

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Councillors Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Patrick Codd and Kim Powell.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Brenda Dacres (Deputy Mayor and Safer Communities) and Councillor Amanda De Ryk (Finance and Resources)

525. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

526. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on July 14 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

527. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Having considered open officer reports, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the following responses be approved and reported to the respective Select Committees:

(a) Response to Sustainable Development Select Committee - railway children urban national park - environmental protection and neighbourhood plans;

(b) Response to Housing Select Committee Housing Select Committee on their review of resident engagement in housing.

528. NCIL ward proposals

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) a top up of the existing ward based funds be made by a further £1,188,483 collected through CIL receipts during the period of April 2018 – March 2020 bringing the available funding through the ward based funds to £2,931,270;

(2) there be the introduction of banded funded categories for each ward with an allocation of over £50,000;

(3) the additional priority addressing projects that aim to assist in Lewisham's Covid-19 recovery that will benefit Lewisham's communities at a local level be approved;

(4) the removal of the online longlisting phase of the original process and the extension of the delivery timetable from up to 12 months to up to 24 months be approved;

(5) support be given to potential bidders in the form of cost breakdowns for project types suggested through consultation undertaken to date

(6) the delivery of the bespoke package of support for applicants as set out.

529. Main Grants Programme 2022-25

Having considered an open officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Business and Community Wealth Building, Councillor Kim Powell, the Mayor & Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the following priorities and processes be approved for the main grants programme 2022-2025:

(2) the overarching priorities for the programme will be:

- a. An economically sound future, specifically:
 - iii. Advice Services and
 - iv. Enabling Digital Access for All
- b. A healthy and well future
- c. A future we all have a part in

(3) Four Community Fundraiser posts be funded, hosted by the VCS, with the following areas of focus:

- 1x FTE Community Fundraiser with a focus on equality and equity including ethnicity and disabilities as protected characteristics specifically impacted by Covid, but with an expectation that the hosting organisation should also look at addressing other protected characteristics as part of the brief, along with intersectionality
- 1x FTE Community Fundraiser with a focus on geographical cold spots in the borough/areas of high deprivation that do not have other sources of income such as NCIL
- .5 FTE Community Fundraiser with a focus on the arts
- .5 FTE Community Fundraiser with a focus on sports

(4) the Community Fundraiser funding be let earlier, through an Expression of Interest/Interview process, and awards granted by late November 2021;

(5) significant partnership grants for advice and social prescribing be retained,

but with a more rigorous outcomes-based approach;

(6) partnership grants of £10,000 be established with clear, measurable and proportionate partnership outcomes;

(7) the approach to achieving equity in the Main Grants programme will be to focus grants on projects which benefit:

- communities most impacted by Covid
- people with protected characteristics – specifically age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and gender reassignment, and
- seldom heard voices

(8) funding Black Asian and Minority Ethnic infrastructure support that is tied to and works alongside the Community Fundraiser with the focus of the support being capacity building focused on collaboration, enabling organisations to identify need, generate ideas for funding, and support to become sustainable;

(9) a separate grant programme for Arts and Culture organisations be run aligned to London Borough of Culture with the following strategic themes:

- A healthy and well future
- A greener future
- A future we all have a part in

(10) the art and culture funding programme funds the following activities:

1. Funding a cultural anchor organisation to:

- Provide sector leadership
- Co-ordinate consortium funding bids
- Support emerging artists
- Nurture partnerships

2. Funding for organisations to address barriers to cultural participation focusing on:

- Ethnic diversity
- Disability
- Economic disadvantage
- Age (young people and older people)

3. One off funding to deliver projects around key themes:

- Increasing participation
- Addressing the climate emergency
- Celebrating diversity
- Promoting equality and fairness of opportunity

4. Address inequalities in the cultural workforce through

- Bursary funding for emerging artists
- Broadway Theatre associate artists
- Employment and training programmes
- Support for cultural and creative enterprise growth

530. Cockpit Arts Deptford Redevelopment (part 1)

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Business and Community Wealth Building, Councillor Kim Powell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that the award be made of a grant aid agreement to Cockpit Arts for £2.3m capital funding for the [Cockpit Arts Deptford Development]– subject to the Council entering into grant agreements for the £1.3m Strategic Investment Pot (SIP) and the £1m Good Growth Fund (GGF) with Lambeth Council and Greater London Authority respectively.

531. Procurement of Lewisham Advocacy Hub

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that agreed that approval be given for the procurement of a new Lewisham Advocacy Service for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to a period of 2 years at an estimated value of £1,000,000 with an annual contract cost of £200k per annum.

532. Reginald Road Land Assembly (part 1)

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the serving of Notices of Seeking Possession and taking possession proceedings, where necessary, in respect of tenants in 2 -30A Reginald Road be approved, noting the previous approval;
- (2) the serving of Initial Demolition Notices on all remaining secure tenants within 2 – 30A Reginald Road be approved in order to suspend the requirement for the Council to complete right to buy applications for as long as the Notices remain in force – noting the previous approval;
- (3) the serving of Final Demolition Notices on all remaining secure tenants within 2 – 30A Reginald Road be approved once the proposed demolition date is known, in order to render all existing right to buy applications ineffective and prevent any further right to buy applications being made– noting the previous approval;
- (4) the required increase in the budget required to achieve vacant possession of 2-30A Reginald Road as set out in the Part 2 report;

(5) the remaining drawdown of the previously agreed Right to Buy contribution be approved as set out in the closed report;

533. Novation of Stock Transfer for Grove Park between L&Q and Phoenix

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children & Young People, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to consider the results of the consultation with residents once this is publicly available and to decide whether or not the transfer of the properties in the Grove Park Stock Transfer Agreement between L&Q and Phoenix Community Housing should proceed;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children & Young People, in consultation with the Director of Law, Corporate Governance & Elections, to agree and enter into all legal documentation in connection with the transfer including any variations to the Transfer Agreement

534. Adult Social Care service-wide review

The report was presented by Councillor Chris Best who made the case for a major review of adult social care and the proposal to engage Newton Europe Limited. A written referral from the Healthier Communities Select Committee was presented by their Chair, Councillor John Muldoon. Councillor Best tabled an immediate response for reporting to the Select Committee.

Having considered an open officer report, a referral from a Select Committee, a response to that referral and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Councillor Chris Best, and the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor John Muldoon, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) Phase 2 of the modernisation of Adult Social Care, appointing Newton Europe Limited to help deliver transformational changes, be supported;

(2) the procurement of Phase 2 services (Design and Implementation) via an award of contract using the CCS Management Consultancy Framework Three agreement (RM3745, Lot 7) be approved at an estimated value of £4.5m;

(3) the award of contract to Newton Europe Limited be approved;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services (on advice from the Director of Law, Governance and Elections) to take the

decision about the detailed terms of the award of contract;

(5) the referral from the Healthier Communities Select Committee be received;
and

(6) the response to the referral be reported to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

535. Exclusion of the 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

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536. Cockpit Arts Deptford Redevelopment (part 2)

This report was considered in conjunction with the open report on the same item.

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The meeting closed at 6.46pm