

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet at the on 6 December 2017		
Key Decision			Item No. 5
Ward	All		
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date: 19 December 2017	

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 6 December 2017 which will come in to force on 20 December 2017.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 6 December 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 20 December 2017

- i. Lewisham Future Programme Revenue Budget Savings
- ii. Public Space Protection Order
- iii. Council Tax Reduction Review
- iv. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018-19
- v. Financial Forecasts
- vi. Treasury Mid-Year Review 2017-18
- vii. Formal Adoption of Lewisham Cycling Strategy and Response to Select Committee
- viii. Brownfield Land Register
- ix. New Homes Programme Update
- x. Planning Service – Planning Annual Monitoring Report- 2016-17
- xi. Besson Street: Selecting a Joint Venture Partner to Deliver New Build to Rent Homes



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET (4.30pm)

The Mayor made the following decisions 6 December 2017. These decisions will become effective on 20 December 2017 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 19 December 2017.

1. Lewisham Future Programme 2018/19 Revenue Budget Savings

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:

- (1) the progress with identifying savings, the £17m shortfall against the target for 2018/19, and the implications for the use of reserves be noted;
- (2) the new savings proposals presented in Section 10 and Appendices i to xii, totalling £4.3m and referenced: B4; D2; E8; I12, 13, 14, & 15; J3; K5; M8; O5; and P3 be approved;
- (3) the consultation with the Public Accounts Select Committee on the 16 November 2017, which incorporated the views of the respective select committees be noted;
- (4) the previously agreed savings for 2018/19 in Section 12, totalling £0.6m and referenced: A19; L8; and Q6 & 7 be noted;
- (5) the update on progress in relation to Public Health savings in Section 13 be noted;
- (6) officers be authorised to carry out consultation where staff consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;
- (7) Where no consultation is required, either:
 - agree the saving proposal,
 - delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned, or
 - officers be requested to complete further work to clarify the proposal and that officers then re submit the saving proposal at the earliest possible date.

2. Public Space Protection Order - Controls around Dogs, Alcohol Consumption, Psychoactive Substances and Unauthorised Encampments

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Councillor Janet Daby, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) a borough wide PSPO be implemented according to the terms set out in;

(2) authority be delegated to officers to publicly advertise the decision to implement the PSPO in the borough and provide details of when the order will come in to force with a proposal that the order commence on 18 January 2018, and last for a period of 3 years, unless reviewed, amended or revoked; and

(3) enforcement of the order be undertaken by police officers and delegated council officers (currently powers are delegated to officers within the Crime, Enforcement & Regulation Service, Clean Streets Officers, Glendale).

3. Council Tax Reductions Review

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) a local discount of 100% be offered (after the award of any other qualifying discounts / benefits) to Care Leavers up to the age of 25 from 1 April 2018.

(2) research and development of a policy which considers others groups of Council Tax payers who could qualify for a discretionary Council Tax discount in future years be undertaken;

(3) the current Council Tax reduction scheme be continued but to simplify the budgeting arrangements by setting a fixed % for the scheme to be agreed by Council as part of the budget setting process and consider on an annual basis any savings it might want to make to the budget by changing the % alongside other savings being considered

4. Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/19

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the outcomes of the consultation as set out be noted;

(2) a local CTRS be retained from 1 April 2018 that passes on any reduction in government funding, reflecting the Council's financial position following the announcement of the Autumn Statement and the provisional Local Government Financial Settlement (LGFS) in December;

(3) the delivery of additional support to the most vulnerable residents through use of the existing provision within Section 13A(1)(c) of the 1992 Local Government Finance Act be continued.

5. Financial Forecasts 2017/18

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage the forecasted year-end overspend be noted; and

(2) the revised capital programme budget, as set out in section 14 with further detail at appendices 1 and 2 be noted.

6. Treasury Management Mid-year Review 2017/18

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that the report, in particular the macroeconomic context, performance of investments to date, updates on capital expenditure and borrowing in line with CIPFA requirements and the Council's treasury management strategy be noted.

7. Formal Adoption of Lewisham Cycling Strategy and response to Sustainable Development Select Committee

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith and by Councillor Mark Ingleby, the Mayor's Cycling Champion, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the response from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to the recommendations from the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out be approved and forwarded to the Sustainable Development Select Committee; and

(2) the Lewisham Cycling Strategy (2017) be formally adopted.

8. Brownfield Land Register

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that

(1) Part 1 of Lewisham's Brownfield Land Register including the information contained in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 be noted; and

(2) the register's contents be approved and published by making a copy available at Laurence House, by placing it on the Council's website and by carrying out a notification exercise to raise awareness of the register.

9. New Homes Programme Update

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that:

(1) the progress update on the New Homes, Better Places Programme be noted;

(2) the design development and consultation which has been carried out on the proposed re-development of garages and drying spaces at Knapdale Close, including the statutory Section 105 Consultation be noted; and

(3) Having considered the responses to the statutory Section 105 consultation on the proposed re-development at garages and drying spaces at Knapdale Close, Lewisham Homes should proceed to submit a planning application to deliver 17 new Council homes on the site.

10. Planning Service: Annual Monitoring Report 2016-17

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that the content of the AMR 2016-17 in Annex 1 be noted and that it be considered by the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the 11 December 2017 and approve publication and placement on the Council's website be approved.

11. Besson Street: Selecting a Joint Venture Partner to Deliver New Build to Rent Homes

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that

(1) the summary of the structural challenges within the private rented sector, and their implications for renters, be noted;

- (2) the strategic business case for the Council intervening in this sector, utilising a Joint Venture partnership, as set out be noted;
- (3) the information contained in part 2 be received and the preferred bidder for the proposed Joint Venture to deliver the Besson Street development as recommended in that report be approved;
- (4) the housing, financial and wider social benefits that this approach with this proposed preferred bidder, are expected to deliver be noted;
- (5) the proposed Joint Venture reporting and oversight arrangements as set out be approved;
- (6) officers be authorised to carry out all necessary steps in order to implement the recommendations set out in both part 1 and part 2 of this item.

1. Besson Street: Selecting a Joint Venture Partner to Deliver New Build to Rent Homes

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Damien Egan, the Mayor agreed that

- (1) the detailed summary of the partner selection process be noted,
- (2) Grainger be appointed as preferred bidder for the proposed Joint Venture to deliver the Besson Street development;
- (3) the detailed legal and financial implications of the proposed Joint Venture as set out be noted;
- (4) the Heads of Terms for the proposed Joint Venture as set out be approved;
- (5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to proceed to finalise the terms of the Joint Venture with Grainger on the basis set out in the Heads of Terms and that these be reported back to Mayor and Cabinet for approval;
- (5) the Head of Strategic Housing, Genevieve Macklin, and the Head of Corporate Resources, David Austin, be appointed to act as both the Council's two LLP Representatives on the Joint Venture Operational Board and the Council's two Directors in the wholly owned dormant member company;

(6) the LLP Representatives' and Directors' Mandates and the final terms of the indemnity that will be provided to the LLP Representatives and Directors be reported back to Mayor and Cabinet for approval;

(7) additional capital programme budget of £295,000 be approved (as included in the forecast capital programme) in order to fund the additional tasks that will be required to set up the Joint Venture and secure the Besson Street site until it is transferred as set out;

(8) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to approve the transfer of the freehold of the Besson Street site to the Joint Venture, subject to the proposals meeting the benchmarks set out and the formation of the Joint Venture;

(9) the land could be disposed of to the Joint Venture at less than best consideration; and

(10) the required application to the Secretary of State be made ahead of the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration approving the disposal of the Besson Street site, as set out.

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