



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY
DECEMBER 16 2008 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader of the Council
Councillor Kim Humphreys, Deputy Leader and Housing
Councillor Jeff Hook, Environment
Councillor Paul Kyriacou, Community Safety
Councillor Tim McNally, Resources
Councillor Adele Morris, Citizenship, Equalities and Communities
Councillor David Noakes, Health and Adult Care
Councillor Paul Noblet, Regeneration
Councillor Lisa Rajan, Children's Services and Education
Councillor Lewis Robinson, Culture, Leisure and Sport

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

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

The following item was identified as late and urgent. The leader agreed to accept the item as urgent for the reasons of urgency specified in the relevant minute:

Item 16 – Deputation requests – Livesey Museum

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Lisa Rajan declared a personal interest in item 14 Autistic Spectrums Conditions Strategy. She was not clear whether it was a prejudicial interest but chose to treat it as such.

Councillor Paul Noblet declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 14 as he was a governor of Redriff school.

Councillor Adele Morris declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 7 Youth Provision Review as she had taken part in the scrutiny review.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the open minutes of the meeting held on November 25 2008 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. **LIVESEY MUSEUM – REPORT ON CONSULTATION AND FUTURE OPTIONS**
(see pages 1-13)

The executive received deputations from the Friends of the Livesey Museum for Children and Theatre Peckham in respect of this item (see item 16).

The executive also received a motion passed at the December 15 Peckham Community Council meeting which was read out by Councillor Lewis Robinson, executive member for culture, leisure and sport. The motions was as follows:

“Following our community council meeting this evening we wanted to send a clear message that the councillors and local community in Peckham are completely opposed to any disposal or selling off of the Livesey Museum building. Our priority remains to see the building remain in community usage.

It is not true, as the officers report contends, that no comments were received from Peckham Community Council. In fact no formal approach was made to the community council for our views. We have, however, discussed the museum on several occasions including passing a previous motion opposing its closure. We have also helped the Friends of the Livesey Museum in their work to get the building open again.”

Following consideration of the open report the executive excluded the press and public and considered the closed information relating to the item. The press and public were then readmitted to the meeting and the executive member for culture, leisure and sport informed the meeting of the executive’s decision as set out below. In doing so Councillor Robinson explained that acting as trustees, the executive had come to the view that both options put before them (Novas Scarman Group and Theatre Peckham) could potentially be taken forward, but their decision was influenced by the 3 key criteria and it was felt that the Theatre Peckham option fitted more closely with the objectives of an educational nature, was more financially viable and bore a closer relationship with the old Parish of Camberwell.

In making the decision the executive acknowledged the work of the Friends of the Livesey Museum for Children over the last year and hoped that they would engage in discussions with Theatre Peckham in bringing forward the building.

RESOLVED: That the executive, acting as Trustees, and subject to approval by the Charity Commission, agrees the following option:

- The transfer of the assets of the Livesey Trust to Theatre Peckham.

7. **YOUTH PROVISION REVIEW – REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN’S SERVICES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE** (see pages 14-40)

At this juncture Councillor Adele Morris, having declared a personal prejudicial interest, left the meeting room during the consideration of this item.

Councillor Barrie Hargrove, Chair of the children’s services and education scrutiny sub-committee presented the report.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the scrutiny report from the children’s services and education scrutiny sub-committee be noted and a written response be provided to the sub-committee within two months.

8. **FREEDOM PASS REVIEW – REPORT FROM SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE C** (see pages 41-67)

Councillor Toby Eckersley, Chair of scrutiny sub-committee C presented the report.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the scrutiny report from scrutiny sub-committee C be noted and a written response be provided to the sub-committee within two months.

8a **FREEDOM PASS REVIEW – COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (see page 160)

This item was considered in conjunction with item 8 above.

RESOLVED: That a notice be published in Southwark Life drawing attention to the conclusions of the scrutiny review of the issue and renewal of Southwark disabled persons freedom passes and formally apologising to all those affected by the problems experienced during the 2008 process.

