

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Brenda Dacres, *Chris Barnham*, Paul Bell, *Chris Best*, *Kevin Bonavia*, *Andre Bourne*, Patrick Codd, Kim Powell and Amanda De Ryk

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Louise Krupski and Mark Ingleby.

538. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

539. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting which took place on September 14 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

540. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

(1) Public Accounts Select Committee: Commercialisation and culture change review - response

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

RESOLVED that the response be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

(2) Sustainable Development Select Committee - Response to recommendations on the Waste strategy

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Patrick Codd, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the response be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

(3) Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the railway children urban nation park – environmental protection and neighbourhood plans

Having considered an open officer report and a presentation by Councillor Mark Ingleby the Mayor & Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Housing; Regeneration and Public

Realm be asked to prepare a response;

541. Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-26

The Mayor drew attention to the death of Sabina Nessa a Teacher at nearby Rushey Green Primary School. He had attended a private service at the school where she had been universally remembered as a kind and wonderful individual. He found it sad that even in 2021 women continued to be victims and he promoted the Strategy as an important preventative measure.

The Deputy Mayor said the timeliness of the strategy was apt and that the killing of Sabina Nessa was the latest in a series of recent high profile attacks on women. The Strategy she was supporting would tackle impacts with a holistic and multi agency approach building on the strong existing partnerships in Lewisham.

The Strategy was further supported by Councillors Barnham, Bonavia and Best and agreed unanimously by all present.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, and Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the new Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women and Girls Strategy for Lewisham, 2021-26 be approved

542. Borough-Wide Selective Licensing of the private rented sector - approval to consult

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 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) officers undertake a public consultation on the proposal for a Selective Licensing scheme as set out in section 6;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Environment and Public Realm to finalise the consultation documents; and

(3) the submission of the Selective Licensing application to the MHCLG be paused pending the outcome of the consultation

543. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2021-22

In presenting the report, Councillor De Ryk noted this was the last report compiled by Director Selwyn Thompson and she recorded her thanks to him for his contribution to Lewisham.

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

Member for Finance & Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that the report, in particular the macroeconomic updates, performance of investments to date, updates on capital expenditure and borrowing in line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) prudential indicators, and compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, be noted.

544. Financial Monitoring 2021-22

In presenting the report, Councillor De Ryk noted this was the last report compiled by Director Selwyn Thompson and she recorded her thanks to him for his contribution to Lewisham.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2022 be noted and Executive Directors be requested to continue to work in bringing forward action plans to manage down budget pressures within their directorates;

(2) officers submit a bid for up to £3m from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund as set out; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to undertake the procurement and delivery of the works in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources.

545. Approval of a new Housing Allocations Scheme

Councillor Bell recorded his thanks to the Housing Select Committee and to the officers involved in formulating the Policy.

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 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the implementation of the Allocations Policy at Appendix 1 be approved; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree the date on which the new policy will take effect.

546. Small Sites Supplementary Planning Document

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 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the representations received and the amendments to the SPD made following public consultation be noted as shown in appendix 6;
- (2) Sustainable Development Select Committee reviewed the final draft of the SPD and in a meeting held on 13 September 2021 confirmed they were happy with the document and the changes made, subject to a number of grammatical amendments and having reminded officers of the agreed additions to Appendix 3 of the SPD; and
- (3) the adoption of the Small Sites SPD be approved.

547. Broadway Theatre Works delegated approval

Having considered open and confidential officer reports, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Community Services to award the contract to a suitable Main Contractor to undertake the refurbishment works.

548. A21 Development Framework

Having considered an open officer report and a submission by the Sustainable Development Committee and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, and the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Louise Krupski, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the written comments received from the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee held on 15 September 2021 be received and the Executive Director for Housing; Regeneration and Public Realm be asked to prepare a response; and
- (2) the content of the draft A21 Development Framework be approved for public consultation.

549. Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) Neighbourhood Forum re-designation decision

The item was introduced by Councillor Paul Bell who explained a 5 year designation period had been agreed in 2016 and there was now an application by Deptford Neighbourhood Area for redesignation. The Council

had held a six week consultation on redesignation resulting in 34 responses evenly split between supporters and opponents. Councillor Bell said such lukewarm support was unusual and other applications had ranged between 93% and 97% in favour. Objections were deemed to be significant and indicated that community support was inconclusive at best.

The Director of Planning informed the Cabinet that late representations from DNA and other parties had been received and published on the website. Her conclusion having considered all evidence submitted was that redesignation could not be supported given the level of support and neighbourhood planning needed a larger group brought together to achieve agreed outcomes.

Vanessa Celosse on behalf of DNA addressed the Cabinet. She believed DNA qualified to be redesignated and aimed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. She pointed out the outputs DNA had achieved and the consultations it had carried out in Deptford where it had reached out to deprived communities. She quoted the support received from the Deptford Society and Len Duvall AM.

The Mayor said he understood the disappointment felt by DNA but there remained a need so achieve a Neighbourhood Plan that had widespread community support. He suggested Len Duvall AM be asked to act as a conduit to bring to together all the groupings that wished to be involved.

In concluding, Councillor Bell embraced the idea of Len Duvall AM becoming a possible future neutral conduit. He said he could not ignore the weight of objections to redesignation which included five out of the six ward councillors. He stressed he was proposing that redesignation was not being recommended rather than any dedesignation.

Having considered an open officer report and confidential appendices, and presentations by a member of the public, Vanessa Celosse and 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 6-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the application for the re-designation of Deptford neighbourhood Action forum be refused for the following reasons:

- a) Whilst officers acknowledge the commitment and hard work carried out by the forum to date, they are not convinced that the purpose of the forum continues to reflect, in general terms, the character of the neighbourhood planning area under section 61F(7)(a)(iii) of the TCPA 1990, as found through the public consultation held on the forum re-designation application where 50% of the representations made objected to the re-designation of the forum.
- b) Furthermore with competing community groups in the area and strained relationships between the forum and other prominent groups, Officers remain unconvinced that proceeding with the process will fulfil the forums agreed constitution "to encourage, empower and enable the involvement of all

communities living and working in the defined neighbourhood area in the preparation, production and implementation of the neighbourhood Development plan” or to “Encourage community cohesion and active citizenship” therefore concluding that the forum has not fulfilled the criteria of having membership drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area as outlined under section 61F(7)(a)(ii) of the TCPA

(2) Officers be directed to work with community groups within the neighbourhood area to establish whether a viable neighbourhood planning or masterplanning process can be established to incorporate the views of all community groups and the general public.

550. 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 paragraphs 1 or 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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This item was considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report on the same subject.

552. Appendices 2 -Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) Neighbourhood Forum re-designation decision

Appendices showing personal information supplied by third parties that could not be redacted were considered in conjunction with the open item on the same subject.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm