



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet

Date: 26 January 2021

Key decision: Yes

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider decisions taken at a meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet held on 13 January 2021 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 13 January 2021 will come into force on 27 January 2021, unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 26 January 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following decisions on 13 November 2020:

1. The Future of PLACE Ladywell
2. Upgrade of the CCTV cameras and control room equipment
3. Broadway Theatre Works (part 1)
4. Leisure Management Arrangements
5. Council Tax Base

2.2 The notice of the decision in respect of this report is attached below.

2.3 Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, Members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If this report is not called in, the decisions will come into force on 27 January 2021.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on January 13 2021. All recommendations shown were agreed by a 9-0 or 10-0 vote of voting members in attendance.

The decisions will become effective on January 27 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on January 26 2021.

1. The Future of PLACE Ladywell

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and presentations by a local Councillor and the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

- (1) the phasing of the comprehensive redevelopment of the former Leisure Centre site by developing the rear of the site as a first phase and retaining the PLACE/Ladywell building to be developed as a second phase in the future, as set out, be approved;
- (2) the proposed baseline tenure mix for the new dwellings as set out be approved;
- (3) the inclusion of the additional area (Lammas Green Nursery) as outlined in red on the plan at Appendix E to the development site be approved;
- (4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Director of Law, Governance & HR to procure and appoint consultants and contractors or extend existing contracts to design the land to the rear of PLACE/Ladywell and the nursery site, together with public realm treatment around the PLACE/Ladywell building.
- (5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Director of Law, Governance & HR to procure and appoint consultants and contractors to carry out the refurbishment works to the PLACE/Ladywell building.

(6) the stated budget expenditure to refurbish the PLACE/Ladywell building.

2. Upgrade of the CCTV cameras and control room equipment

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the appointment of Eurovia Infrastructure Limited to commencement of the upgrade the CCTV cameras, transmission and CCTV control room equipment, based on their tender, for a period of 12 to 13 months be approved at an agreed cost of £984,876.31

3. Broadway Theatre Works (part 1)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs & Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) an open procurement exercise be approved to find a suitable Principal Contractor for the proposed works to the Broadway Theatre, at the approximate value set out in section one of the Part 2 report, and using the process set out in section six of the open report; and

(2) officers be authorised to continue to utilise the services of Purcell as Lead Consultant for RIBA stages 3-7 via direct call-off from the Fusion 21 Framework and to award a further contract to Purcell at a cost of £607,605.

5. Leisure Management Arrangements

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by two members of the public and by the jobshare Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs & Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) Officers proceed with the approach to delivery of leisure facilities in the borough during the next period including phased approach to the centres as set out in the report namely:

- Downham Health and Leisure Centre returns to full operating capacity as soon as COVID restrictions allow.
- Glass Mill Leisure Centre returns to full operating capacity as soon as COVID restrictions allow.
- Forest Hill Pools returns to full operating capacity as soon as COVID restrictions allow.

- Wavelengths Leisure Centre returns to full operating capacity as soon as COVID restrictions allow apart from the leisure pool whose opening is reviewed in Spring 2021.
- The Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre (Bellingham) returns to full operating capacity as soon as COVID restrictions allow but given that a significant part of the centre's provision will be prohibited even under Tier 3, the centre will only reopen fully once restrictions in London are at below this level at least.
- The Bridge Leisure Centre remains closed for a period.

(2) Officers proceed with an Expression of Interest process to gauge the appetite amongst third parties to take on a lease for Ladywell Arena and to operate the site as a publicly accessible facility.

(3) Officers work with the local community to develop a sustainable operating model for the Lewisham Indoor Bowls Centre while wider consideration of the Bridge Leisure Centre is ongoing.

(4) Officers undertake proactive work with schools and other institutions to increase community access to sports hall facilities and neighbouring leisure facilities to meet demand displaced from the Bridge Leisure Centre; and

(5) Officers return to Mayor and Cabinet in mid 2021/22 with an update and proposals for the wider leisure facility offer in the borough and further consideration of The Bridge Leisure Centre.

5. Council Tax Base

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

- (1) the Council Tax Base calculation for 2021/22, as set out in the annual Council Tax Base government return, attached at Appendix A;
- (2) Council be recommended to agree a Council Tax Base of 88,614.3 Band D equivalent properties for 2021/22;
- (3) Council be recommended to agree a budgeted Council Tax collection rate of 95.0%;
- (4) Council be recommended to agree no changes be made to

the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for 2021/22, that eligible claimants make a minimum contribution of 25% towards their council tax;

(5) Council be recommended to approve the continuation of the discretionary Council Tax discount of 100% for care leavers up to the age of 25, as set out in section five;

(6) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for second homes for 2020/21 be continued for 2021/22, as set out in section five;

(7) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 0% discount for empty homes Class A (an empty property undergoing structural alteration or major repair to make it habitable) be continued, as set out in section five of this report;

(8) Council be recommended to agree that the existing policy of a 100% discount awarded for a period of four weeks and then a 0% discount thereafter, for empty homes – Class C (a substantially empty and unfurnished property) be continued, as set out in section five;

(9) Council be recommended to agree that the existing Long Term Empty Property homes premium of 100% for properties empty between 2 and 5 years, and 200% for those empty for over five years with further incremental increases in future years be continued, as set out in section five;

(10) the proposed 2021/22 National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) estimated net yield of £65m, based on current information available and excluding any potential additional Covid reliefs or rateable value changes, be noted; and

(11) Council be asked to delegate the approval of the final 2021/22 NNDR1 form to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources for submission by the deadline of 31 January 2021.

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