



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.05 pm

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Councillor Juliet Campbell	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor Patrick Codd	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Liam Curran	Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Jim Mallory	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Joan Millbank	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor John Muldoon	Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Luke Sorba	Chair Children and Young People Select Committee	L

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Kim Wright
Chief Executive
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Date: Tuesday, 4 February 2020



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Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Minutes

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider minutes of that part of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel of 28 January 2020

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the minutes of those parts of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel which were open to the press and public held on 28 January 2020 be confirmed and signed.

Kim Wright
Chief Executive,
Lewisham Town Hall,
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4 February 2020

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 28 January 2020 at 7.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Peter Bernards, Patrick Codd, Liam Curran, Joan Millbank, John Muldoon and Luke Sorba

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sakina Sheikh, Councillor Juliet Campbell and Councillor Jim Mallory

267. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 3 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

268. Declarations of Interests

None received.

269. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report noted.

270. Notification of Late and Urgent Items

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

271. Response to Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel on Equality Issues

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

272. Report-Back on Call-In result on the "Re-Commissioning of building-based day Services for Older Adults"

The Chair of the Panel, Councillor Bill Brown advised the meeting that following the decision to all-in result on the "Re-commissioning of building-based day services for Older Adults", guidance was currently being developed by the Head of Law for overview and scrutiny chairs in relation to "call-in" procedures. It was stated that any comment by chairs of overview and scrutiny select committees should be forwarded to the Head of Law.

273. Open Item(s) - Decision by Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020

The Chair of the Panel, Councillor Bill Brown, announced that he had received a request that for Members to consider a decision taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020 in relation to the disposal of former Wide Horizons sites in Wales and Kent. The Chair advised that the decision would be implemented on 29 January 2020, unless called-in by Members of the Panel.

The Interim Executive Director of Children and Young People, and the Property Strategy & Technical Support Manager made a presentation on the decision taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020 in relation to the “Disposal of former Wide Horizons sites in Wales and Kent”. The Panel noted that Wide Horizons was an adventure learning charity formed in 2004 as a result of a joint initiative. Wide Horizons went into administration in 2018 and at the time were managing eight outreach services providing adventure experiences for nearly 47,000 children and young people each year. It was recognised that three of the outdoor centres, two in Wales and one in Kent, are owned by Lewisham Council.

In response to questions raised, the Officers advised the Panel that since the liquidation of Wide Horizons, Lewisham Council had been responsible for maintenance and other property associated costs for the properties it owned. Hence, the recommendation to the Mayor and Cabinet to grant authorisation to agree to dispose of the sites, subject to the Secretary of State for Education’s consent being obtained. It was stated that the Council’s newly designed Beckenham Place Park had been earmarked to deliver outdoor educational services and also to run family workshops over the summer months

In a follow-up question, the Officer confirmed to the Panel that disposal of the assets in Wales and Kent would not be detrimental to children and young people in Lewisham because there were other easily accessible and safer alternative facilities elsewhere. However, it was the view of Members that the sale of the land would be detrimental to future generations, and therefore should only be considered as a last resort. Members also agreed that the offer available at Beckenham Place Park was excellent, but not comparable, as it was not residential.

In view of the considerations, Members resolved to ‘call-in’ the decision taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020 relating to the “Disposal of Former Wide Horizons sites in Wales and Kent, in order to enable the Mayor and Cabinet to reconsider its decisions, requesting that:

“Consideration should always be given to retain the freehold on land we own. In the circumstance, options for income generation should be properly considered to help cover costs currently incurred from the land, including possible future use and opportunities”.

The Panel

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

274. Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees Work Programmes - 2019-2020

The Scrutiny Manager gave an oral update report in relation to the Overview and Select Committees work for 2019-2020.

That Panel noted that as part of the scrutiny review, the final proposal on changes to the current scrutiny structure would be considered by Members in a couple of weeks’ time. The agreed proposal will then be submitted to the Local Democracy

Working Group and the Constitutional Working Party, before submission to the Council AGM.

