



Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 4.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Peter John (Chair)
Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Victoria Mills
Councillor Michael Situ
Councillor Mark Williams

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fiona Colley.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

No late items were identified.

3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A CLOSED MEETING, AND ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

No representations were received in respect of the items listed as closed business for the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillors Mark Williams, Darren Merrill, Michael Situ and Ian Wingfield declared an interest in respect of item 12, Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan as they owned properties within the area. These were not disclosable pecuniary interests.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

There were no deputation requests.

8. SOUTHWARK SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Michael O'Connor, Independent Chair presented his report to cabinet.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report from the Independent Chair of Southwark Safeguarding Children Board be received, noting its scope.
2. That the latest draft of the Southwark Safeguarding Children Board multi-agency child sexual exploitation strategy be reviewed by cabinet at the forthcoming November cabinet meeting, alongside a full cabinet report on child sexual exploitation.

9. WORKFORCE STRATEGY AND WORKFORCE REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress made against the council's workforce strategy and the actions that are planned for the year ahead, Appendix 1 of the report be noted.
2. That the additional area "building a workforce to deliver next generation public services" Appendix 1 of the report be agreed and that the council's human resources director report back to cabinet December 2014 on the programme.
3. That the information contained in the workforce report, Appendix 2, be noted.

10. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2015/16 TO 2017/18: SCENE SETTING REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the reduction in the government's estimate of spending power for the council in 2015/16 of £18.8m as shown in paragraph 20 of the report and the reduction in the government's estimate of start up funding for the council in 2015/16 of £33.5m be noted.
2. That the changes in the council's estimates of grants due to the council in 2015/16 as shown in paragraphs 23 to 43 of the report be noted.
3. That the actions and estimates provided by the council to address the gap between funding available and general fund spending, and the current predicted gap between resources available and general fund spending of £31.4m be noted.
4. That officers submit a further report to cabinet in December to include any further settlement information that becomes available, initial feedback from consultation and the revised budget gap, and to continue to work on budget options for a balanced budget in 2015/16 for presentation to the cabinet in January 2015.
5. That it be agreed the council's Southwark Emergency Support Scheme (SESS) should continue to be supported at current levels for the duration of this policy and resources strategy despite the removal of Social Fund grant.

11. NEW SOUTHWARK PLAN - ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Councillor Mark Williams, cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport announced the following amendments to the plan:

- Page 105, end of the first table, the footnote:

73P East Dulwich Hospital site: instead of reading "This site is allocated for use as a health facility with ancillary community use", should read "This site is allocated for use as a health facility, once this is provided the remainder of the site should be a secondary school."

- Page 111, other potential development sites:

NSP107: instead of Cross Bones Graveyard should be called 15-33 Southwark Street.

RESOLVED:

1. That the New Southwark Plan Issues and Options (Appendix A of the report) for consultation be agreed.
2. That the consultation plan (Appendix B of the report) be noted.

12. PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD AREA ACTION PLAN

RESOLVED:

That council assembly:

1. Consider the report of the Planning Inspector on the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (Appendices B and C of the report).
2. Adopt the Peckham and Nunhead Area Action Plan (appendix A of the report) as amended by the Inspector's main modifications and the council's minor modifications.
3. Note the sustainability appraisal (Appendix E of the report), equalities analysis (Appendix G), consultation report (Appendix G), sustainability appraisal statement (Appendix H), appropriate assessment (Appendix I), adopted policies map (Appendix J) and main modifications consultation report (Appendix K).

NOTE: In accordance with overview and scrutiny procedure rule 23.1(a) (budget and policy framework) these decisions are not subject to call-in.

13. APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL'S CYCLING STRATEGY 2014 - CONSULTATION DRAFT

RESOLVED:

That public consultation of the council's draft cycling strategy 2014 ('the Strategy') be agreed.

14. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY WARDEN SERVICE

RESOLVED:

Decision of the Cabinet

1. That the response to the housing, environment, transport and community safety sub committee report on the Southwark wardens service set out in paragraphs 8-25 of the report be approved.

Decision of the Leader

2. That the cabinet member for environment, recycling, community safety and volunteering report back to the housing and community safety scrutiny sub-committee in one year on progress.

15. GATEWAY 2 - CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL: REFURBISHMENT OF THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES AT SOUTHWARK ATHLETICS CENTRE

RESOLVED:

That the award of the contract for the refurbishment of the athletics facilities at Southwark Athletics Centre to Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd be approved.

16. ACQUISITION OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN 71, 73 AND 75 ALBION STREET, SE16 AND 18 BRUNEL ROAD SE16

RESOLVED:

1. That the terms outlined in the report for the acquisition of the freehold interests in 71, 73 and 75 Albion Street, SE16 and 18 Brunel Road, SE16 ("the Properties") inclusive of statutory costs be approved.
2. That the head of property be authorised, once acquired, to allocate 71-75 (odd) Albion Street to the Albion Street Project Mandate, for the provision of new council housing.

17. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2014-15 - NHS TRUST BODIES / MILLWALL FOR ALL

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year be agreed:

Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (Council of Governors)

Councillor Jasmine Ali

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (Council of Governors)

Councillor Kieron Williams

South London and Maudsley (SLaM) NHS Foundation Trust (Members' Council)

Councillor Tom Flynn

Millwall for All

Councillor Leo Pollak

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That 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 category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the closed part of the meeting.

18. MINUTES

That the closed minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

19. GATEWAY 2 - CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL: REFURBISHMENT OF THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES AT SOUTHWARK ATHLETICS CENTRE

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 15 for decision.

20. ACQUISITION OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN 71, 73 AND 75 ALBION STREET SE16 AND 18 BRUNEL ROAD SE16

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 16 for decision.

Meeting ended at 5.35pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 12, THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.