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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Councillors Chris Best, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Joe Dromey, Joani Reid and Jonathan Slater

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Liz Johnston-Franklin, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Alan Hall, Councillor Louise Krupski, Councillor Jim Mallory and Councillor John Muldoon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Barnham and Councillor Sophie McGeevor.

322. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Mallory declared a personal interest in Items 5 & 6 as a member of Lee Green Lives and the Fair Share Time Bank which both received grants from the Council.

Councillor Hall declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a Friend of Sydenham Library.

323. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on October 31 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

324. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The Mayor & Cabinet received and accepted in full the written views of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel relating to the Regionalising Adoption item considered at the October 31 meeting.

RESOLVED that the suggestions made by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel regarding Regionalising Adoption be accepted.

325. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

326. Revenue Budget Cuts 2019-20

The item was presented by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk. She highlighted the savings that still needed to be made in coming years which would come in the context of a succession of austerity budgets which had wiped £200M from the Council's annual budget.

Councillor Jim Mallory presented the consolidated views of all the Select Committees which had been endorsed by the Public Accounts Select

Committee. He pointed out many of the comments related to inadequate Equalities Impact Assessments or unspecified timeframes.

Councillor Mallory highlighted concerns on the following cuts:

- RES 19 school crossing patrols
- CUS 7 the frequency reduction of road sweeping owing to the environmental impact and reputational risk given the disproportionate impact on lowly paid workers
- COM ? Option 1 was considered to be a non starter
- COM 12 it was felt savings COM 1 & 2 would mean an increased demand on the voluntary sector which was facing a substantial cut with this proposal.
- COM 14 & 17 a fairer formula for the distribution of CIL was called for
- COM 10 the view that the impact on CCTV should be re viewed was endorsed.

Councillor Alan Hall, the Chair of the Audit Panel, said he was also representing UNITE in supporting the Save Lewisham Libraries Campaign. He raised concern on the impact of cuts in the Bellingham Ward which had recently witnessed the murder of a fifteen year old boy on Randlesdown Road. He said the saving of £38k on CCTV could not be supported in the overall budget context. He also echoed the call of Lewisham Trades Council that there should be no compulsory redundancies and said this could be achieved by the use of reserves in a sustainable way.

Caroline Jupp of the Save Lewisham Libraries Campaign next addressed the Cabinet. She said she welcomed the previous days announcement to suspend the library cuts pending a study of a possible rebuilding of Lewisham Library. However she now had a number of concerns relating to the rebuilding feasibility study. These related to the length of the suspension of service, the terms of consultation, guarantees on staffing and concerns on why the rebuilding option had previously been dismissed in a consultation document.

Caroline Jupp was joined by Dr Alice Corble who noted the library proposals had changed three times in three months but was grateful that a new direction was being followed. She asked for further information on the estimated timelines for development, an Equalities Impact Assessment, access to Lewisham Archives during relocation, a feasibility study including proposed financial planning, the input of any private developer, the use of reserves to fund any shortfall and communications about any new service.

Mark Drinkwater next addressed the Cabinet. He reiterated comments made by Councillor Mallory that the voluntary sector, itself facing cuts, would also be expected to take up the slack arising from other cuts. He highlighted cut CYP 6 which also had the potential to see the voluntary sector lose funding. He recognised that the Council needed to save vast sums of money but argued a sustained voluntary sector would be better placed to deliver services.

In summing up and proposing the detailed recommendations shown below, the Mayor made it clear that what was reluctantly being proposed was a cuts

budget required because of austerity measures enforced by central Government. He confirmed that Lewisham was a supporter of the national 'Breaking Point' campaign.

Having considered an officer report and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Jim Mallory, the Chair of the Audit Panel, Councillor Alan Hall and three members of the public, the Mayor and Cabinet, having considered all representations made to them, from the options available, by a 7-0 vote:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the progress with identifying budget cuts, the £7.6m shortfall against the target for 2019/20, and the implications for the use of reserves, be noted;

(2) following review and having taken into account the written views of the Select Committees and the representations made at the meeting the following decisions be made on the new cuts proposals presented in Section 9 and Appendices 1 to 4, which initially totalled £20.9m:

CYP1, CYP2 and CYP3 – approved, noting the comments of the select committee and officers asked to report back to the select committee on progress with their delivery.

CYP4 – approved.

CYP5 – approved noting the comments of the select committee and officers to report back to the select committee on progress with their delivery.

CYP6 – the comments from the select committee were noted and officers progress with consultation on this proposal and decision delegated to the relevant Executive Director to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

CYP7 – the comments of the select committee were noted. As this is a Year 2 cut, the cut was noted in principle, and ask officers to undertake a review and bring back options to Mayor & Cabinet as part of the 2020-2021 budget.