Also noted by the Panel was that the work programmes for select committees were progressing, and all those identified for in-depth reviews were on track, with a view to conclude this municipal year:

In relation to current work undertaken by the Housing Select Committee (HSC), the Panel was pleased to note that work relating to residents' engagement review was nearing completion. The HSC's would consider recommendations Mayor and Cabinet at its meeting on 30 January 2020

The Scrutiny Manager further advised the Panel that the final report and recommendations on commercialisation and culture change in relation to work by the Public Accounts Select Committee (PASC) would be considered in March 2020. It was stated that an evidence session with officers from LB Waltham Forest currently took place, that Members of the PASC would be attending a pilot commercialisation training session.

In relation to work of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, the Scrutiny Manager advised the Panel that the final report on parks management would be considered in March 2020, with a view to include suggestions for closer working with parks user groups and issues relating to planned insourcing of the service.

The Scrutiny Manager also provided an update on the work of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, advising the Panel that the draft report for the equalities review would be considered in March 2020. It was further advised that prior to the meeting in March meeting, 4 evidence gathering events would have taken place, including a visit to Glasgow City Council to see how they embed equalities, including socio-economic deprivation, into their services. It was stated that a session on Lewisham's Equality Impact Assessments, and another on Lewisham's Commissioning processes and the consideration of equalities during service redesign/tendering would also would have taken place, including a meeting with the Chair of Lewisham's Disability Commission.

An update relating to the work of the Children and Young People Select Committee (CYPSC) was also provided by the Scrutiny Manager. It was noted that the CYPSC had considered the effect of out-of-borough temporary accommodation placements on children and young people, and would be making recommendations at its next meeting.

Chairs of select committees were invited to comment on their respective work programme.

The Chair, Councillor Bill Brown reported that he would be attending a meeting of senior council managers, at the invitation of the Chief Executive, to speak about the role and importance of scrutiny. The Chair invited suggestions and comments from chairs of select committees via email directly to him on the issue.

Councillor Curran reiterated the importance of member engagement on the Local Plan and the Overview. The Scrutiny Manager reported that there would be a

member workshop on the Local Plan on 24 February – 6.30pm to 7.30pm before Labour Group. It was stated that the workshop was an opportunity for Members to have input into the plan prior to consideration by the Mayor and Cabinet in March 2020.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

275. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

276. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Agenda Item 2



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Declaration of Interest

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item of the agenda

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.

- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member’s knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-
 - (a) that body to the member’s knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
 - (b) either
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes , or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members’ Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member’s child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on members' participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.
- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

Agenda Item 3



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to note report on items previously reported to the Mayor & Cabinet for response by directorates, and to indicate the likely future reporting date.

1. Recommendation

That the reporting date of the items shown in the table below be noted.

Report Title	Responding Author	Date Considered by Mayor & Cabinet	Scheduled Reporting Date	Slippage since last report
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee – on response to referrals on Fire Safety	ED HRE	10 July 2019	5 February 2020	Yes
Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee referral on budget cuts	ED Community	10 October 2019	5 February 2020	Yes
Sustainable Development	ED Community	30 October 2019	5 February 2020	Yes

Select Committee Employment Training and Business Support				
Sustainable Development Select Committee - Pubs	ED HRE	20 November 2019	11 March 2020	No
Safer Stronger Communities – Food Poverty	ED Community	20 November 2019	11 March 2020	No
Healthier Communities Select Committee – Adult Safeguarding	ED Community	11 December 2019	11 March 2020	No
Sustainable Development Select Committee - Cycling	ED HRE	15 January 2020	25 March 2020	No

BACKGROUND PAPERS and AUTHOR

Mayor & Cabinet minutes 10 July, 10 October, 20 November, 11 December 2019 & 15 January 2020 available from Kevin Flaherty 0208 3149327.

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=139&Year=0>

Agenda Item 4



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Notification of Late and Urgent Items

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Scrutiny/Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to note reasons for late / urgent items

Report Title	Author	Reasons Stated for Urgency	Responsible Committee and Date
How living in temporary accommodation affects children and young people	Emma Aye-Kumi	Report was published late to allow for evidence gathered at a meeting between committee members and housing officers to feed into the review findings. The report could not be postponed as it ties into work that the Housing Select Committee is doing on homelessness reduction.	Children and Young People Select Committee, 23 January



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decision made by Mayor and Cabinet on 15 January 2020

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 5 February 2020 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 5 February 2020, which will come in to force on 12 February 2020 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 11 February 2020.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 5 February 2020.

