

# MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Damien Egan (Mayor), Chris Barnham, Paul Bell, Kevin Bonavia, Andre Bourne, Brenda Dacres, Amanda De Ryk, Jonathan Slater and Kim Powell

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Louise Krupski, Councillor James Walsh

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Best and Councillor Sophie McGeevor.

## **499. Declaration of Interests**

None were made.

## **500. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on June 9 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **501. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies**

Three referrals from the Sustainable Development Select Committee were considered alongside the agenda items on the same subjects.

## **502. Sustainable Procurement Strategy 2021-25**

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

RESOLVED that the new Sustainable Procurement Strategy for the period 2021 – 2025 be approved.

## **503. Borough of Culture Delivery Update**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs & Skills, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that agreed that decisions on the award of grants over £10,000 and up to maximum of £250,000 from the Borough of Culture artistic programme budget of £1.9 million be delegated to the Director of Culture, Libraries and Learning.

## **504. Church Grove Community Led Housing: Update and amendments to Development Agreement**

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 and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the update and amendments to the Development Agreement in relation to Church Grove included in section 5 be approved; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm in consultation with the Director of Law, Governance and Elections to negotiate and agree the final detail in relation to these amendments to the terms of the Development Agreement and lease with RUSS and any further amendments going forwards.

#### **505. Grove Park Neighbourhood Plan**

The report was presented by Councillor Bell who received the congratulations of the Mayor for producing such positive proposals. The Cabinet was also addressed by a local Ward member, Councillor Mark Ingleby, who expressed the hope that the new Local Plan would link to the vision.

Having considered an open officer report, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell and a Ward Councillor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the modifications made to the policy text outlined in the examiner's report be accepted and the examiners recommendation that the plan should proceed to a public referendum be approved.

#### **506. Review of Public Consultation Feedback & approval to adopt Catford Town Centre Framework**

The report was presented by Councillor Bell who received strong support from Councillor Krupski on behalf of the Sustainable Development Select Committee. Councillor Krupski said the proposals should serve as an exemplar for future development projects and she praised the levels of engagement which had taken place with stakeholders and the local community.

Local Ward Member and Vice Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee Councillor James Walsh added his support and thanked officers for their hard work in producing proposals with a clear narrative,

Having considered an open officer report, and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Louise Krupski and by Ward Councillor James Walsh, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the content of the report and changes made to the draft Catford Town Centre Framework as a result of the 12th November 2020 - 5th February 2021 period of public consultation be noted;

(2) the Catford Town Centre Framework be approved as part of the evidence base for the LB Lewisham Local Plan.

(3) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm be authorised to make final changes to the Catford Town Centre Framework document.

(4) 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 for Council-owned sites – including potential partnership approaches and approaches to funding and phasing;

(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 a strategy for Civic Accommodation/the Catford Campus;

(6) 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 delivery of the aims of the Framework Plan (within the current delegation framework);

(7) continued development of the scheme to re-align the South Circular road, in order to enable the delivery of the aims of the Framework Plan, including working with TfL to reach agreement on matters of technical detail and with TfL and DfT in relation to funding be approved; and

(8) the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm be asked to produce a response to the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee for Mayoral consideration.

#### **507. Catford Regeneration Partnership Business Plan 2020-23**

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 and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the 2020 - 23 Business Plan for the Catford Regeneration Partnership Limited (CRPL) be approved;

(2) the proposed budget to deliver the above business plan and that an annual update will be provided to Mayor and Cabinet in line with the Company's Articles of Association be noted; and

(3) both the business plan and budget be submitted at the next available Council meeting to be endorsed.

#### **508. Financial Monitoring Report 2021/22 Period 2**

Councillor De Ryk confirmed there had been a £20.2M overspend related to Covid measures and a £8.9M overspend from other sectors, mainly Adult Social Care and Children Social Care. She recommended prudential borrowing of £5M at an interest rate of £150k per year.

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

RESOLVED that:

(1) the current financial forecasts for the year ending 31 March 2022 be noted and Executive Directors be requested to continue to work in bringing forward action plans to manage down budget pressures within their directorates;

(2) £5m of prudential borrowing be approved for the purposes set out in section 16 and in agreeing the revenue impact of this borrowing of £150k per annum be noted with the associated funding identified during the Council's Medium Term Financial planning process; and

(3) the overall position of the Capital Programme budget set out in section 16 with further details attached at appendices 4 to 6 be noted.

#### **509. Medium Term Financial Strategy**

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

RESOLVED that

(1) the risks with regards to current year financial cuts, Covid and the uncertainty of future government funding; and the potential for this to impact negatively on the cuts levels required for 2022/23 be noted;

(2) the 2022/23 to 2025/26 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and outline approach being taken to identify cuts proposals required to meet the remaining estimated budget gap of £26m over the next four years be approved; and

(3) the timetable for bringing forward cuts proposals and building the 2022/23

budget to Council in February/March 2022 be approved.

#### **510. Public Realm Framework Contract**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that a new procurement of a new Public Realm Framework Contract, for a fixed period of 4 years at an estimated cost of £2 million be approved.

