

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

<b>Report Title</b>	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 22 February 2017		
<b>Key Decision</b>			Item No. 5
<b>Ward</b>	All		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 9 March 2017	

### 1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 22 February 2017 which will come in to force on 10 March 2017.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decision on 22 February 2017.
- 2.2 The notice of the decision made in respect of the report is 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 this report is not called in they will come into force on 10 March 2017.

- (i) New Bermondsey – Establishment of an independent inquiry



## NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decision on 22 February 2017. These Decisions will become effective on 10 March 2017 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 9 March 2017.

### **1. New Bermondsey – Establishment of an independent inquiry**

Having considered an earlier debate at Council, and a formal presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Cabinet agreed that:

(1) an independent Inquiry be established to investigate matters related to the Council's proposed compulsory purchase order of land at New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal;

(2) the terms of reference for the Inquiry as set out in paragraph 5 be approved;

(3) the Chair of the Bar Council be approached to appoint a QC who meets the criteria set out in paragraph 6 to conduct the Inquiry and, if he is unable to make such an appointment, to nominate an alternative intermediary with an equal level of probity and independence;

(4) expenditure of up to £500,000 be approved for the conduct of this Inquiry;

(5) the Executive Director for Children and Young People be the Council's officer lead in relation to the establishment and conduct of the Inquiry;

(6) a cross party New Bermondsey/Surrey Canal Inquiry Committee be established comprising four majority group members and the minority party member to receive the report of the Inquiry, to receive periodic reports on progress, expenditure incurred and to make recommendations to full Council and Mayor and Cabinet for any action arising from the Inquiry; and

(7) if, in the course of the investigation, the person conducting the Inquiry is of the view that there are any other matters which ought to be explored in the context of the Inquiry, they should investigate those matters and report on them to the Council.

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