

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 6.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tom Copley.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andre Bourne and Councillor Joani Reid.

98. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

99. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on June 26 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

100. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Response to Sydenham Society on Our Lady and St Philip Neri School

The submission that had unanimously been agreed by the Sydenham Assembly was introduced by Annabel McLaren, the Chair of the Sydenham Society. She tabled a document setting out the Society's concerns relating to the breach of the original planning conditions and called for the drawing up of a separate legal document which ensures that required works were urgently completed. She was supported by Julia Webb who agreed that it was important that a solution was agreed which ensured the school buildings reached completion. They suggested that the developers preference for re-cladding of the building with grey pebbledash should be replaced with panels faced with slips of London stock brick.

The Director of Planning, Emma Talbot introduced the suggested response report and confirmed a minor material amendment application was likely to be considered by a Planning Committee in August. She indicated that in parallel the authority reserved the right to retain an option for enforcement action.

Dr Hughes, Director of Education, responded on behalf of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark. He stated two public meetings had strongly supported the application and he claimed the views of the Sydenham Society were not representative of the wider community. He said legal advice given to him suggested the minor material amendment application would bring the building back into line with the original application and that there was no need for a full application. He claimed the original scheme was as drawn up by the Borough Architects, but Councillor Bell

pointed out the authority did not have an architects section. Dr Hughes confirmed Home Park was already the school's main entrance.

Councillor Paul Bell expressed shock at the apparent belligerent stance adopted by the Commission. He wondered why no apology had been given when it was clear the building was not in line with the original planning consent.

Sean McGrath, a Planning consultant for the Education Commission explained the original consent had not proved buildable and the failure to identify a safe asbestos free decant option had meant children were on site during the building process which was a considerable complicating factor. He said a full apology for the applicant's failings had been given at a public meeting in January. He said the Commission were striving to get back to the original scheme and pointed out London stock bricks had never been consented with cladding always being intended. In answer to a query from Councillor Best as to why the cladding promised by architects Pollard Thomas Edwards had not been delivered, Mr McGrath said the cladding had not been completed as works had been suspended until the planning situation could be rectified.

The Director of Planning stated she believed the Commission's response misrepresented legitimate community concerns and that in her opinion the cladding currently visible on site was unacceptable. She acknowledged some representations supporting the school had been received.

Local Ward Councillor Tom Copley said he had chaired the Sydenham Assembly meeting where the reference had been unanimously agreed and he believed the scheme's critics were not a small minority of the community.

Councillor Chris Best expressed her severe disappointment with the implementation of the scheme and indicated her support for the views emanating from the Sydenham Society.

The Mayor concluded by thanking the Sydenham Assembly and the Sydenham Society for highlighting this case. He hoped the Commission was hearing the message that their conduct had been unacceptable and their response to valid criticisms was very disappointing. He urged the Commission to engage the wider community in the delivery of an acceptable solution

Having considered an officer report, and a presentations by the Sydenham Society, the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Ward Councillors and the Director of Planning, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that the contents of the response be approved and reported back to the Sydenham Assembly.

Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Responses received on Fire Safety and on Pubs

RESOLVED: that the relevant Executive Directors be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration

Review by the Children & Young People Select Committee on Exclusions

RESOLVED: that the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration.

Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Catford Regeneration

RESOLVED: that the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration.

101. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

102. Low Emission Vehicle Charging Strategy

The report was presented by Councillor Dacres who pointed out agreement to the report would fulfil another of the Mayor's manifesto commitments.

Councillor Dromey supported the report's recommendations and added that further action from the Government and GLA was required. He asked that letters be sent to the relevant Minister and Mayor of London setting out what we are doing and what measures they could undertake which would assist the strategy. Councillor Dacres promised that this would be done.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the consultation responses be noted;
- (2) the changes to be made to the draft Strategy following consideration of consultation responses be noted;
- (3) the adoption of the 'Low Emission Vehicle Strategy' as council policy be approved;

103. Bakerloo Line Extension Update

Councillor Dacres presented an update on the many steps being taken to continue to press for an extension of the Bakerloo line. The Mayor said he found the update comprehensive and helpful and that the authority would continue to campaign for the extension.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare

Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

104. Procuring a Travel and Transport Programme

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the contents of the report and the case for commencing the procurement of an external provider to provide a programme to transform the Council's passenger travel and transport service be noted; and

(2) the commencement of a mini-competition exercise, using a framework agreement, in order to procure the services of an external provider to provide a programme to transform the Council's passenger travel and transport service, for a period of three years and at a maximum cost of £1.2m on a payment-by-results basis, be approved.