#### **511. Building for Lewisham Enabling Works (part 1)**

Having considered an open and 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 and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the budget secured through the GLA Small Sites Small Builders (SSSB) grant programme, to proceed with enabling works on the Valentines Court site be approved;

(2) the budget secured through the GLA Small Sites Small Builders (SSSB) grant programme be used to proceed with enabling works on the Dacres Road site, noting this site is currently under review, except the area where the garages are currently sited, which is proceeding;

(3) the budget secured through the GLA Small Sites Small Builders (SSSB) grant programme be used to proceed with enabling works on the Walsham House site (previously allocated to the Eddystone Tower site);

(4) subject to planning permission being granted, Lewisham Homes, as the Council's development partner, be authorised to appoint a contractor to undertake the necessary demolition as part of the enabling works for the Valentines Court site;

(5) subject to planning permission being granted, Lewisham Homes, as the Council's development partner, be authorised to appoint a contractor to undertake the necessary demolition of the existing garages as part of the enabling works for the Dacres Road site;

(6) subject to planning permission being granted, Lewisham Homes, as the development partner, be authorised to appoint a contractor to undertake the necessary demolition as part of the enabling works for the Walsham House site; and

(7) the budgets relating to recommendations 1 to 3 above be approved for the sums stated in the confidential report

## **512. Besson Street Approval of Business Plan (part 1)**

Having considered an open and 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 and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the fourth annual Besson Street Business Plan attached as Appendix A to the Part 2 report be approved; and
- (2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to implement the Besson Street Business Plan once finalised.

## **513. Emission Based Short Stay Parking and Motorcycle Parking Charges**

The report was presented by the Deputy Mayor who confirmed there would be a 12 week consultation period on the charging proposals. Councillor Louise Krupski presented the supportive views of her Select Committee.

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brenda Dacres and the Chair of the Sustainable Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the introduction of emission-based short-stay parking charges to align with all other permits currently issued throughout the borough be approved, subject to statutory consultation via the Traffic Management Order process;
- (2) a public consultation regarding the introduction of motorcycle parking charges take place in August 2021 for 12 weeks;
- (3) the results of the consultation (and any objections) be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and the Public Realm for sign off and implementation.
- (4) a requirement for motorcycles to hold a valid permit to park in any permit holder bay, which will be charged based on emissions be approved, subject to public consultation;
- (5) a requirement for visitors travelling by motorcycle to display either a visitor permit under the current charging system when visiting friends and family, or purchase a cashless parking session when parked in short-stay bays, which will be charged based on emissions be approved, subject to public consultation; and

(6) moving to a fully cashless system for short-stay parking within the borough be approved; and

(7) the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm be asked to prepare a response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee for Mayoral consideration.

#### **514. Waste Strategy**

The report was presented by the Deputy Mayor who underlined the Council's commitment to be a Carbon Neutral Borough by 2030. She was followed by Councillor Louise Krupski who presented the wide ranging views of her Select Committee.

Having considered an open officer report, and presentations by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brenda Dacres, and the Chair of the Sustainable Select Committee, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the commencement of the 12 week public consultation be approved and that proposals outlined for the next 10 years of Lewisham's Waste Strategy be considered;

(2) the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm be asked to prepare a response to the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee for Mayoral consideration.

#### **515. Business Case and Procurement Strategy for Young People's Sexual Health and Substance Misuse Services**

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 3-0:

RESOLVED that agreed that the commencement of the procurement of a new Young People's Substance Misuse and Sexual Health Service be approved with a contract is expected to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 for a period of three years, with an option to extend for an additional 1 + 1 years and that the maximum annual budget available is £452,000.

#### **516. Corporate Energy Contracts**

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

RESOLVED that

(1) the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be authorised to approve the procurement route of the energy contracts; and

(2) the Executive Director for Corporate Resources be authorised to approve the award of energy contracts to the the winning provider following a procurement process under a public sector framework agreement.

**517. LGSCO public report into complaint about Children's Social Care**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Childrens Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that the contents of the report (Appendix 1) and the responses to LGSCO recommendations, set out in the action plan (Appendix 2) be noted.

**518. Statutory Proposal to close St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Childrens Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School be closed with an implementation date of 31 December 2021; and

(2) officers work with the affected pupils and parents along with the School, Governing Body and Archdiocese to ensure that all displaced pupils are found suitable school places elsewhere.

**519. Updated Determined Admissions Arrangements in line with new DfE Admissions Code 2021**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Childrens Services and School Performance, Councillor Chris Barnham, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the changes necessary as a result of the new School Admissions Code 2021 be accepted;

(2) the updated admissions arrangements for community schools for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved

(3) updated admissions arrangements for community schools for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

## **520. Textile collection bring bank service**

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet, for the reasons set out in the report and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that:

(1) the procurement of a framework agreement for the provision of a textile bring bank service for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a period of up to 1 year at an estimated value of £1,341,419 be approved; and

(2) an extension of the call-off contract with LM Barry for a period of six months, whilst the Council procures a new framework agreement.

## **521. New Parking Enforcement arrangements on Lewisham Homes and RB3 managed Housing Estates**

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 and by a vote of 3-0:

RESOLVED that

(1) the review underway of parking arrangements on Council owned Housing Estates be noted, and the introduction of TMO's (Traffic Management Orders) for the purpose of managing and enforcing parking on housing land, including existing Housing Estate parking sites and additional new sites where new build developments are being constructed by Lewisham Homes be approved in principle; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and the Public Realm to agree the draft scheme designs as set out;

(3) statutory consultation be carried out with secure tenants under Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 and non-statutory consultation with leaseholders regarding the proposed changes, with the results of that consultation be reported back to Mayor & Cabinet for consideration prior to a final decision on the introduction of TMO's being made; and

(4) subject to the changes going ahead, a review of the parking charges for current housing sites within the first year of implementation of the new parking arrangements, the results of which will then be reported to a future meeting of Mayor and Cabinet to sign off the review and agree the recommendations for a new charging structure be approved in principle.

## **522. 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.

- 25. Building for Lewisham Enabling Works part 2
- 26. Besson Street Approval of Business Plan part 2

**523. Building for Lewisham Enabling Works (part 2) relates to Item 13 in part 1**

The report was considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report on the agenda.

**524. Besson Street Approval of Business Plan (part 2) relates to Item 14 in part 1**

The report was considered in conjunction with the Part 1 report on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.19pm