



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet

Date: 16 November 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 3 November 2021 in open session

1. Recommendation

To consider decisions taken by the Mayor and Cabinet on 3 November 2021, which will come in to force on 17 November 2021, unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 16 November 2021.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following decision on 3 November 2021:

- i. Endorsement of the Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership's - A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham (2021-26)
- ii. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) – Boroughwide recommendations for funding
- iii. Leisure Management Arrangements
- iv. GLA Homes for Londoners Affordable Housing Programme 2021-26 Bid Outcome
- v. Buyback programme
- vi. Supported Accommodation & Floating Support Services – Permission to Award
- vii. Award of Contract Drug and Alcohol Services (Core Contract)
- viii. Shared Ownership: Approval to Market, Sell and Manage
- ix. Building Security & Related Services
- x. Catford Regeneration Programme – Approval to Tender works to refurbish the former Catford Constitutional Club
- xi. Procurement of a replacement Housing Management System and implementation of a Customer Relationship Management System

xii. Consultation Results and Feedback on Proposed New Parking Arrangements on Housing Estate Land

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 November 2021.



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE CABINET

The Mayor & Cabinet made the following decisions on November 3 2021. All recommendations shown were agreed by a 5-0 or 6-0 vote of voting members in physical attendance.

The decisions will become effective on November 17 2021 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on November 16 2021.

1. Endorsement of the Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership's - A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham (2021-26)

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Councillor Patrick Codd, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that: the 'A Natural Renaissance for Lewisham' document be endorsed and the strategic aspirations of the Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership as a formal step in demonstrating due regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.

2. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Boroughwide recommendations for funding

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Business and Community Wealth Building, Councillor Kim Powell, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the allocation of NCIL Borough Wide funding to the list of recommended projects found in section 8 be approved.

3. Leisure Management Arrangements

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Councillor Andre Bourne, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that

(1) the progress made since the report to Mayor and Cabinet of 13th January 2021 be noted;

(2) the commissioning of a detailed feasibility study to explore the delivery of a new leisure centre in the south of the borough be approved; and

(3) The Bridge Leisure Centre remains closed while the feasibility study is undertaken.

4. GLA Homes for Londoners Affordable Housing Programme 2021-26 Bid Outcome

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the acceptance by the Council of £69.945 million in grant funding from the GLA through the AHP 2021-26 be approved;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Elections to approve the terms of and to enter into the grant agreement for the AHP 2021-26 programme funding;

(3) authority be delegated to the Director for Inclusive Regeneration to substitute, amend and reconfigure the schemes within the AHP 2021-2026 programme, subject to remaining within the financial parameters of the AHP 2021-26;

(4) authority be delegated to the Director for Inclusive Regeneration to authorise the submission of a further bid through the Continuous Market Engagement (CME) process for the AHP 2021-26 for a minimum of a further 58 social rented homes, subject to the said bid being within the Building for Lewisham agreed financial hurdles and parameters;

(5) £550,000 of S106 funds be allocated to the Achilles Street Regeneration Project; and

(6) all schemes referenced shall come forward to subsequent Mayor and Cabinet meetings for their necessary approvals as the projects progress.

5. Buyback programme

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the purchase of up to 100 homes to let as London Affordable Rented homes be approved utilising right to buy receipts and Housing Revenue Account borrowing and to note that if GLA Right to Buyback grant is secured this will replace the use of Right to Buy receipts;

(2) the purchase of up to 20 four bed homes for the Afghan Refugee programme be approved utilising GLA Right to Buyback grant and General Fund Borrowing, subject to securing GLA grant and the costs being contained within the programme budget;

(3) authority be delegated to the Director of Inclusive Regeneration to approve the purchase of individual properties, and associated administrative, refurbishment or alteration/extension works costs for the Buyback Programme subject to the costs being contained within the programme budget;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration & Public Realm in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Elections to bid for and accept any local, regional or national financial grants to support the delivery of the Buyback Programme;

(5) all properties acquired under the Buyback Programme will be added to and managed by Lewisham Homes under the existing Management Agreement;

(6) a stated budget from Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing to match fund Right to Buy (RtB) receipts of up to a stated sum be approved for the 100 home buyback programme. The use of HRA borrowing and/or RtB Receipts will reduce if GLA grant is awarded to support this Buyback Programme; and

(7) a stated budget of General Fund borrowing for the 20 home Afghan Refugee buyback programme be approved match funding GLA grant. If the GLA grant is not awarded, for this element of the programme, the 20 larger homes for families from Afghanistan, will be omitted from the programme due to prohibitive financial viability.

6. Supported Accommodation & Floating Support Services – Permission to Award

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed:

(1) to award a contract to Hestia to deliver a male only high needs mental health supported housing service. The contract will be for an initial period of 3 years, commencing on 1st April 2022, with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years up to a maximum contract value of £2,097,035 - £419,407 pa.

(2) to award a contract to Single Homeless Project to deliver a Young Persons Assessment Centre and Next Steps Care Leaver Service for an initial period of 4 years, commencing on 1st April 2022 with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years up to a maximum contract value of £2,124,683 - £354,113 pa.

(3) to award a contract to Single Homeless Project to deliver a Single Adults Community Recovery & Re-integration service for an initial period of 4 years, commencing on 1st April 2022, with option to extend for up to a further 2 years up to a maximum contract value of £2,329,560 - £388,260 pa.

