

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 7 October 2020 at 6.00 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Pat Codd, and John Muldoon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andre Bourne

368. Declaration of Interests

None were made.

369. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 16 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

370. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

No matters were raised.

371. Children & Young People Select Committee comments on children in temporary accommodation

Councillor Paul Bell welcomed the Select Committee's referral, noting it had been finalised in February meaning a number of details were out of date. He stated there was a housing crisis of the Government's making and he was appalled that families were being forced into temporary accommodation. He believed necessary funds and political will were required to solve the problem.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor and Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Committee as set out in Appendix A and

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to provide a response to the review's recommendations and how they will be actioned.

372. Healthier Communities Select Committee local test and trace referral

The referral was presented by the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor John Muldoon, who reflected that the recent failings of Test and Trace highlighted since the last meeting of the Select Committee had yet to be exposed. He called on a locally based and fully funded Test and Trace service to be embedded in the Council.

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Chair of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, Councillor John Muldoon, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the views of the committee as set out in section four be received and the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral consideration.

373. Public Accounts Select Committee commercialisation and culture change review

The review was presented by the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Pat Codd, who urged the Council to adopt a more commercial attitude.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Pat Codd, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's recommendations (as set out at appendix A) be received and that the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be asked to provide a response.

374. Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on financial stabilisation

The review was presented by the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Pat Codd, who observed the Council would be forced to make further drastic cuts after enduring 10 years of austerity already.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Chair of the Public Accounts Select Committee, Councillor Pat Codd, the Mayor and Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Committee's recommendations (as set out at appendix A) be received and that the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be asked to provide a response.

375. Financial Stabilisation

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the current in-year financial challenges of the Covid-19 impact of £60m with a funding gap of up to £20m and service overspending of £17m faced by the Council and the management actions being taken to mitigate these be noted;

(2) the 2021/22 to 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Strategy and approach being taken to identify cuts proposals to meet the estimated budget gap of at least £40m be noted; and

(3) the timetable for bringing forward cuts proposals and building the 2021/22 budget to Council in February 2021 be noted.

376. Apprenticeship Training Provision

The report was Councillor Joe Dromey who said the proposals would complete a key manifesto commitment by creating 100 apprenticeships in 100 days paid at a fair rate. He paid tribute to officers who had contributed to the initiative, including Charlotte Rowley who had recently given birth to a son.

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by jobshare Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills, Councillor Joe Dromey, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that: the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that an award to WhiteHat Group Ltd to deliver 3 cohorts of apprenticeship training starting in autumn 2020 over a period of 18 months at a total value of £510,000, be approved.

377. School Meal Provision

In introducing the report Councillor Chris Barnham acknowledged there was insufficient support for the proposed new model and the Council had been left with only two realistic choices. The preferred option was a new centrally co-ordinated contract.

Officers confirmed a company run sick scheme could be included in the specification when the tender was drawn up.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and from the options available and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the procurement of a school catering contract for a period of 4 years with an option to extend for up to an additional period of 2 years be approved; the contract having a maximum value of £48 Million over the 6 year period; and

(2) the procurement of a schools kitchen maintenance contract for a period of 4 years with an option to extend for up to an additional 2 years be approved; the contract would having a maximum value of £1.44 Million over the 6 year period.

378. Greenvale School Expansion Project

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the award of the construction phase contract for the Greenvale School Expansion project be made to Geoffrey Osborne Limited;
- (2) the construction budget set out in Part 2 of this item be approved;
- (3) authority be delegated to negotiate final contract terms within the parameters set out to the Executive Director for Children and Young People.

379. Leisure Management Arrangements

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that the terms for the ending of the current Leisure Management Agreement ("LMA") with Fusion Lifestyle Ltd as set out in the Part 2 report be approved.

380. Article 4 Direction in Deptford High Street Conservation Area

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 and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the omission in the previous appendices, consultation material and appendices be noted, and
- (2) the previous authorisation to make a non-immediate Article 4 Direction in Deptford High Street and St Paul's Church Conservation Area, that includes the class of permitted development that includes alterations to windows (Class A The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwelling house), be reconfirmed.

381. Response to Questions raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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

RESOLVED that the responses from officers be received and that they be submitted to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

382. Exclusion of the 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

16. Approval for award of apprenticeship training contract part 2
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383. Approval for award of apprenticeship training contract part 2

All decisions relating to this item were reached in the open part of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the supplementary information be noted.

384. Greenvale School Expansion Project

Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that a stated construction budget be approved, which includes an initial maximum contract value and a contingency figure.

385. Leisure Management Arrangements

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 9-0:

RESOLVED that the terms for the ending of the current Leisure Management Agreement ("LMA") with Fusion Lifestyle Ltd as set out in the Part 2 report be approved.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm.