

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of that part of the meeting of the MAYOR AND CABINET, which was open to the press and public, held on WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2010 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 6.00 p.m.

Present

The Mayor (Sir Steve Bullock)(Chair); Councillor Smith (Vice-Chair), Councillors Fitzsimmons, Maslin, Millbank, Onuegbu and Wise.

Also Present

Councillors Bell, and Pachoud.

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1. <u>Declarations of Interests</u> (page	
	There were no declarations of interest.
2. <u>Minutes</u> (page	
RESOLVED	that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet, which was open to the press and public held on November 17 2010, be confirmed and signed.
3. <u>Outstanding References to Select Committees</u> (page	
	The Mayor received a report on issues which he had previously considered that awaited the responses he had requested from Directorates.
	RESOLVED that the report be received.
4. <u>Report Back On Matters Raised By The Overview And Scrutiny Business Panel</u> (page	
	No matters were raised by the Business Panel
5. <u>Positive Activities Fund</u> (page	
RESOLVED	That proposals contained in Appendix 1 be approved.
6. <u>Telegraph Hill Skate Park</u> (page	
	The report was introduced by Councillor Susan Wise and by a representative of the Executive Director for Customer Services,

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following which there was a representation in favour of the skate park proposal by Sophie Beswick of the Skate Park Action Group. She was supported by a colleague and five teenage boys who were intended users of the proposed facility. They stressed the community support for the project and the benefits to one of the most deprived wards in the borough.

The Mayor was next addressed by local resident Sue Harry who objected to possible noise nuisance and the construction of a facility that was out of character with the park. She questioned the methodology of the noise survey produced in support of the skate park. She also voiced concerns about the thoroughness of the consultation process.

Bill Tautz also spoke against the proposals stating he did not believe the site was appropriate for a skate park and that flaws in the proposals may lead to legal challenge. He said, speaking as a father of teenagers, he believed there was sufficient youth provision in the area and that while SPAG had produced a credible case, the park was too small to support a skate facility and other areas in the borough should be considered.

Councillor Bell read out a statement on behalf of all the Telegraph Hill ward members. On balance, after hearing all sides and having been involved throughout the consultation process with local people, the ward members wished to support the proposals and recommend them to the Mayor.

Councillor Millbank confirmed this statement and acknowledged the proposals had been very controversial locally. She commended the young people who had been involved and stated she had been convinced by their arguments that the facility was needed and would be of benefit to the community at large.

The Mayor thanked everyone who had made a submission and said he was impressed by the way in which two widely conflicting viewpoints had made their cases in such a logical and correctly expressed fashion. He pointed out it was highly unusual for a decision on such a localised issue to be taken at a Mayor & Cabinet meeting but such had been the weight of public representation that a determination about the facility had become a key decision. He said he had read carefully all of the correspondence relating to the proposal and had received assurances from council officers that all legal, technical and financial aspects had been addressed. He recognised that no-one was against skate parks as such, but that some of those most closely affected had raised legitimate concerns which

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needed to be addressed. After careful consideration he stated he was minded to agree the scheme and the recommendations shown below.

RESOLVED that

(i) the proposal to construct a skate park in the lower Telegraph Hill park, adjacent to the ball court be approved;

(ii) the construction of a skate park in that location will be subject to a satisfactory structural survey being obtained by the Council and to the funding being sufficient to cover all construction and related costs; and

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(iii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to determine whether the structural survey referred to in recommendation 3.2 is satisfactory and to approve the work programme and make all other decisions required in respect of the project.

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7. Forest Hill School Deficit Budget (page

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(i) Forest Hill School should have a licensed deficit budget of £557,000; and

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(ii) in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation the school brings the budget back into a surplus position; this to be achieved within a three year period.

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8. Annual Report on Children's Social Care Complaints and Representations 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010 (page

RESOLVED that

(i) the complaints handling process for 2009 – 2010 be noted;

(ii) the complaint issues and lessons learnt be noted; and

(iii) the future service improvement initiatives be ED CYP

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approved.

9. Appointment of Local Authority Governors (page

RESOLVED	that the following persons be appointed as School Governors:	ED CYP
	Cllr Jim Mallory	Abbey Manor College
	Ms Jayne Day	Clyde Early Childhood Centre
	Ms Felicity Hilditch	Coopers Lane
	Mrs Melanie Pennant	Coopers Lane
	Ms Karen Pinkney	Deptford Green
	Mr Raymond Banton	Forster Park
	Ms Alice Cairns	Greenvale
	Ms Alice Washbourne	Myatt Garden
	Mrs Julia Glyn-Pickett	Sir Francis Drake