2.2 The notice of the decisions to be made in respect of this report is attached below.

2.3 Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, Members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If this report is not called in decisions to be made will come into force on 12 February 2020:

- i. 2020/21 Budget
- ii. Surrey Canal Triangle Draft Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document
- iii. Acquisition of Land at Pool Court, Fordmill Road, Catford SE6 3JL part 1.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on February 5 2020. All recommendations shown were agreed by a 10-0 vote of voting members in attendance.

Decisions 1 to 3 will become effective on February 12 2020 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on February 11 2020.

1. **2020/21 Budget**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee of 4 February 2020 be noted and the Mayor and Cabinet decisions on the budget report will then be taken formally with the budget update report on the 12 February.

(2) having considered the views of those consulted on the budget, and subject to consideration of the outcome of consultation with business ratepayers and subject to proper process, as required, the Mayor & Cabinet:

Capital Programme

(3) noted the 2019/20 Quarter 3 Capital Programme monitoring position and the Capital Programme potential future schemes and resources as set out in section 5 of the report;

(4) noted the significant proposed rise in prudential borrowing of more than £300m by 2020/23, primarily to fund the Building for Lewisham programme capital plans;

(5) recommended that Council approves the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme of £551.2m, as set out in section 5 and attached at Appendices W1 and W2;

Housing Revenue Account

(6) noted the consultation report on service charges to tenants' and leaseholders in the Brockley area, presented to area panel members on 12 November 2019, as attached at Appendix X2 to the report;

(7) noted the consultation report on service charges to tenants' and leaseholders and the Lewisham Homes budget strategy presented to area panel members on 17 December 2019 as attached at Appendix X3 to the report;

(8) agreed to set an increase in dwelling rents of 2.7% (an average of £2.56 per week) – as per the formula rent calculations outlined in section 6 of the report;

(9) agreed to set an increase in the hostels accommodation charge by 2.7% (or £0.94 per week), in accordance with formula rent calculations;

(10) approved the following average weekly increases/decreases for dwellings for-service charges to non-Lewisham Homes managed dwellings (Brockley);

- caretaking 3.40% (£0.13)
- grounds 3.40% (£0.11)
- communal lighting 3.40% (£0.02)
- bulk waste collection 3.40% (£0.05)
- window cleaning 3.40% (£0.00)
- tenants' levy 0% (£0.00)
- service charges to Lewisham Homes managed dwellings:
 - caretaking 5.58% (£0.33)
 - grounds 3.80% (£0.09)
 - window cleaning 0% (£0.00)
 - communal lighting -3.94% (-£0.05)
 - block pest control 7.93% (£0.13)
 - waste collection -42.04% (-£0.22)
 - heating & hot water -0.39% (-£0.04)
 - tenants' levy 0% (£0.00)
 - bulk waste disposal 1.35% (£0.01)
 - sheltered housing 1.00% (£0.24)

(11) approved the following average weekly percentage changes for hostels and shared temporary units for;

- service charges (hostels) – caretaking etc.; no change
- energy cost increases for heat, light & power; no change
- water charges increase; no change

(12) approved an increase in garage rents by 2.4% (£0.38 per week) for Brockley and Lewisham Homes residents;

(13) noted that the budgeted expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2020/21 is £225.8m, split £89.4m revenue and

£136.4m capital, which includes the decent homes and new build programmes;

(14) agreed the HRA budget strategy cut proposals in order to achieve a balanced budget in 2020/21, as attached at Appendix X1 to the report ;

(15) agreed to write off five cases of Former Tenants' Arrears as set out in section 6 and Appendix X7, totalling £60,307.22;

Dedicated Schools Grant and Pupil Premium

(16) agreed to recommend that Council agrees, subject to final confirmation of the allocation, that the provisional Dedicated Schools Grant allocation of £ 212.135m be the Schools' Budget (Schools Block) for 2020/21;

(17) noted that the funding in respect of each of the blocks continues to be based on the National Funding Formula. A "soft formula" remains in place for the Schools Block for 2020/21, however Lewisham Council has agreed to mirror the principles of the National Funding Formula to distribute the Schools Budget Share.

