

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2013	
Key Decision		Item No. 5
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 29 January 2013

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2013 which will come in to force on 30 January 2013.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 16 January 2013.-

- (i) Housing Matters
- (ii) Local Development Framework: Revised Local Development Scheme
- (iii) Assets of Community Value
- (iv) London Boroughs Grants Scheme 2012-13
- (v) Lewisham Time Credits
- (vi) An Update on Lewisham's Public Health Transition Programme - Staffing
- (vii) Catford Town Centre CRPL Business Plan

2.2 The notice of decisions made in respect of this report are attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If the reports are not called in they will come into force on 30 January 2013.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor & Cabinet made the following decisions on 16 January 2013. These decisions will become effective on 30 January 2013 unless they are called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 29 January 2013.

1. Housing Matters Update

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Councillor Susan Wise, and from the Chair of the Housing Select Committee, Councillor Carl Handley, the Mayor agreed that:

(i) the findings of the discussion with residents about the possible options for addressing Lewisham's housing challenges be noted;

(ii) the potential options for continuing the conversation with residents and the associated strengths and weaknesses of each be noted;

(iii) as there was limited support expressed among residents for the option of transfer to an existing housing association, and because the resident-led option offers greater potential to respond to residents concerns about rents and security of tenure for new as well as existing residents, transfer to an existing housing association be no longer pursued as part of this process;

(iv) as residents prefer retention with the ALMO to retention with a return to Council Management, and because a return to Council management at this stage would put at risk the delivery of the current Decent Homes programme, the option of a return to Council management of the stock be no longer pursued as part of this process;

(v) the two possible options remaining options be noted namely:

1. that the Council ceases all further options appraisal activities, retains the ALMO as is, and works within the budgetary limits the Council faces as a landlord, or

2. that the Council works alongside residents, Lewisham Homes and other bodies to better understand how, by retaining but evolving Lewisham Homes - with a view to a possible transfer of ownership to Lewisham

Homes as a resident-led organisation – it might attract further investment, increase resident control, deliver residents' aspirations and address their concerns; and

(vi) on the basis of the appraisal of the options set out and having considered the further information including the required further financial and technical assessments set out , option 2 should be pursued.

2. Local Development Framework: Revised Local Development Scheme

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor agreed that:

(i) the revised content and timetable of the LDS be approved and the Council be recommended to formally adopt the revised Local Development Scheme; and

(ii) the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be authorised to make any minor changes to the text and format of the documents prior to consideration by the Council.

3. Assets of Community Value

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that the Mayoral scheme of delegation be amended as set out.

4. London Borough Grants Scheme - 2013/2014 Expenditure

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor agreed that

(i) the overall expenditure for the London Councils Grants Scheme in 2013/2014 of £10,000,000 (inclusive of £2million gross ESF programme) be approved;

(ii) a sum of £303,763 in respect of the London Borough of Lewisham's Contribution be approved;

(iii) the London Councils grants consultation 2013/15 be noted.

5. Lewisham Time Credits

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor agreed that:

(i) the delegation of authority in relation to the Council's charging policy to Executive Director level be restricted to:

(a) decisions relating to charges for services which are proposed to be waived in order that Lewisham Time Credits can be accepted as payment, and

(b) those decisions where the financial impact to any service area is under £10,000.

(ii) the success of the Lewisham Time Credits pilot in Telegraph Hill and Lee Green and the borough wide roll out of the programme from March 2013 be noted.

6. An update on Lewisham's Public Health Transition Programme – staffing

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor agreed that:

(i) formal announcement of Lewisham's public health allocation was not made alongside the Local Government Finance settlement as had been previously indicated by DH and that the funding allocation will now be announced in the New Year, and is expected by 11 January 2013.

(ii) the contingency actions outlined were there to be a shortfall in funding in excess of that previously notified to Mayor and Cabinet on 24 October 2012, be noted;

(iii) the legal framework which governs the arrangements for transferring Public Health staff from Lewisham PCT to the Council be noted;

(iv) the Director of Public Health has advised the NHS and the Council that in his professional opinion all 23 staff spend 100% of their time on the functions which will transfer to the Council and therefore are to be listed on the Transfer Scheme; and

(v) the staff in the posts listed transfer to the Council on 1 April 2013.

7. Catford Town Centre – Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited Business Plan

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, the Mayor agreed that the progress made by CRPL in managing the Catford Centre in 2012/13 and projections for the coming 13/14 financial

year be noted and presented to Council on 23 January 2013 for approval;

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