COM1 and COM 2 – note the comments of the select committee on these cuts, and delegate to the relevant Executive Director to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

COM3, COM4, COM5, COM6 and COM7 – delegate these cuts to the relevant Executive Director to take the decisions on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

COM8 – approved

COM9 - I note the comments of the select committee on this cut and propose that we delegate to the relevant Executive Director to take the decision on

receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

COM10 – officers to progress with consultation on this proposal, and a full report be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet for decision at the earliest opportunity. Comments of the select committee on this cut noted and officers asked to introduce an online form to enable residents to report noise nuisance in a more effective way.

COM11 – This cut is withdrawn and officers asked to undertake a feasibility study of redeveloping Lewisham Library to be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet as part of the 2020-2021 budget.

COM12, COM14 and COM17 – note these cuts in principle and ask officers to progress with consultations on these proposals, bringing a full report be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet for decision in early 2019 before a final determination on the amount of funding to be allocated.

COM13 – to vary this cut as follows: That People’s Day takes place every 2 years and that funding for Blackheath Fireworks be maintained to enable us to seek alternative funding streams, including talking to neighbouring boroughs.

COM15 – approved

COM16 - officers should progress with consultation on this cut and delegate to the relevant Executive Director to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

CUS1 - approved

CUS2 – approved, noting the comments of the select committee and officers be asked to report back to the select committee on progress with delivery.

CUS3 – note the comments of the select committee on this cut. and officers be asked to progress with consultation on this proposal, and a full report be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet for decision at the earliest opportunity and that this include an update on plans for the events as they evolve to meet the ambitious targets.

CUS4, CUS5 and CUS6 - approved, noting the comments of the select committee and officers be asked to report back to the select committee on progress with their delivery.

CUS7 - note the comments of the select committee on this cut. As this is a Year 2 cut, the cut be noted in principle, and officers be asked to undertake a pilot to investigate the impact and come back to Mayor & Cabinet with options as part of the 2020-2021 budget.

CUS8 - officers be asked to progress with consultation on this proposal, and a full report, including information on alternative toilet provision, particularly at evenings and weekends be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet for decision at the earliest opportunity.

CUS9 and CUS10 -approved

CUS11 - officers should progress with consultation on this cut and the relevant Executive Director be delegated to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

CUS12, CUS13 and CUS14 - approved

RES1 – officers should progress with consultation on this cut and the relevant Executive Director be delegated to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

RES2 – approved

RES3 and RES4 - officers should progress with consultation on these cuts and the relevant Executive Director be delegated to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

RES5 - approved

RES6 - officers should progress with consultation on this cut and the relevant Executive Director be delegated to take the decision on receipt of a full report at the earliest opportunity.

RES7, RES8, RES9, RES10, RES11, RES12, RES13, RES14 and RES15 – approved

RES16 – officers be asked to progress this cut and that a full report be brought back to Mayor & Cabinet for decision at the earliest opportunity.

RES17 – approved and officers asked to monitor plans for the events as they evolve.

RES18 – approved and officers asked to work with councillors to identify the most appropriate locations for the electric vehicle charging points

RES19 – the referral from the select committee on this cut be noted. As this is a Year 2 cut, officers asked to undertake a full review of the school crossing service and bring back options to Mayor & Cabinet as part of the 2020-2021 budget that consider child safety, air quality implications and the opportunity for capital investment.

(3) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee of the 7 November 2018, which incorporated the views of the respective select committees, be noted

(4) officers be authorised to carry out consultations where staff consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned;

(5) officers be authorised to carry out consultations where public consultation is necessary in relation to the proposal and ask officers to report back to the Mayor with the outcome, for a decision to be made;

(6) Where no consultation is required:

- agree the cut proposal, or
- return for decision with full report, or
- delegate the decision to the relevant Executive Director for the service concerned; and

(7) Or, request officers to complete further work to clarify the proposal and that officers then re-submit the proposal at the earliest opportunity for a decision.

327. Main Grants Programme 2019-23

The report was presented by Councillor Jonathan Slater who acknowledged the written representation made by the Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee. Officers added that following the decisions made on the previous item, the reduction referred to in paragraph 1.4 of the report had been deferred.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the outcome of the consultation on the main grants programme be noted;
- (2) the recommended approach to the programme for 2019-2022 as set out be approved;
- (3) the application form and guidance be approved;
- (4) the timetable for letting the 2019-2022 programme be approved;
- (5) the funding of 60 voluntary and community sector groups, be extended as outlined, for April-July 2019;
- (6) the contribution to London Councils of a maximum of £229,056 for financial year 2019-20 be approved.

328. NCIL Strategy

RESOLVED that the report be withdrawn to allow pre-decision scrutiny at the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on December 4 and the Sustainable Development Select Committee on December 12.

