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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Best, Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk and Jonathan Slater.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Kim Powell

Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Damien Egan, Councillor Sophie McGeevor and Councillor Joani Reid.

468. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Paul Bell declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 7 as his employer had issued a collective grievance on this matter and he withdrew from the meeting during consideration of that item.

469. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on March 24 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

470. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Select Committee for their submission on the financial forecasts and acknowledged more resources were required to support action being taken at the local level.

Having considered a written submission by the Public Accounts Select Committee, the Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

471. Refugee Resettlement Programme Part 1

The report was introduced by Councillor Kevin Bonavia who underlined Lewisham's continuing commitment to supporting refugees and explained why the use of an outside provider was required to supplement the Council's provision.

Having considered both an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees and Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 4-0 of members physically present in the Council Chamber:

RESOLVED that the award of a two year contract with the option to extend for

a further 2 years to British Refugee Council be approved for a value of £1,707,728.00 over two years to deliver Lewisham Council's Refugee Resettlement Programme, welcoming and resettling families. Should the option to extend the contract by another two years be exercised, the additional cost would be £988,534.

472. Building for Lewisham Programme requirements

The report was introduced by Councillor Paul Bell who tabled some amendments to the appendices.

The Cabinet was next addressed by Abbey Darling on behalf of the residents of Greystead Road and surrounding streets. She said there were strong objections to the building proposals especially as all residents had to go on was a single line drawing and a consultation period in March and April that was felt to be inadequate.

Jamila Astwood spoke on behalf of residents of the Dacres Estate who believed consultation had been too brief especially given the potential impact on green space.

Perry Vale Ward Councillor John Paschoud spoke saying he believed the consultation by Lewisham Homes had been impressive. He explained Section 105 consultations were limited to secure tenants but Lewisham Homes had gone much further engaging widely with other area interest groups. He stressed that the formal planning process had not commenced and there were no detailed proposals on the table. These would only be submitted once all views expressed had been considered.

Councillor Bell concluded by thanking residents for appearing and voicing their concerns. He confirmed no firm plans had been developed as the Council was still in an early part of the process. He explained Housing developments took a long time and involved a lot of pre-planning preparation. He pledged that residents would not be ignored and he said he would be happy to meet residents to discuss any issues they had. He explained the context of the Council's efforts to tackle homelessness but stated that thus far no decisions had been taken.

Having considered an open officer report, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell and two local residents, the Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 4-0 of members physically present in the Council Chamber:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the responses to the consultation carried out on Valentines Court estate under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(2) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Valentine Court estate be continued;

(3) the responses to the consultation carried out on Dacres Road estate under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(4) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Dacres Road estate be continued;

(5) the responses to the consultation carried out on Drakes Court under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(6) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Drakes Court site be continued;

(7) the responses to the consultation carried out on the Greystead Road estate under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(8) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Greystead Road site be continued;

(9) the responses to the consultation carried out on Hensford Gardens under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(10) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Hensford Gardens site be continued;

(11) the responses to the consultation carried out on Markwell Close, Prospect Close and Peter's Path under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received;

(12) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Markwell Close, Prospect Close and Peter's Path site be continued;

(13) the responses to the consultation carried out on Walsham Road under s105 of the Housing Act 1985 between 19 March 2021 and 12 April 2021 be received; and

(14) having considered the responses to the consultation, the proposal to build new homes on the Walsham Road site be continued.

473. Local Democracy Review

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees and Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 4-0 of members physically present in the Council Chamber:

- (1) the report attached at Appendix A be approved; and
- (2) the report be referred to Council for agreement and endorsement.

474. Pay Calculation for Staff and for Staff employed in schools on term time only contracts

Councillor Bell withdrew from the Chamber during consideration of this item.

Councillor Barnham thanked Councillor De Ryk for presenting the report which he said related to a national issue and was all about treating staff fairly.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Cabinet for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0 of members physically present in the Council Chamber:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the terms of the collective agreement as set out in summary be approved;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Head of Human Resources, in consultation with the Executive Director for Children and Young People and the Director of Law, Governance and Elections, to implement the collective agreement and to settle any further matters arising including from claims made;
- (3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources in consultation with the Executive Director for Children and Young People to agree the basis of shared funding arrangements between the Council and schools, via the Schools' Forum;
- (4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources to enter into any loan agreements to support those schools requiring financial or cash flow support as a direct result of backdated Term Time only claim costs.

475. 114-116 Manor Avenue Part 1

Having considered both an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the reports and by a vote of 4-0 of members physically present in the Council Chamber:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the rationale for the conversion of the premises to provide temporary accommodation for families as set out;
- (2) 114-116 Manor Avenue be converted for use as set out;
- (3) the budget for Lewisham Homes to complete the conversion to provide 10

self-contained temporary housing units as set out in the accompanying Part 2 report be approved;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm in conjunction with the Director of Law, Governance & Elections to submit a planning application and approve any minor changes that may be required through the planning process and for Lewisham Homes to tender and appoint contractors to complete the work.

476. 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

10 Refugee Resettlement Programme Part 2

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Prior to the conclusion of the meeting the Cabinet noted this was the last meeting for Cllr Best in her role as Deputy Mayor and they recorded their thanks for her service over the last three years.

The meeting closed at 7.02pm.