

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Amanda De Ryk, *James-J Walsh*, Louise Krupski, Juliet Campbell, Kim Powell and Sophie Davis.

Also joining the meeting virtually:

Councillor Andre Bourne

NB: The Councillor listed as joining virtually was not in attendance for the purposes of the meeting being quorate, any decisions taken or to satisfy the requirements of s85 Local Government Act 1972

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Ingleby

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Damien Egan and Councillor Brenda Dacres.

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Amanda De Ryk was unanimously elected as Chair for this meeting.

654. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

655. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on March 9 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

656. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The proposed response was presented by Councillor Chris Barnham who thanked the Task & Finish Group for their contribution, noting that only Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin had continued as a Councillor.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Community Safety, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the response be approved and reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

657. Permission to procure 0-19 Public Health Nursing Services

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Community Safety, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that a procurement process be authorised to provide 0-19 Public Health Nursing Services for a period of four years, with an option to extend for three further years, commencing on 1st April 2023, with the estimated contract value of £6,949,489 per annum, and total contract value of £48,646,423 over the maximum possible seven year contract period.

658. Building for Lewisham Ladywell Redevelopment (part 1)

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress on developing the Ladywell scheme including the proposed housing mix be noted;

(2) an increase in the budget to complete the tender stage as set out in the accompanying Part 2 report be approved; and

(3) pursuant to Section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 the appropriation of the land for Phase 1 of the Ladywell scheme (as shown in the red outline on the attached plan at Appendix 1) from Leisure (General Fund) to Housing (Housing Revenue Account) be approved.

659. Leisure Management Contract Extension (part 1)

The report was formally proposed by Councillor De Ryk and seconded by Councillor Bell and then presented virtually by Councillor Bourne.

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report and a presentation by a job share Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that

(1) a 3 year and 6 month extension be approved;

(2) the removal of the free gym, swim and athletics track access for residents aged 60 and above, with these members paying a concessionary rate be approved with free access to gyms, swimming and the athletics track is to be retained for residents with registered disabilities

(3) in principle approval be given for the next fees and charges price increase for leisure centre users (in accordance with CPI inflation) to take place in April 2023 after a pricing freeze in the initial two years.

660. Blackheath Joint Events Policy 2021-2024

The report was formally moved by Councillor De Ryk and seconded by Councillor Bell and then presented virtually by Councillor Bourne.

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report and a presentation by a job share Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that the proposed changes to the existing Blackheath Joint Events Policy Joint Policy for Lewisham and Greenwich 2017-2020 in relation to events and activities taking place on Blackheath as set out in Appendix A be approved and agreement to extend it to 2024 be given

661. Levelling Up Fund Bid

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Councillor Kim Powell, Cabinet Member for Businesses, Jobs & Skills, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the ongoing engagement with residents, community organisations, businesses and other partners and the emerging shared vision for Lewisham town centre be noted;
- (2) the submission of a bid to the Levelling Up Fund, up to a maximum of £20million, be made for Lewisham town centre to include improvements to the street market, library, transport and public realm; and
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources, to approve the final bid to the Levelling Up Fund, in line with comments from Mayor and Cabinet.

662. Energy Grants, Covid Additional Relief Fund and Household Support Fund

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the contents of the report including the administration and delivery of the current Council Tax Energy Grant Scheme (CTEGS) and Household Fund scheme and the recently announced extension to the Household Fund to cover support up until March 2023, be approved;
- (2) the actions taken by officers in relation to the first tranche of the Household Fund be noted as officers acted under instruction from

Government to urgently distribute funding to our financially vulnerable residents, ensuring payments were made promptly;

(3) the recommendations in the proposed Covid Additional Relief Fund (section 4.6) be approved;

(4) the proposal to use £412k of the CTEGS to award support to children being funding from the Household Fund be approved;

(5) in accordance with Government guidance and that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme be amended to disregard income from the CTEGS when determining awards of council tax reduction; and

(6) the Executive Director for Corporate Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy be authorised to finalise the implementation and distribution of the extended Household Fund.

663. Financial Outturn Report 2021-22

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Outturn Position for 2021/22, including the utilisation of Covid funding to mitigate expenditure incurred or income forgone as a result of Covid, as summarised in section 4 with additional detail in the subsequent sections, be noted;

(2) as part of routine financial year closing work, the proposed write-off of debts under delegation as detailed in section 16, be approved

(3) the proposed write off of the specific debts each over £50k as detailed in section 16 and Appendix C, be approved.

664. Permission to procure Supported Accommodation services

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

(1) officers be authorised to procure a mental health supported housing service by open procurement. The contract will be from April 2023 for 3 years plus the option to extend by 2 further years. The estimated total value of the contract will be £2,841,205, an annual value of £568,241. This new contract will be made up of 2 supported housing contracts currently commissioned

(2) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Community Services, following stage 1 of the procurement process, to determine the short-listed suppliers recommended to stage 2 of the procurement process as set out.

665. Corporate Compute-Storage Replacement

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that:

(1) Brent Council be authorised to enter into a contract with Computacenter on behalf of the Council for a solution based on Nutanix HCI software using SuperMicro hardware for the physical server and disk storage components for a period of 5 years at a total cost of £1,465,000.00 across all 3 Councils, the Council's contribution being £407,805 over the period; and

(2) the Council's contribution to the contract value of £407,805 plus an additional £120,071 for additional backup storage, risk of inflation, training and contingency, meaning a total contribution of £527,876, be approved.

666. Out of Hours Switchboard Procurement 2022 (part 1)

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0 of voting members in physical attendance;

RESOLVED that a direct award of a contract to the Royal Borough of Greenwich be made for a period of three years with the option to extend for up to a further three years to supply the Council's Out of Hours switchboard commencing 15th September 2022, involving expenditure of £240,000 per annum with a total contract value of £1,440,000 over a six year period.

667. Exclusion of Press and Public

This item not required as all subsequent items were considered in the open part of the agenda.

668. Building for Lewisham Ladywell Redevelopment (part 2)

Report considered in conjunction with the part 1 report on this topic.

669. Leisure Management Contract Extension (part 2)

Report considered in conjunction with the part 1 report on this topic.

670. Out of Hours Switchboard Procurement 2022 (part 2)

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