329. Capital Letters

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by an 7-0 vote:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the agreed year 1 (2018/19) and 2 (2019/20) funding for Capital Letters from MHCLG and the proposed total funding across 3 years of £38 million from MHCLG the Capital Letters pan-London collaboration on the procurement of accommodation for homeless households be approved;

(2) the Council joins Capital Letters Limited as an “A” member;

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Director for Customer Services and the Head of Law, to agree the final terms of and enter into the Members’ Agreement, Service Level Agreement and all other documentation required for the Council’s membership of Capital Letters Limited;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services, in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration, to agree the first Annual Business Plan for Capital Letters Limited and each subsequent Annual Business Plan;

(5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to make all other decisions required in relation to the Council’s participation in Capital Letters Limited from time to time;

(6) the Head of Housing and Refugee Services be appointed to act as the Council’s Representative on the Board of Capital Letters Limited and to provide an indemnity for that officer on the terms set out; and

(7) the Officers Mandate and Governance Guide and the proposed arrangements for reporting back to Mayor & Cabinet and Housing Select Committee be approved.

330. Proposed Lewisham Park Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Article 4 direction (SPD)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by an 7-0 vote:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the proposed designation of a new Conservation Area and the making of an Article 4 direction be noted;

(2) the content of the draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Article 4 direction schedule be noted, and

(3) a 6 week period of public consultation on the designation of a conservation

area, the draft Appraisal document, and the making of an Article 4 Direction, be approved.

331. Treasury Mid-Year Review 2018-19

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the officer report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the report be noted, in particular the macroeconomic context, performance of investments to date, updates on capital expenditure and borrowing in line with CIPFA requirements and compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

332. Financial Forecasts

The Cabinet allowed a member of the public, Cheryl McLeod to raise a question regarding CRPL. She asked how was that Company allowed to operate with only two directors while holding considerable assets and having being the subject of a limited assurance audit.

Councillor De Ryk responded by stating CRPL was a wholly owned London Borough of Lewisham company and while it held considerable assets, the turnover was small. The Company Accounts were reported annually to Council and the Directors did not receive any remuneration. She said the Audit Panel would have oversight over any audit findings.

Having considered an officer report and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, and a member of the public, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the officer report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2019 and the action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage down the forecasted year-end overspend be noted;

333. Care at Home': The arrangements for integrating health and care services that support people at home

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the officer report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the proposal to formally integrate a number of social care and health services that support adults in their own homes be approved;

(2) the Council enters into a Section 75 agreement with Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust ("LGT") and, in relation to Phase 2, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) for the integrated provision of

services for adults in their own homes;

(3) responsibility for reshaping existing arrangements for joint working, which include a Section 75 agreement and necessary associated documents, be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services on the advice for the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration and the Head of Law.

(4) a contribution of £40,000 be made towards the development of the integrated service;

(5) a 'Care at Home Partnership Board' be established within the existing Provider Alliance Development Board as set out;

(6) the recommendations be subject to approval from Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and Lewisham CCG as the commissioner of community health services.

334. Sydenham School Instrument of Government

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the officer report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for Sydenham School be made by Local Authority order dated 11 December 2018 as set out.

335. Besson Street Joint Venture Board Appointment

In presenting the report, Councillor Bell paid tribute to the outgoing representative, Genevieve Macklin, for all her hard work and dedication to Lewisham.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the officer report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the Assistant Director of Housing Services, Madeleine Jeffery, be appointed to act as one of the Council's two LLP Representatives on the Joint Venture Operational Board and one of the Council's two Directors in the wholly owned dormant member company;

336. Response to SDC Referral on Air Quality

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the proposed response from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments from the Sustainable Development Select Committee be approved and forwarded to that Select Committee.

337. Local Governor Nominations

Having considered an officer report and a formal proposal by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the candidate shown below be recommended for Nomination as a local authority governor for governing bodies constituted under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

Maik Sperling St Saviour's R.C

(2) the candidate shown below be recommended for Appointment as an authority appointed member for a Pupil Referral Unit constituted under the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees etc.) (England) Regulations 2007 as amended by The Pupil Referral Units (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulations 2012

Jim Mallory Abbey Manor College

338. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 and 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 paragraph 3, of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

18. Award of Contract Voluntary Sector Mental Health Integrated Prevention Recovery Service

19. Award of Contract Voluntary Sector Mental Health Integrated Dementia Service

20. Award of Contract voluntary sector Mental Health Integrated Advocacy Service.

339. Award of Contract Voluntary Sector Mental Health Integrated Prevention Recovery Service

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the contract for the Mental Health Integrated Prevention and Recovery Service be awarded to Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich Mind for a period of three years, with a total stated contract value. In accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules and Schemes of Delegation, the Council has

the option to extend the contract for a further two years.

340. Award of Contract Voluntary Sector Mental Health Integrated Dementia Service

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the contract for the Mental Health Integrated Dementia Service be awarded to Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich Mind for a period of three years, with a stated total contract value. In accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules and Schemes of Delegation, the Council has the option to extend the contract for a further two years.

341. Award of Contract voluntary sector Mental Health Integrated Advocacy Service

Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by 7 votes to 0:

RESOLVED that the contract for the Mental Health Integrated Advocacy Service be awarded to POhWER for a period of three years, with a stated total contract value. In accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules and Schemes of Delegation, the Council has the option to extend the contract for a further two years.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm