



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet

Date: 12 October 2021

Key decision: Yes

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Committees

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider decisions taken at a meeting of the Mayor and Cabinet held on 6 October 2021 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 6 October 2021, which will come in to force on 13 October 2021, unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 12 October 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following decisions on 6 October 2021:

- i. Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-26
- ii. Borough-Wide Selective Licensing of the private rented sector - approval to consult
- iii. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2021-22
- iv. Financial Monitoring 2021-22
- v. Approval of a new Housing Allocations Scheme
- vi. Small Sites Supplementary Planning Document
- vii. Broadway Theatre Works delegated approval
- viii. A21 Development Framework
- ix. Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) Neighbourhood Forum re-designation decision

2.2 The notice of the decisions in respect of these report is 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 13 October 2021.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor & Cabinet made the following decisions on October 6 2021. All recommendations shown were agreed by a 6-0 vote of voting members in physical attendance.

Decisions 1 to 9 will become effective on October 13 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on October 12 2021.

1. Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-26

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, for Safer Communities, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that: the new Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women and Girls Strategy for Lewisham, 2021-26 be approved.

2. Private Sector Housing - Consultation for introducing selective licensing scheme

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

(1) officers undertake a public consultation on the proposal for a Selective Licensing scheme as set out in section 6;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Environment and Public Realm to finalise the consultation documents; and

(3) the submission of the Selective Licensing application to the MHCLG be paused pending the outcome of the consultation.

3. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2021/22

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the report, in particular the macroeconomic updates, performance of investments to date, updates on capital expenditure and borrowing in line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and

Accountancy's (CIPFA) prudential indicators, and compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, be noted

4. Financial Monitoring 2021/22

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 agreed 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) officers submit a bid for up to £3m from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund as set out; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to undertake the procurement and delivery of the works in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources.

5. Introduction of a new Housing Allocation Policy

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

(1) the implementation of the Allocations Policy at Appendix 1 be approved; and

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm to agree the date on which the new policy will take effect.

6. Small Sites Study Supplementary Planning Document

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

(1) the representations received and the amendments to the SPD made following public consultation be noted as shown in appendix 6;

(2) Sustainable Development Select Committee reviewed the final draft of the SPD and in a meeting held on 13 September 2021 confirmed they were happy with the document and the changes made, subject to a number of grammatical amendments and having reminded officers of the agreed additions to Appendix 3 of the SPD; and

(3) the adoption of the Small Sites SPD be approved.

7. Broadway Theatre Works – Approval for delegated authority to award the contract to a suitable Main Contractor for refurbishment works

Having considered open and confidential officer reports, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Community Services to award the contract to a suitable Main Contractor to undertake the refurbishment works.

8. A21 Development Framework

Having considered an open officer report, and a submission by the Sustainable Development Committee and presentations by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, and the Chair of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, Councillor Louise Krupski, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that

(1) the written comments received from the meeting of Sustainable Development Select Committee held on 15 September 2021 be received and the Executive Director for Housing; Regeneration and Public Realm be asked to prepare a response; and

(2) the content of the draft A21 Development Framework be approved for public consultation.

9. Deptford Neighbourhood Area-designation

Having considered an open officer report and confidential appendices, and presentations by a member of the public, Vanessa Celosse and by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning, Councillor Paul Bell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that

(1) the application for the re-designation of Deptford neighbourhood Action forum be refused for the following reasons

a) Whilst officers acknowledge the commitment and hard work carried out by the forum to date, they are not convinced that the purpose of the forum continues to reflect, in general terms, the character of the neighbourhood planning area under section 61F(7)(a)(iii) of the TCPA 1990, as found through the public consultation held on the forum re-designation application where 50% of the representations made objected to the re-designation of the forum.

b) Furthermore with competing community groups in the area and strained relationships between the forum and other prominent groups, Officers remain unconvinced that proceeding with the process will fulfil the forums agreed constitution “to encourage, empower and enable the involvement of all communities living and working in the defined neighbourhood area in the

preparation, production and implementation of the neighbourhood Development plan” or to “Encourage community cohesion and active citizenship” therefore concluding that the forum has not fulfilled the criteria of having membership drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area as outlined under section 61F(7)(a)(ii) of the TCPA

(2) Officers be directed to work with community groups within the neighbourhood area to establish whether a viable neighbourhood planning or masterplanning process can be established to incorporate the views of all community groups and the general public.

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