

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 5 October 2022 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Brenda Dacres, Chris Barnham, Andre Bourne, Juliet Campbell, Sophie Davis, Amanda De Ryk, Louise Krupski, Kim Powell and James-J Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mark Ingleby

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Damien Egan.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 September 2022 were agreed as an accurate record

2. Declaration of Interests

3. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny introduced the report.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and RESOLVED to note the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee set out in section 4 of the report and ensure that a response is provided to the committee.

4. Procurement Social Value Policy

The Mayor and Cabinet considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, Councillor Amanda De Ryk.

Members expressed support for creating a communications strategy to publicise the policy. They also recorded their thanks to Katharine Nidd and her team of officers.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve the updated Social Value Policy for Procurement, noting the required amendment to the standard procurement evaluation weighting to support this.

Technical difficulties affecting the sound on the MS Teams meeting and the webcasting meant that the meeting was briefly adjourned to try and resolve the problems. It was not possible to correct the sound for online participants and viewers and so the meeting continued in public without being webcast.

5. Treasury Management Strategy Mid-Year Review

Having considered an open officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the Mayor and Cabinet:

1. Note 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 the update of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, and:
2. Approve, and recommend that Council approves, the following changes to our current approved borrowing counterparties
 - i. Individuals lending via a peer-to-peer platform where appropriate counterparty checks are conducted by the platform;
 - ii. Investors in capital market bonds and retail bonds issued by the council
3. Approve, and recommend that Council approves, the updated Treasury Management Strategy.

6. Financial Monitoring Period 4

Having considered an open officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to:

1. Note the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2023 and that Executive Directors will continue to work in bringing forward action plans to manage down budget pressures within their directorates.
2. Note that as part of the national initiatives supporting early intervention, Lewisham has been provisionally allocated a minimum of £3.9m of Family Hubs and Start for Life grant.

7. Procurement and Award of Microsoft Licence Agreement PART 1

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to:

1. Note the procurement process being undertaken;
2. Approve the expenditure and Brent entering into the contract on behalf of the Council provided the financial contribution is within authorised limits.

8. Highways and Transport Services Framework contract award PART 1

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to award a contract to the following provider(s) as set out below to deliver the Highways and Transport Framework:

- 1) Project Centre Ltd,

- 2) Norman Rourke Pryme Ltd
- 3) Waterman Infrastructure and Environment Ltd.

The contract will be for an initial period of 4 years, commencing October 2022, up to a maximum contract value of £2m.

9. Permission to Tender for Beckenham Place Park Eastern side works PART 1

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the procurement of a contractor to undertake works (below threshold) at Beckenham Place Park East on behalf of the Council;
2. Approve the subsequent award of contract to the preferred contractor, provided the contract value is within authorised limits; and
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Community Services, in consultation with Timeline of engagement and decision-making.

10. Lewisham Education Strategy

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Community Safety, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve the new Education Strategy for the period 2022 – 2027.

11. Lewisham Play Strategy 2022 - 2027

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Community Safety, it was MOVED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the new Play Strategy for the period 2023 – 2028;
- 2) Delegate the Director for Family Quality and Commissioning in consultation with the Executive Director of for Children and Young People, and the Cabinet member for Children and Young People and Community Safety, to develop a five year plan for the implementation of the strategy's aims and objectives;
- 3) Agree for the five year plan to be presented at a future Mayor and Cabinet meeting for approval.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no need to exclude the press and public since the Part 2 reports were considered in conjunction with the corresponding items in Part 1 of the agenda.

13. Procurement and Award of Microsoft Licence Agreement PART 2

Considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report (Item 7).

14. Highways and Transport Services Framework contract award PART 2

Considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report (Item 8).

**15. Permission to Tender for Beckenham Place Park East Restoration Works
PART 2**

Considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report (Item 9).