10. Local Development Framework: Adoption of Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (page

RESOLVED	That	
	(i) the recommended changes to the draft Planning Obligations SPD and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal be approved;	ED Regen
	(ii) the Planning Obligations SPD and Sustainability Appraisal be approved and the documents be referred to the Council for formal adoption; and	ED Regen
	(iii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Regeneration to make any minor editorial changes to the text and format of the documents prior to consideration by full Council,	ED Regen

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RESOLVED

That

(i) the context of the developing planning framework for providing Gypsy and Traveller sites across London be noted;

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(ii) Officers to undertake further work, including a Housing Needs Survey for Gypsies and Travellers, once the outcome of the proposal to remove the target based approach for provision of Gypsy and Traveller sites from the Draft Replacement London Plan is known; and

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(iii) a further report be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet, based on the work referred to above, that will propose a consultation process for a proposed Gypsy and Traveller site or sites in the borough.

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12. Re-Development of Heathside and Lethbridge: Phase 3 decant and Phase 2 land disposal (page

RESOLVED

that

(i) the progress of the Heathside and Lethbridge Regeneration Scheme and the proposed changes be noted;

(ii) the proposed Phase 2 Project Brief on the basis set out in this report and delegates authority to the Director of Programme Management and Property, in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources, Executive Director for Customer Services and Head of Law, to negotiate and agree the final Phase 2 Project Brief with Family Mosaic Housing;

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(iii) the proposed phasing strategy for the Heathside and Lethbridge Regeneration Scheme be noted;

(iv) Officers carry out statutory consultation pursuant to Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 on the proposed changes to the phasing strategy set out.

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13. Matter referred by the Perry Vale Assembly – traffic report (page

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The report was presented by the Chair of the Local Assembly, Councillor John Paschoud who drew the Mayor's attention to a Powerpoint presentation and video which had been produced in connection with the submission. He secured agreement from the Mayor that the recommendations be strengthened to include a requirement to attempt to identify resources to tackle some of the priority recommendations.

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Regeneration be asked to consider and report back on the implications of the 'Statement of Community Views' from the Perry Vale Assembly and that he also attempt to identify potential resources to implement one or more of the priority recommendations. ED Regen

14. Taxicard scheme – Options to prevent overspend (page

Councillor Onuegbu asked if this item should be delayed and looked at as part of the Council's overall review of all fees and charges in the New Year. The Executive Director for Resources representative said this was a London Councils scheme so was taken forward by that body as a separate savings proposal.

Councillor Millbank asked if the Lewisham Disability Council had made a view known and was informed by the Executive Director for Community Services that they were opposed to the changes and their stance would be conveyed to London Councils, as the responsible body.

RESOLVED That

(i) the charging structure of the Taxicard scheme be amended to:

- a. Increase the minimum member charge to £2.50; and
- b. Reduce the maximum trip subsidy by a further £2.00 for all three tariff periods; and
- c. End double swiping.

(ii) the proposed changes to the funding mechanism for the scheme in 2011/12 and the potential implications for Lewisham be noted. ED Community

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15.	<p><u>Planning Service : Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10</u> (page</p> <p>RESOLVED That the content of the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/2010 be noted and its formal submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government be approved.</p>	ED Regen
16.	<p><u>Comments of the Housing Select Committee on the Mortgage Rescue Scheme</u> (page</p> <p>RESOLVED That the views of the Housing Select Committee be received and ask the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to co-ordinate a response.</p>	ED Customer
17.	<p><u>Response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee scrutiny review on home insulation</u> (page</p> <p>The report was presented by the Cabinet Member for Resources who praised the work done by the Select Committee and asked that the Mayor send a letter of thanks to all the current and former members who had contributed.</p> <p>RESOLVED That</p> <p>(i) the proposed response to the recommendations from the Sustainable Development Select Committee's scrutiny review of home insulation be approved;</p> <p>(ii) the new target of a 40% reduction in the borough's carbon emissions by 2020, from a baseline of 1990 be approved;</p> <p>(iii) the approach described for a borough-wide home insulation partnership, as the alternative to adopting the Sustainable Development Select Committee's recommendation of a borough-wide free insulation scheme be approved and officers be asked to explore the detailed arrangements and seek the Mayor's agreement on a formal proposal; and</p> <p>(iv) a letter of thanks be sent to all current and former Councillors who contributed to the review as published in November 2009.</p>	<p>ED Resources</p> <p>ED Resources</p> <p>ED Resource</p>

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18. Exclusion of the Press and Public (page

RESOLVED that 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 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting:

101 Minutes (page

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meetings held on October 20 2010 and November 17 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

102 Travellers' Site Search - Update (page

The Mayor considered financial information relating to the sites identified in the open report.

RESOLVED That the information be received in the context of the open report on the same item.

The meeting ended at 7.31pm.

Chair