(18) agreed to ask Council to agree that Minimum Funding Guarantee for the schools block be set at a plus 1.84% for 2020/21 as supported by Schools Forum;

(19) noted a reduction in the Central Services Schools Block (CSSB) of £0.776m to £4.645m, previously committed to support additional high needs costs;

(20) noted a provisional increase in the High Needs Block of £4.213m, effectively reduced to a net increase of £3.438m when offset by the CSSB reduction;

(21) noted that schools have raised concern with Lewisham Council, as to the "cost pressures" arising from large numbers of Special Education Needs (SEN) support and Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) and that Schools Forum have agreed:additional funded support for Schools with outlier number of EHCP greater than 3%. It is anticipated that this will affect around eight schools. SEN team to progress pilot working with schools to develop agreed process and strategy for pupils with SEN support who do not have EHCP;

(22) noted and agreed to ask Council to note a small increase of £16k to the Central Services from the Schools Block component of the DSG for demand led statutory services;

(23) noted and agreed to ask Council to note that the Early Years Block position is provisional pending January 2019 and 2020 pupil counts; and to further note that within the supplementary funding for Nursery

Schools (determined within the Early Years Block) will continue for 2020/21 with an increase of £0.339m;

(24) noted and agreed to ask Council to note the Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that by 8p. Schools Forum has approved the split broadly at 50% to 50% to support deprivation and inclusion;

(25) noted and agreed to ask Council to note the Pupil Premium Funding rates for 2020/21 will remain at current levels, set in 2017/18, thereby resulting in a further real term reduction;

(26) noted and asked Council to note that the 2020/21 pupil premium allocation will be confirmed pending the January 2020 census.

General Fund Revenue Budget

(27) noted and agreed to ask Council to note the projected overall variance of £5.4m (or 2%) against the agreed 2019/20 revenue budget of £243.012m as set out in section 8 of this report and that any year-end overspend will be met from corporate reserves and provisions;

(28) endorsed and agreed to ask Council to endorse the budget cut proposals of £16.6m as per the Mayor and Cabinet meetings of the 21 November 2018, and 30 October 2019, as set out in section 8 of the report and summarised in Appendix Y1;

(29) agreed to ask Council to agree the allocation of £6.500m in 2020/21 be set aside for corporate risks and pressures;

(30) agreed to ask Council to agree the allocation of £23.528m of corporate risks and pressures, social care precept, new homes bonus, and social care grant in 2020/21 to be invested in funding quantified budget pressures and opportunities;

(31) agreed to recommend to Council that a General Fund Budget Requirement of £248.714m for 2020/21 be approved;

(32) agreed to ask Council to agree to a 3.99% increase in Lewisham's Council Tax element. This will result in a Band D equivalent Council Tax level of £1,314.37 for Lewisham's services and £1,641.29 overall. This represents an overall increase in Council Tax for 2020/21 of 3.59% and is subject to the GLA precept for 2020/21 being increased by £6.41 (i.e. 1.99%) from £320.51 to £326.92, in line with the GLA's draft budget proposals;

(33) noted and agreed to ask Council to note the Council Tax Ready Reckoner which for illustrative purposes sets out the Band D equivalent Council Tax at various levels of increase. This is explained in section 8 and is set out in more detail in Appendix Y3;

(34) agreed to ask that the Acting Chief Finance Officer issues cash limits to all Directorates once the 2020/21 Revenue Budget is agreed;

(35) noted that the Acting Chief Finance Officer's Section 25 Statement will be presented in the Budget Update Report on the 13 February 2019 for approval;

(36) agreed and asked Council to agree the draft statutory calculations for 2020/21 as set out at Appendix Y5;

(37) noted and asked Council to note the prospects for the revenue budget for 2021/22 and future years as set out in section 9;

(38) agreed and asked officers to continue to develop firm proposals to redesign and transform services and bring them forward in good time to support the work towards a cuts round to help plan early and meet the future forecast budget shortfalls;

(39) noted and endorsed that Council's continuing participation in the London Business Rates Pool, as approved on the 17 January 2018, for 2020/21.

