

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 16 September 2020 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Damien Egan (Mayor), Chris Best, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Brenda Dacres, Sophie McGeevor and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Juliet Campbell, Councillor John Muldoon, Councillor John Paschoud and Councillor Liam Curran.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Barnham, Councillor Joe Dromey and Councillor Amanda De Ryk.

344. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

345. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on July 9 and August 12 2020 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

346. Matters Raised by Scrutiny

Councillor Juliet Campbell, on behalf of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, presented a Review of how Lewisham Council Embeds Equalities Across Service Provision.

Councillor Liam Curran on behalf of the Sustainable Development Select Committee tabled two referrals on the Regeneration of Catford Town Centre and on Railway Children Urban National Park – Environmental Protection and Neighbourhood Plans which had been agreed by the Select Committee the evening before.

The Mayor & Cabinet:

RESOLVED that Officers be asked to prepare responses to the Review and the two referrals for consideration at a future meeting.

347. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on flood risk

Having considered a presentation by the Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee, Councillor Liam Curran, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the referral be received and a response be considered later in the meeting agenda.

348. Health & Care Recovery Plan

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 Report, by a vote of 7-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the content including the priorities set out in the Lewisham Health and Care Partners System Recovery Plan.
- (2) the significant risk of the potential for increased pressures due to winter and also any further spike in Covid-19 cases and the action to be taken in the event of a second wave be noted; and
- (3) the proposed activity against each priority will be dependent on the resources that are available and the financial sections of the plan outline the financial challenges that all parts of the system are facing.

349. Approval of Lewisham Homes Business Plan

The Chief Executive of Lewisham Homes, Margaret Dodwell, joined the meeting to answer questions on the Business Plan.

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

RESOLVED that the Business Plan for 2020/21 be approved.

350. Small Sites Small Builders GLA Funding - second submission

The Mayor thanked the officers involved in submitting the bid and praised the Mayor of London for all the support he had given to house building.

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) a total of £1,310,000 grant funding be accepted from the GLA Small Sites Small Builders Programme (Round Two) to carry out specified works on four Council housing projects on Council land as set out in Section 4;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree the terms of and enter into individual grant agreements with the GLA for each project; and
- (3) Should any project set out in Section 4 not proceed, authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree a substitution project and to agree the terms of and enter into any replacement grant agreement required

351. Corporate Energy Contracts

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 the overall approach to corporate energy contracts be noted.

352. Pan London temporary arrangements for the provision of mortuary facilities and mortality management

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) delegated authority be given to the Director of Law, Governance and HR to finalise the terms of and enter into the Inter-Authority Agreement for Pan-London Mortality Management on behalf of the Council regarding the pan-London temporary arrangements for the provision of mortuary facilities and mortality management in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

(2) the payment of £551,321 to the London Borough of Camden be approved to hold on account in respect of matters involved in the Inter-Authority Agreement.

353. Catford Regeneration Programme Approval of Phase 1

The Mayor stressed the need to promote the strategy and the messages it contained. Officers confirmed there were good messages to promote and that there had been extensive consultation on what was a 15 to 20 year strategy.

Councillor Liam Curran, Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, commended the work undertaken, particularly the aspirational objectives for the South Circular and the Broadway Theatre.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) Match-funding to the GLA Good Growth Fund in the sum of £1.65M be approved to be funded from the Council's General Fund Capital Programme;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public realm in conjunction with the Director of Law to agree to the terms of and enter into the GLA's Good Growth Grant Agreement and to agree a strategy and programme in conjunction with the GLA and to further commence procurement of a suitable consultancy team to support the project via the ADUP framework.

(3) The transfer of S.106 funding in the sum of £1,515,537, originally proposed for the delivery of a footbridge between Doggett Road and the Barratt's development on the former Catford Greyhound Stadium site be approved to deliver public realm and accessibility improvements to Catford Stations as set out; and

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree the procurement strategy and appointment of a suitable contractor to construct the Catford Stations scheme.

354. Lease of Abbotshall Playing Fields

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the job-share Cabinet Member for Culture, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) a lease of 25 years of Abbotshall Playing Fields shown on an attached plan be offered to Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre at a concessionary, peppercorn rent subject to:

(a) there being no objection arising from the statutory advertising of the proposal as set out with any objections to be reported back to Mayor and Cabinet for consideration; and

(b) the proposal being notified to the Secretary of State under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act and there being no objection from the Secretary of State.

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Inclusive Regeneration and the Director of Law, Governance & HR to negotiate and agree the terms of the lease referred to above.

355. Response to SSCSC Single Equality Framework Referral

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the suggested process to refine the Single Equality Framework objectives with input from Safer, Stronger Communities Select Committee be approved;

(2) the process for monitoring the reworked draft objectives; specifically that a suite of measures be developed to facilitate monitoring of the refined objectives be approved; and

(3) this response be provided to the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee.

356. Response to SDSC Flooding referral

Councillor Liam Curran recorded his thanks for the preparation of the response to his Select Committee.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet :

RESOLVED that the approach proposed in section 4 be approved and reported to the Select Committee.