105. Addey and Stanhope Decision to change the age range

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:

(1) the results of the period of representation conducted by the Addey and Stanhope Governing Body on the proposal to change the age range of the school, with effect from 31 August 2019 be noted; and

(2) the age range of Addey and Stanhope School be changed from 11-18 year olds to 11-16 year olds as of 31 August 2019.

106. Fleet Vehicle Replacement Programme

Officers confirmed that any new vehicles purchased would comply with the Ultra Low Emissions requirements which would come into force in 2020.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the immediate purchase of 65 vehicles for the 2019 - 2021 Fleet vehicle replacement programme, be approved as set out;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services to purchase a further 10 (passenger services vehicles) for the 2019 – 2021 Fleet vehicle replacement programme subject to the outcome of the travel and transport review;
- (3) the results of the finance options appraisal, which recommends the outright purchase of vehicles via a mechanism of external borrowing be noted;
- (4) external borrowing for the 2019/20 replacement programme for up to 75 vehicles, through the Public Works Loan Board, be approved;
- (5) the use of The Procurement Partnership (TPPL) to utilise the NEPO and BN&S frameworks for the supply of specialist vehicles through the running of a mini-competition under these framework agreements for the vehicles required be approved;
- (6) owing to the tight timescales in delivery of the vehicles and uncertainty around Brexit that the final award to the successful suppliers be delegated to the Executive Director of Customer Services for ordering over the summer period; and
- (7) officers should develop an approach to provide a comprehensive vehicle replacement programme for future years.

107. Response to Strategic Planning Committee - Affordable Housing

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the progress made as set out and the use of once-off reserves and provisions to fund this work be noted and the response be reported to the Mayor & Cabinet.

108. Response to Overview and Scrutiny BP - safeguarding partnership

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 by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the response from officers be approved for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel.

109. Response to Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee - Stop and Search/Prevent

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees & Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor and Cabinet by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLVED that the response be approved for submission to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

110. Local Authority Governor nomination

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 from the information supplied:

RESOLVED that the following person be nominated as a School Governor for the school concerned:

Mr. Russell Ewens Our Lady & St Philip Neri RC Primary

111. Financial Forecasts 2019-20

The report was presented by Councillor De Ryk. Councillor Bell asked that his thanks to the officers who had ensured the Housing Revenue Account was balanced be recorded.

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

RESOLVED that

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2020 and the action being taken by the Executive Directors to manage down the forecasted yearend overspend be noted; and

(2) the proposed revision of the capital programme budget, as set out in section 13, with further detail at appendices 1 and 2, be noted.

112. Adopting a Residents Charter for Lewisham

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

113. 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

- 17 Contract Award Customer Service Centre Out of Hours Switchboard
- 18 Re-Procurement – Shared Care Adult substance misuse services

114. Out of Hours Switchboard

Councillor De Ryk confirmed an in house option had been considered but was not viable.

Having considered a confidential 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 a contract be awarded to the Royal Borough of Greenwich for a further period of three years to supply the Council's Out of Hours switchboard commencing 15th September 2019 at a stated expenditure per annum.

115. Shared Care Adult substance misuse services

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 a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the Re-procurement of the shared care service for (Tier 3 Services) Alcohol and Substance Misuse. (Adults) be approved for a period of 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 1 + 1 years with a stated maximum value.

(2) the use of the agreed 2020-21 Public Health Grant funded budget allocation for 2020-21 be approved; and

(3) a maximum stated spend for the duration of the 3 years of the contract be approved.

116. Sexual Health promotion tender

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 a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that the Council's participation in a shared tender process for sexual health promotion services across LSL, undertaken by the LSL commissioning team, be approved to a stated maximum annual value up for 3 years with the option for a further 2 year extension at the Council's discretion and the total value of the contract with all extensions would not exceed a stated figure.

The meeting closed at 8pm.