Other Grants (within the General Fund)

(40) noted and agreed to ask Council to note the adjustments to and impact of various specific grants for 2020/21 on the General Fund as set out in section 10 of this report;

Fees and charges

(41) approved and endorsed the approach to setting 2020/21 fees and charges for chargeable services in section 9 of the report and attached at Appendix Y7.

Treasury Management Strategy

(42) approved and recommended that Council approves the prudential indicators and treasury indicators, as set out in section 11;

(43) approved and recommended that Council approves the Annual Investment Strategy and Credit Worthiness Policy, set out in further detail at Appendix Z2;

(44) approved and recommended that Council approves the Capital Strategy 2020/21, set out in further detail at Appendix Z5;

(45) approved and recommended that Council approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in section 11;

;

(46) agreed and recommended that Council agrees to delegate to the Acting Chief Finance Officer authority during 2020/21 to make amendments to borrowing and investment limits provided they are consistent with the strategy and there is no change to the Council's authorised limit for borrowing;

(47) approved and recommended that Council approves the credit and counterparty risk management criteria, as set out at Appendix Z2, the proposed countries for investment at Appendix Z3, and that it formally delegates responsibility for managing transactions with those institutions which meet the criteria to the Acting Chief Finance Officer; and

(48) approved and recommended that Council approves a minimum sovereign rating of AA-.

2. Surrey Canal Triangle Draft Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document

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

- (1) Noted the findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening report in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (2) Noted the responses to the pre-production consultation in Appendix 3;
- (3) Noted the responses to the public consultation in Appendix 5;
- (4) took account of any comments received from the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee held on 21st January 2020;
- (5) Adopted the Surrey Canal Triangle Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document – Appendix 1;
- (6) Noted the financial and legal implications set out in section 9 and 10;
- (7) Noted that with the adoption of the Surrey Canal Triangle Design Framework Supplementary Planning Document the Conditional Land Sale Agreement between the Council and Renewal Group Limited will be terminated in accordance with the resolution of the Mayor and Cabinet at its meeting on 10 October 2019; and
- (8) Authorised the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Environment to make minor textual or format changes to the SPD prior to publication.

3. Acquisition of Land at Pool Court, Fordmill Road, Catford SE6 3JL

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) Authorised officers to seek to acquire the eastern part of land at Pool Court, Fordmill Road, Catford shown edged pink on the plan at Appendix 1 on the basis set out in the report and the Part 2 report.

(2) Delegated authority to the Executive Director Housing, Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Director of Law, to finalise the terms of the legal documentation for the acquisition of the eastern part of land at Pool Court, Fordmill Road, Catford from Network Rail Infrastructure Limited; and

(3) Authorised officers to procure an architect in order to develop the design and achieve full planning permission for a six pitch permanent travellers' site at Pool Court by December 2020

Kim Wright
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7 February 2020



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Scrutiny Update

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive (Director of Law)

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to note and ask questions on the information provided.

1. Summary

1.1. This provides an update on current scrutiny activity.

2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to note and ask questions on the information provided.

3. Scrutiny Review

3.1. A final proposal on changes to the current scrutiny structure is being considered. A proposed new structure will be recommended to the Local Democracy Working Group in early 2020, before submission to Full Council for approval and introduction to the Council constitution from the AGM.

3.2. Officers will provide financial and legal implications in relation to the proposed structure in due course, to inform decision making.

4. Select Committees

4.1. The work programmes are progressing and those Select Committees that are carrying out in-depth reviews have either concluded their work and made recommendations to Mayor and Cabinet (e.g. the Housing Select Committee's resident engagement review) or are finalising the collation and analysis of evidence with a view to submitting a final report and recommendations shortly. All in-depth reviews are on track to conclude this municipal year.

4.2. The Committee Chairs may wish to provide their own oral updates on Select Committee work.

5. Report author and contact

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Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Date: 11 February 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to note items that will be considered in closed session

Recommendation

It is recommended that 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, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006:-

- i. Acquisition of Land at Pool Court, Fordmill Road, Catford SE6 3JL – part 2.
- ii. Framework Agreement for Services to Adults with Learning Disabilities – Call off of Supported Living Contracts
- iii. Supported Accommodation Permitted Contract Extensions
- iv. Permission to Extend Contract for Youth Services and to Negotiate with Youth First for the Delivery of Youth Services in Lewisham

Agenda Item 8

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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