357. Response to the referral From Sustainable Development Select Committee Parks and Open Space Strategy 2020-2025

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the response to the referral from the Sustainable Development Select Committee relating to the Parks and Open Space Strategy 2020-2025 and its link to the recommendations of SDSC Parks Management and Maintenance Review 2020 (PMMR) be approved.

358. Response to HCSC re LSAB Annual Report 2018-19

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

RESOLVED that the Lewisham Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) be supported in improving the profile of adult safeguarding related issues in the Borough, helping to engage local communities and remove barriers to reporting abuse, and that this response be reported to the Healthier Communities Select Committee.

359. Response to CYP Select Committee on CYP ICT Provision

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees and Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the findings of this report be approved for submission to the Children and Young People Select Committee.

360. Declaration of Grove Park Nature Reserve LNR

Councillor Liam Curran spoke in favour of the proposals and spoke further

about the tabled document referred to in the minutes above.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Councillor Sophie McGeevor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the contents of this report and the formal response from Natural England's Local Team that consultation is complete be noted; and

(2) Grove Park be declared a Local Nature Reserve and the Director of Legal, Governance and HR be authorised to proceed with the making of the necessary declaration and the insertion of a public notice in appropriate local press and on the Council's website.

361. Catford Town Centre Regeneration Masterplan Framework

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the Draft Catford Town Centre Framework be endorsed for consultation;

(2) the release of the Draft Catford Town Centre Framework for broadly-based public consultation be approved and reported back to Mayor and Cabinet in Spring 2021;

(3) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, be authorised in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, to undertake all steps to progress the public consultation and to progress the related workstreams set out in this report;

(4) the Phase 1 delivery projects be noted as early and positive investment projects and consider specific recommendations to advance these as set out in a separate report on this Mayor and Cabinet agenda;

(5) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services and with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, be authorised to undertake all steps to progress work needed to report back to Mayor and Cabinet on potential delivery mechanisms – including potential partnership approaches and approaches to funding and phasing;

(6) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services and with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, be authorised to undertake all steps to progress work needed to report back to Mayor and Cabinet on a strategy for Civic Accommodation/the Catford Campus;

(7) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services and with relevant Cabinet Members be authorised to continue to bid for external funding opportunities where they arise to support essential investment in Catford and enable the aims of the draft Framework (within the current delegation framework); and

(8) the continued development of the scheme be authorised to re-align the A205 in order to enable the Draft Catford Framework, including working with TfL to reach agreement on matters of technical detail and with TfL and DfT in relation to funding.

362. Review of Statement of Community Involvement during Covid-19 Pandemic

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) temporary modifications be authorised to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for a further 6 month period to enable the following:

- Threshold for applications being required to go to Planning Committee for decision to be raised from 3 to 5
- Any application with an amenity society objection to be subject to case review with Chair to determine whether it is referred to planning committee for a decision
- Any application with 5-9 objections to be subject to case review with Chair to determine whether it is referred to planning committee for a decision
- Invitations to planning committee meetings and other communications and information (including publication of agendas) relating to planning committee meetings be carried out electronically wherever possible
- Make it explicit that people wishing to speak at planning committee meetings will need to register to speak in advance of the meeting and will need to submit written copies of their speeches in advance of the meeting
- A new online format for Local Meetings to be developed and implemented
- Make any necessary amendments regarding the publication of agendas and decisions

(2) changes be reviewed again at the end of the 6 month period referred to.

(3) the contents of the draft Addendum to the SCI (Appendix 1), and the reasons for these amendments, as set out in Section 4 be noted; and

(4) the draft Addendum to the SCI (Appendix 1) be approved for non-statutory public consultation.

363. 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.

- 21 Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies
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364. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

Having received a confidential report and a presentation by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel, Councillor Bill Brown, the Mayor & Cabinet accepted the request the future of the Leisure Services Contract beyond the initial 2 years be determined by elected members in good time to ensure alternative recommendations can be made, including being taken in house, before any decision is made. If the new provider does not provide a good standard of leisure services for the residents of Lewisham, this authority would be prepared to consider alternative arrangements for leisure provision. Officers should also ensure that the leisure contract is subject to EU legislative provision.

RESOLVED that the referral made by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel be accepted.

365. Catford Regeneration Programme Station and Good Growth

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, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm in conjunction with Director of Law, Governance & HR to agree to the procurement of a suitable consultancy team to support the Council in the delivery of the Good Growth Fund.

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree the procurement strategy and appointment of a suitable contractor to construct the Catford Stations scheme by selection of a bid of less than a stated maximum figure.

366. Catford Town Centre Masterplan Framework

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, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that the content of the summary Viability report be noted and the Draft Catford Town Centre Framework be endorsed for consultation.

367. Request for Section 106 monies to support delivery of affordable homes at Sydenham Hill - Mais House

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report, by a vote of 8-0:

RESOLVED that in the event that planning permission is granted for the scheme to redevelop Mais House, approves the allocation of a stated amount of Section 106 contributions received by the Council from the planning agreements set out in the report to provide affordable housing delivery at Mais House, Sydenham Hill.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.