(4) to award a contract to Thames Reach to deliver a Tenancy Sustainment & Resettlement service for singles for an initial period of 3 years,

commencing on 1st April 2022 with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years up to a maximum contract value of £1,399,468 - £279,866 pa.

(5) direct negotiations be entered into with a supplier following a failed tender exercise for a Mental Health Community Recovery service.

(6) award of this contract be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services once direct negotiations have concluded on the advice of the Director of Law, Corporate Governance and Elections.

7. Award of Contract Drug and Alcohol Services (Core Contract)

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) Change, Grow, Live be appointed to deliver the Core Contract Service for Adults with Alcohol and Substance Misuse for an initial period of 3 years, commencing on 1st April 2022, with an option to extend for a further 1 + 1 years at an annual contract value of £2,281,700 up to a maximum contract value of £11,408,500 over a full 5 year period; and

(2) the current 2021-22 contract value is £2,429,208, fully funded from a combination of main Public Health Grant, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) grant via the London Crime Prevention Fund, Rough Sleeping Drug & Alcohol Treatment Grant via Public Health England and Section 31 Grant for additional drug treatment, crime and harm reduction activity via Public Health England with there being no contribution from the Council's General Fund budgets.

8. Shared Ownership: Approval to Market, Sell and Manage

Having considered an open officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) Lewisham Council become a provider of Shared Ownership homes within the London Borough of Lewisham.

(2) the proposed Shared Ownership Policy set out at Section 5 be approved;

(3) the process of marketing, sale and management of Shared Ownership homes to facilitate existing programmes through Lewisham Homes be approved;

(4) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm in consultation with the Director of Legal, Corporate Governance and Elections, to agree a variation to the Council's Management Agreement with Lewisham Homes to appoint Lewisham Homes as the Council's sales and marketing agent for all the Council's Shared Ownership homes and to provide all necessary management services in this respect;

(5) authority be delegated to the Director of Inclusive Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Law, Corporate Governance & Elections, authority to agree terms for the sale of the Shared Ownership homes developed through the Building for Lewisham programme, subject to a RICS valuation and the sales being in conformity with GLA funding, including all subsequent staircasing sales. This decision is dependent on Mayor and Cabinet accepting GLA AHP grant funding in the 2021-2026 Programme which is being considered by separate report on 3rd November 2021.

(6) GLA AHP 2021-2026 grant be applied, if accepted by Mayor and Cabinet by separate report on the 3 November 2021 to 171 Shared Ownership homes and that Right to Buy Receipts be applied to the remaining Shared Ownership homes in the Building for Lewisham programme where GLA funding is unavailable with this application and any subsequent reallocation of these funds be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm; and

(7) authority be delegated to the Director of Inclusive Regeneration the ability to vary the rent on the unsold equity of these Shared Ownership homes, if necessary, to make them more affordable but within agreed viability assumptions.

9. Building Security & Related Services

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 officers be authorised to carry out an open tender exercise in order to procure building security and related services on the basis of a three year contract with an optional two year extension.

10 Catford Regeneration Programme – Approval to Tender works to refurbish the former Catford Constitutional Club

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the pursuance of a tender process to engage a suitable contractor to undertake the refurbishment of the former CCC building be approved;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services, to approve the most suitable procurement route to seek a contractor for the refurbishment of the former CCC building.

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Services to approve the engagement of the most economically viable contractor to undertake the refurbishment of the former CCC building

up to a maximum value with Pre-tender estimates and approval thresholds being outlined within Part 2 for reasons of commercial sensitivity; and

(4) Lewisham Council are already affiliated to the London wide Dangerous Structures Consortium framework contract that was retendered via an Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) process by Hounslow Council and won by Wates Property Services Ltd on 18 March 2021 and note be taken changes made via the retendered process now include a Planned Works section that requires approval from Mayor and Cabinet for officers to use and authorisation for this is sought.

11. Procurement of a replacement Housing Management System and implementation of a Customer Relationship Management System

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Democracy, Refugees & Accountability, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the commencement of a tender exercise be approved to replace the incumbent Housing Management System with a Customer Relationship Management System;

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources to approve the procurement process; and

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Corporate Resources the decision to award the contract to the winning bidder resulting from the competitive tender.

12. Consultation Results and Feedback on Proposed New Parking Arrangements on Housing Estate Land

Having considered an open and a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Mayor, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the results and feedback from the statutory Section 105 consultation with secure tenants, and the non-statutory consultation undertaken with leaseholders be received;

(2) the introduction of TMOs for the purpose of managing and enforcing parking on Housing Estate land be approved and to note that this includes existing Housing Estate parking sites and any additional sites where new build developments are being constructed by Lewisham Homes;

(3) authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and the Public Realm to consider the outcome of the Statutory TMO consultation process and whether or not to approve the implementation of the new scheme;

(4) Subject to the new scheme being implemented following consideration of the outcome of the Statutory TMO consultation process, officers be instructed to undertake a review of the parking charges for current Housing Estates within the first year of implementation of the new scheme and to agree that the scope of the review will involve moving to emissions-based parking permits on Housing Estates to align with all other permits issued in the borough and that the review will include an assessment of the socio-economic impacts of any emissions-based scheme, the results of the review to be reported back to Mayor and Cabinet prior to consideration by Mayor and Cabinet of any recommendations for a new charging structure; and

(5) authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Housing, Regeneration and the Public Realm to carry out and consider responses to approve future Section 105 and TMO statutory consultations connected to the implementation of new parking enforcement sites on Housing Estate land and including new sites being introduced as a result of new build developments on Housing Estates.

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