nominee for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the information concerning the recommended nominated governors in Appendix 1 be noted;

(2) the persons set out below be nominated as local authority governors.

Ms. Zoe Ann Yuill	Horniman
Ms. Alice Cairns	Greenvale
Ms. Janet Morris	Coopers Lane

371. Main Grants programme Disability Coalition

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0

RESOLVED that the Main Grant to Lewisham Disability Coalition be discontinued from 1 January 2019 and the delegation of decision making responsibility in relation to LDC's winding-up costs be made to the Executive Director for Community Services.

372. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on neighbourhood CIL

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments as set out be received and the Interim Head of Planning be asked to provide a response as part of the report he had already notified for consideration at Mayor & Cabinet in February 2019.

373. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on parking

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's comments be noted and the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to provide a response.

374. Item Withdrawn

This item was withdrawn.

375. 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

15. Award of Contract for the Carer Information, Advice and Support Service
16. Tipping, Transportation & Treatment of Organic Waste - Award of Contract
17. Pupil Places Programme - SEND School Expansions update (Greenvale, Watergate) and Pre-Construction Service Agreement (PCSA) Award Report (Greenvale)

376. Award of Contract for the Carer Information, Advice and Support Service

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the contract for the provision of Carer Information, Advice and Support Services be awarded to Your Voice in Health and Social Care (YVHSC) for a period of two years starting April 2019, with an option to extend the contract for a further one year (April 2021 to March 2022), with a stated total contract value across two years.

377. Tipping, Transportation & Treatment of Organic Waste - Award of Contract

Officers confirmed discussions were underway with neighbouring boroughs to provide possible future alternatives.

The Mayor welcomed the latest statistics on recycling rates which depicted Lewisham as one of London's most improved boroughs.

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0

RESOLVED that the contract for the provision of tipping, transportation and treatment of food and garden waste be awarded to Veolia Environmental Services, based on their tender, for a period of 3 years with a possible extension for another 2 years upon Mayor & Cabinet agreement.

378. Pupil Places Programme - SEND School Expansions update (Greenvale, Watergate) and Pre-Construction Service Agreement (PCSA) Award Report (Greenvale)

Having considered a confidential 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 and by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the tender process undertaken for the Watergate and Greenvale school expansion projects be noted;
- (2) officers have completed the tender evaluation for the Greenvale project, but will complete the Watergate evaluation early in the new year and provide an update then;
- (3) the revised programme for the Greenvale expansion project, and that officers are currently procuring a demolition contractor to complete the site preparation phase of the project, be noted;
- (4) the overall project budget for the Greenvale expansion project be noted and remains the same as the previously approved budget;
- (5) the award of a Pre-Construction Services Agreement be made to Geoffrey Osborne Limited for a stated contract value to complete Stage 1 of the Greenvale expansion project, on the understanding that a further report will be brought to Mayor & Cabinet to award the Stage 2 construction contract.

The meeting closed at 7.01pm.