9. **POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2009/10 TO 2011/12 – MEDIUM TERM RESOURCE STRATEGY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT** (see pages 68-91)

RESOLVED:

1. That the context for the policy and resources strategy for 2009/10 to 2011/12 and the provisional local government settlement be noted.
2. That the updated medium term financial strategy be agreed as part of a comprehensive medium term resources strategy for the council (Appendix 2 of the report).
3. That the finance director be instructed to report back to the January 27 2009 executive meeting on proposed budget for 2009/10 and indicative allocations for 2010/11 and 2011/12.

10. **REVENUE MONITORING 2008/09 – QUARTER 2** (see pages 92-96)

RESOLVED: That the revenue monitoring report for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as at 31 October 2008 be noted.

11. **LONDON COUNCILS GRANTS SCHEME 2009/10** (see pages 97-103)

RESOLVED: That Southwark's contribution to the London Councils Grants Scheme of £956,263 for 2009/10 and a total budget of £30,118,000 for 2009/10 as recommended by the London Councils Grants Committee be approved.

12. **GATEWAY 1 & 2 – PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL AND CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL – SUPPLY OF GAS TO SITES CONSUMING OVER 25,000 THERMS** (see pages 104-112)

RESOLVED:

1. That the procurement strategy outlined in the report for the supply of gas to sites consuming over 25,000 therms be approved.
2. That the use of the LASER Consortium contract to award the contract of supply of gas to sites consuming over 25,000 therms to British Gas Business be approved.

13. **GATEWAY 1 – PROCURMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL PROCUREMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES** (see pages 113-124)

RESOLVED: That the proposal for the procurement of an internal audit service through a full OJEU process be approved.

14. **AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITIONS STRATEGY – OPENING CONSULTATION ON THE STATUTORY CHANGES** (see pages 125-155)

Having declared personal prejudicial interest in this item, Councillors Paul Noblet and Lisa Rajan left the meeting room during the consideration of the item.

RESOLVED:

1. That the children's services department commence consultation with stakeholders on its draft Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) Strategy (as agreed by Young Southwark), set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That the children's services department commence initial consultation with stakeholders on proposals to establish autism resource bases at Brunswick Park School, Rye Oak School, Redriff School and Snowsfields School (currently incorporates the Tim Jewell Unit for autism).
3. That the children's services department commence initial consultation with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admissions number at Spa School.
4. That the children's services department commence initial consultation with stakeholders on proposals to increase the admissions number at Haymerle School and on proposals to redesignate the school as a school for children with Autism.

5. That the revenue and capital implications around the development of primary and specialist provision in Southwark for children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) be noted and the necessary revenue funding be included in the Local Authority's proposals to the Schools Forum for the allocation of Dedicated Schools Grant in 2009-10 and future years.
6. That the implications for the Primary building strategy and the Southwark Schools for the Future (SSF) programme be noted.

15. **NOMINATIONS TO LONDON YOUTH GAMES LTD 2008-09** (see pages 156-157)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lewis Robinson be nominated as the Southwark representative and Councillor Lisa Rajan be nominated as the deputy to London Youth Games Ltd for the 2008-09 year.

16. **DEPUTATION REQUESTS – LIVESEY MUSEUM** (see pages 158-159)

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the deputation requests related to item 6 contained elsewhere on the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the deputations be received.

The Friends of the Livesey Museum for Children

The deputation spokesperson Ms Bridget McKenzie made representations on the strength of the Novas Scarman proposal, conflicts of interest for the Council and omissions from the written report.

Theatre Peckham

The deputation spokesperson, Teresa Early highlighted the history, current work and set up of Theatre Peckham. Ms Early also touched upon issues relating to their proposal.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and,

RESOLVED: That the 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 and 5 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

1. **LIVESEY MUSEUM – REPORT ON CONSULTATION AND FUTURE OPTIONS – ADDITIONAL LEGAL ADVICE AND APPENDIX 2 CONTAINING CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

The executive considered the closed information. See item 6 above for decision.

2. **GATEWAY 1 AND 2 –PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL AND CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL – SUPPLY OF GAS SITES CONSUMING OVER 25,000 THERMS**

The executive considered the closed information. See item 12 above for decision.

The meeting ended at 9.16pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 2008.

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