

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 26 June 2019 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Councillors Chris Best, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Amanda De Ryk and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor James Rathbone and Councillor Juliet Campbell.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joani Reid.

76. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

77. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on June 5 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

78. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

No matters were raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel.

79. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

80. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Referral Mayoral Questions

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that a report responding to the various questions raised by the Committee should be prepared for future Mayoral consideration.

81. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on home energy conservation

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on home energy conservation be received and a response be prepared by the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration for future Mayoral consideration.

82. Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on its income generation review

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on home energy conservation be received and a response be prepared by the Acting Chief Finance Officer for future Mayoral consideration.

83. Comments of Children and Young People Select Committee on the Budget Cuts

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the comments of the Children and Young People Select be received and a response be prepared by the Executive Director for Children & Young People for future Mayoral consideration.

84. Lewisham Library Update

The update report was presented by Councillor Jonathan Slater the Cabinet Member for Community Sector. In response the Mayor stressed that investment in Lewisham Library must remain a priority so that it continued to serve the local community.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Community Sector, Councillor Jonathan Slater, the Mayor and Cabinet by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

85. Evening and Night time Offer - a vision for Lewisham

Councillor Andre Bourne presented his first report as Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills. In response the Mayor warmly welcomed the report and noted Lewisham had relatively few of the national food outlets operating in the borough but lots of vibrant independent outlets. He noted evidence which had been gathered supported late night opening but for cinemas, the arts, music and theatre rather than bars and clubs.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 6-0

RESOLVED that:

(1) the Vision document be approved; and

(2) all relevant strategies and policy changes were to take note of this document and ensure it supports the Borough's Vision.

86. Children and Young People Plan

In presenting the report Councillor Barnham noted it had been considered by the Children & Young People Select Committee in late April. The Mayor

thanked the Select Committee members for their support.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 6-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the content and priorities of the CYPP 2019-2022 be approved;
- (2) the CYPP 2019-2022 be referred to Council for adoption

87. Lewisham Homes Acquisition Programme and Loan Agreement

Councillor bell noted that in addition to the housing benefits the proposals also supported the Council's commitments to accept refugee families. For this initiative he was thanked by Councillor Bonavia who stated continued proactive action was required. The Mayor added his thanks and confirmed his intention that Lewisham should be regarded as the capital's leading borough for refugee resettlement.

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 a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) provision of a loan of up to £5m be made to Lewisham Homes, on the terms set out to enable the continuation of the acquisition programme to help manage homelessness demand and contribute to meeting the requirements of refugee families resettled in borough; and
- (2) authority to finalise the terms of the loan agreement be delegated to the Acting Chief Financial Officer.

88. Lewisham Park Conservation Area

The Mayor presented the proposals which he believed would help protect the area's special interest, history and unique character. The Deputy Mayor added that the Council was doing really well in designating Conservation Areas and that residents really appreciated the efforts which were being made.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the responses to the consultation be noted;

- (2) the Lewisham Park Conservation Area be designated;
- (3) the Conservation Area Appraisal be adopted and;
- (4) the making of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction to the single family dwellings within the proposed Conservation Area be approved.

89. Financial Results 2018-19

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that: agreed that the financial results for the year ending 31 March 2019 be noted.

90. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-21

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the 2020/21 to 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted;
- (2) a further update be brought back as part of the cuts and budget setting process to reflect any changes arising from the Autumn Budget or Local Government Finance Settlement.

91. Rushey Green Primary School Instrument of Government

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the Instrument of Government for Rushey Green Primary School be made by Local Authority order dated 26 June 2019 as set out.

92. Local Authority Governor nominations

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet having considered the information supplied in support of the nominations;

RESOLVED that the following persons be nominated as School Governors for the schools concerned:

Ms. Paula McDonald Kelvin Grove

Ms. Rachel Onikosi Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Ms. Ruth Potts - Negrine Rushey Green
Mr. Ed Tibbets Fairlawn and Haseltine Federation

93. 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

- 19 Besson Street Business Plan Update
- 20 Processing and sale dry recyclable materials – Interim Arrangements
- 21. Learning Disabilities Framework Agreement
- 22. Increased Capacity of Young Persons Accommodation Based Pathway

94. Besson Street Business Plan Update

Having considered a confidential 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 and by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the second annual Besson Street Business Plan be approved;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to implement the Besson Street Business Plan once finalised; and
- (3) the Council will be called on to invest in the JV upon stabilisation of the Besson Street development as set out and that updated forecasts of this amount be reported to Mayor and Cabinet through future Besson Street Business Plan Updates.

95. Waste Interim Arrangements (Dry Recycling)

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

RESOLVED that:

- (1) a waiver of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be approved; and
- (2) an interim contract be awarded to Bywaters (Leyton) Ltd for a period of 12 months at a stated estimated cost, starting on 1st July 2019.

96. Learning Disabilities Framework Agreement

The Deputy Mayor received confirmation that use of the framework had helped reduce costs while maintaining quality.

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 and by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) twenty eight organisations indicated be approved for each 'lot' of the Framework Agreement for Learning Disability services, the Framework to run for 4 years;

(2) there be no specific financial implications of being awarded a place on the Framework Agreement, as the process of appointment of providers to the Framework Agreement does not represent a contract with monetary value.

(3) the new Framework will operate in the same way as the current one, which has helped to hold down prices and supported the Council in maintaining a ceiling on overall service costs and any changes in contract price, following mini tender or call-off of Framework services, will be as a result of Council agreed uplifts or due to changing service user need which could lead to either an increase or decrease in price;

(4) the total value of contracts currently procured under the Learning Disability Framework Agreement be an approximate stated figure per annum being the in-borough spend on the service categories covered by the Framework Agreement; and

(5) the current approximate value for each service category commission from this party providers within the borough be approved.

97. Increased Capacity of Young Persons Accommodation Based Pathway

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for School Performance and Children's Services, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) an extension of the contract between the Council and One Housing Group for the provision of a young person's supported housing pathway service for the next two years, from 1/10/2019 to 30/09/2021 be approved at a stated total cost;

(2) a variation of the contract between the Council and Single Homeless Project be approved for the provision of a vulnerable adult pathway service to remove accommodation from this service and be varied into the contract

between the Council and Single Homeless Project for the provision of a young person's pathway service enabling the Council to provide an additional 10 beds to increase provision of 24 hour waking night placements and emergency bed space provision for young people with the variation not reducing the cost of the contract for the provision of the vulnerable adult pathway service for the reasons set out;

(3) an increase in funding be approved of the contract between the Council and Single Homeless Project for the provision of a Young Persons Pathway Service of a stated figure per annum to expand the capacity of the young person's pathway and increase the amount of 24 hour waking night cover and emergency bed space provision in the young person's pathway.

(4) the total additional cost across the 3 years plus an optional two year extension of up to a stated figure be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm