



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet

Date: 16 February 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 10 February 2021 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider decisions taken by the Mayor on 10 February 2021, which will come in to force on 17 February 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 16 February 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following decisions on 10 February 2021.

- i. Budget Strategy
- ii. Modern Slavery Statement 2021 Lewisham Housing Allocations Policy Review
- iii. Lease arrangement with Lewisham Homes for Next Steps Accommodation
- iv. Highways and Traffic Works Partnering Contract

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 17 February 2021.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

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

Decisions will become effective on February 17 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on February 16 2021.

1. **Budget Update**

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 that:

- (1) the changes to the 2021/22 to 2023/24 Capital programme be noted and Council be recommended to approve the 2021/22 to 2023/24 Capital Programme of £556.3m, as set out in section 5 and Appendix A;
- (2) Council be recommended to approve a Band D Council Tax for 2021/22 of £1,379.96 for the Council's element, an increase of 4.99% (including a social care precept of 3%), based on a General Fund Budget Requirement of £243.100m for 2021/22;
- (3) Council be asked to note the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept being increased by £31.59 to £363.66 (Band D equivalent), a 9.5% increase from its 2020/21 level;
- (4) Council be asked to approve an overall total Band D Council Tax for 2021/22 of £1,743.62, a 5.91% increase, to include the GLA precept;
- (5) Council be recommended to approve on 3 March 2021, the statutory calculation of the Budget Requirement for Lewisham for 2021/22, as at Appendix B;
- (6) Council be recommended to approve on 3 March 2021, the motion on the budget, as at Appendix C, including any modifications made to the proposals published in the 2021/22 Budget Report;

(7) the provisional and estimated precept and levies from the GLA and other bodies as detailed in Appendix D be noted and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources to include any changes to these in the report for Council;

(8) the final settlement figure for 2021/22 is being debated in parliament on 10 February and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources to include any change to the provisional settlement of £123,304,020 in the report for Council with any difference covered from provisions and reserves as necessary;

(9) there was no response from Business Rate payers to the consultation on the draft Budget which took place from 11 January 2021 to 1 February 2021. With further information as provided in section 5;

(10) the revised 2021/22 to 2023/24 prudential borrowing numbers be noted as laid out in tables six to eight;

(11) the Section 25 Statement from the Chief Finance Officer be endorsed as attached at Appendix E;

(12) the work being undertaken with respect of cut proposal C-22 be noted with a further report to return to Mayor and Cabinet;

(13) the Council's application to bid for S31 grant funding of up to £3.2m from the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme be approved; and

(14) Authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm the procurement and delivery of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme works in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources for the inclusion of this within the capital programme for 2021/22.

2. Modern Slavery Statement 2021

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the potential impact of the adoption of Lewisham's Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for 2021-2022 on current and future arrangements, including with partners as set out be noted; and

(2) the Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement for 2021-2022 be approved.

3. Lease arrangement with Lewisham Homes for Next Steps Accommodation

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Director of Law, Governance & HR, to grant a lease of the Sydney Arms to Lewisham Homes Limited should this be required and to agree the final terms of the lease and all associated documentation.

4. Highways and Traffic Works Partnering Contract

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

- (1) the strategy for highway service delivery via works contracts as set out be approved;
- (2) the current Highways Maintenance & Planned Works procurement exercise be ceased;
- (3) a one year extension of the current Highways Maintenance & Planned Works, to March 2022 be approved to align the end date with the Highways Footway works Contract (*Footway works*) and the Highways Resurfacing Works Contract (*Carriageway Works*)) at a cost of £2.8 million; and
- (4) a new procurement of a new consolidated Highways Works Partnering Contract be approved for a period of 8 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

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