



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00 pm

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MEMBERS

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| Councillor Bill Brown | Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee | L |
| Councillor Sophie Davis | Vice-Chair | L |
| Councillor Peter Bernards | Chair of Housing Select Committee | L |
| Councillor Juliet Campbell | Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee | L |
| Councillor Patrick Codd | Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee | L |
| Councillor Liam Curran | Chair of Sustainable Development Select Committee | Labour Co-op |
| Councillor Joan Millbank | Labour Group Representative | L |
| Councillor John Muldoon | Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee | Labour Co-op |
| Councillor Luke Sorba | Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee | L |
| Councillor Kim Powell | Labour Group Representative | L |

Non-elected Voting Members

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| Lilian Brooks | Primary School Parent Governor Representative |
| Monsignor N Rother | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges |
| Oluwafela Ajayi | PGR- Special Schools |
| Clive Caseley | PGR (Secondary Schools) |

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

Kim Wright
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
Catford
London SE6 4RU
Date: Monday, 8 February 2021



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Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel

Minutes

Date: 16 February 2021

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 26 January 2021 which were opened to the press and public

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that the minutes of those parts of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel which were open to the press and public held on 26 January 2021 be confirmed and signed.

Kim Wright
Chief Executive,
Lewisham Town Hall,
Catford SE6 4RU

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EDUCATION BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 26 January 2021 at 7.06 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Sophie Davis, Peter Bernards, Juliet Campbell Patrick Codd, Joan Millbank, John Muldoon Kim Powell and Luke Sorba.

Apologies lateness were received from Councillor Curran.

ALSO PRESENT: Monsignor N Rothern.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors Bell, Bourne, Dromey and McGeevor

Presenting Officers – Project Manager and Senior Project Manager Regeneration and Place.

1 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the open meeting held on 13 October 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record.

2 Declarations of Interests

None was declared.

3 Decision Made by the Mayor on 13 January 2021 - open session

Schools Minor Works Programme 2021 – 2025: approval to procure and budget allocation (part 1)

The Chair informed Panel Members that Councillor Sorba, Chair of the Children and Young People Select Committee had asked for this report to be submitted to this Panel for consideration.

Councillor Sorba said that given the current tight financial constraints under which Lewisham now operates, he had requested that contract extension tenders be submitted to this Panel on a routine basis. He asked the following questions.

- 1 Could officers reassure members that this contract was the best value for money?
- 2 Had there been a full investigation into the in-house options; and
- 3 Should these works go out to tender? Would local businesses in Lewisham have an equal opportunity to bid for the works or would previous contractors have an advantage.

The Project Manager said that Lewisham had moved towards insourcing some of the services that had originally been outsourced. The funding received over the past few years to fund the schools minor works programme had reduced over time and was not guaranteed in the future. The benefit of outsourcing this technical

service, was that the contract could be broken after a year if the funding was no longer available.

The project manager advised that public contract regulations 2015, does not allow officers to favour Lewisham based businesses, because all contractors must be treated the same. However, contractors may be asked how they would include social values as part of their contract in the tender assessment. These questions would consider what added value could be brought to the local community and the local economy. Officers could set targets with the contractors to include a minimum value of contracts to be secured by the businesses. Targets for contractors could also be set around accredited training for local people.

The project manager said that previous contractors would not have an advantage based on works undertaken for Lewisham in the past. There had been discussions with colleagues in the local labour and procurement teams regarding maximising the value from the contract for local residents and local businesses and there would be a focus on shaping the social value questions to obtain the most out of the contract.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4. Exclusion of the press and public

Decision Made by the Mayor on 13 January 2021 - closed session

The press and public were not excluded from the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.15pm.

Chair

Agenda Item 2



Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel

Declarations of Interest

Date: 16 February 2021

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive

Outline and recommendations

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

1. Summary

1.1. Members must declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda. 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.

1.2. Further information on these is provided in the body of this report.

2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

3. Disclosable pecuniary interests

3.1 These 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.

4. Other registerable interests

4.1 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.

5. Non registerable interests

- 5.1. 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).

6. Declaration and impact of interest on members' participation

- 6.1. 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 not 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**
- 6.2. 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 6.3 below applies.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. 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.

7. Sensitive information

- 7.1. 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.

8. Exempt categories

- 8.1. 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 (Education) Business Panel

Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet

Date: 16 February 2021

Key decision: Yes

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 at a meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet held on 10 February 2021 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider key decision made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 10 February 2021 which will come in to force on 17 February 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decision on 10 February 2021.

- i. Lewisham Determined Admissions Arrangements 2022/23 - Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form Admissions arrangements for 2022/23

2.2 The notice of decisions made in respect of these reports is attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If the reports are not called in they will come into force on 17 February 2021.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decision on February 10 2021.
The recommendation shown was agreed by a 9-0 vote of voting members in attendance.

The decision will become effective on February 17 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Education Business Panel on February 16 2021

**1. Lewisham Determined Admissions Arrangements 2022/23 -
Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form Admissions
arrangements for 2022/23**

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) The admissions arrangements for mainstream community nursery, primary, secondary schools and sixth forms be approved as set out in Appendix A to G.
- (2) The Published Admissions Number (PAN) for each community mainstream school in the borough as detailed in Appendix H including the reductions to the PAN for Lucas Vale, Sir Francis Drake Primary schools and Forest Hill School be approved; and
- (3) The pan London Admissions Schemes for reception and secondary transfer and a local scheme for in year admissions as detailed in Appendix I be approved.

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February 11 2021**