



## EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on Tuesday May 15 2007 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader  
Councillor Kim Humphreys, Deputy Leader and Housing Management  
Councillor Denise Capstick, Health and Adult Care  
Councillor Toby Eckersley, Resources  
Councillor Jeff Hook, Community Safety  
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Children's Services and Education  
Councillor Lisa Rajan, Environment  
Councillor Richard Thomas, Regeneration  
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Culture, Leisure and Sports

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Columba Blango.

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

The following items were identified as late and urgent. The chair agreed to accept the items for the reasons of urgency specified in the relevant minute: -

Item 11 – Evelina Hospital School – Consultation on Future Options  
Item 12 – Deputation request – Governors at Evelina Hospital School  
Item 13 – Deputation request – Emerald Eco Build  
Item 14 – Office Accommodation Strategy – Community Impact Statement

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr David Glue asked the following question to Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Sports:

“Late in 30 April Overview Committee hearing a council officer said Elephant regeneration money available in one year, no document authorises that statement. One year is compatible with DDA saying ‘take all reasonable steps to provide disabled access.’ Where is the plan and costing of platform lift in Old Town Hall and route to reference library?”

Councillor Nick Stanton reported that there was no plan or costing for putting a lift in the old town hall and making a route through to the reference library. Councillor Lorraine Zuleta advised that the Council was looking at a number of options and that the options would be assessed taking into account the whole building.

The executive considered the items set out in the open agenda, a copy of which has been incorporated into the minute file. Each of the following paragraphs relates to the item bearing the same number on the agenda.

5. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the open minutes of the meetings held on April 24 and May 2 2007 be approved as correct records and signed by the chair.

6. **REFERENCE FROM CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – BULLYING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: HOW IS SOUTHWARK TACKLING IT?** (see pages 1 to 30)

Councillor John Friary chair of the children's services and education scrutiny sub-committee presented the scrutiny report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the findings in the children's services and education scrutiny sub-committee report, *The bullying of children and young people: How is Southwark tackling it?* be noted.
2. That officers consider the report's recommendations within the framework of the anti-bullying strategy and report back to the executive member for children's services and education and the scrutiny sub-committee with an action plan and progress.
3. That the children's services and education scrutiny sub-committee be thanked for their work in this area.

7. **TACKLING VIOLENT CRIME – SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME UPDATE REPORT** (see pages 31 to 62)

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the progress made to tackle violent crime in Southwark as indicated by the crime figures in paragraph 10 of the report and the range of activities in place as set out in the report be noted.
2. That the additional activities proposed by the Safer Southwark Partnership (SSP) to continue to reduce serious and violent crime through a wide range of interventions, as set out in appendix 3 of the report be approved.
3. That the additional activities being undertaken to work cross border and work with other local authorities and police to tackle gang gun and knife related activity be approved.

4. That executive gives it support to the Safer Southwark Partnership to enable local communities to respond to the challenge of tackling serious violent crime, including fear of violent crime and continue to communicate with local residents and communities.

8. **CHILDREN'S CENTRES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006-2008** (see pages 63 to 73)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the development of phase 2 (2006-2008) Children's Centres in the wards identified in paragraph 11 of the report be approved.
  2. That officers be instructed to explore options for capital investment in these areas and to maximise the benefits of the Sure Start capital investment programme by making further improvements to existing Children's Centres.
  3. That delegated authority be given to the strategic director of children's services to agree the capital allocations for individual projects in consultation with the executive member for children's services and education, subject to confirmation from the finance director that resources are available within the Department of Education and Skills grants programme and therefore able to be included in the council's capital programme.

9. **SELF BUILD HOUSING SCHEMES IN SOUTHWARK** (see pages 74 to 79)

The executive received a deputation from Emerald Eco Build in relation to this item (see item 13 below)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That in principle agreement be given to support a self-build scheme on a Southwark owned site subject to Housing Corporation funding.
  2. That the scheme is developed for the site at 91-99 Athenlay Road and a report is brought back to the executive as soon as possible setting out the detail of the scheme and the request for authorisation for disposal of the land for the scheme.

10. **TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2008/9** (see pages 80 to 194)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That part one of the Lip annual progress report (funding submission) be approved and duly submitted to Transport for London (TfL) by June 15 2007 and part two of the submission (monitoring and progress report) be approved by the director of regeneration and neighbourhoods and duly submitted by September 14 2007.

2. That the council's Local implementation plan (Lip) annual progress report submission 2008/09 part one, which includes funding submissions as set out below be noted:

<b>Programme areas</b>	<b>£000</b>
Principal road renewal	1045
Bus stop accessibility	334
Local bus priority measures	530
Parallel initiatives	75
20mph zones	1000
Education, training and publicity	80
Walking	650
Cycling	1805
Regeneration area schemes	400
Environment and climate change	40
Controlled parking zones	70
Local area accessibility	85
Travel demand management	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>6864</b>

<b>Partnership funding submissions and schemes outside the funding cap</b>	<b>£000</b>
Local safety schemes	910
Bridge strengthening and assessment	170
London bus initiative (Local Bus Priority Measures)	530
London Cycling Network plus	1400
Seltrans	40
Cross River Partnership	650
<b>Total</b>	<b>3700</b>

3. That officers introduce the agreed measures in accordance with the level of funding that is obtained from the financial settlement made by Transport for London (TfL).
4. That it is delegated to the strategic director to include at relevant part of the submission, road safety improvements in Court Lane.
5. That the bid for complementary measures to Thameslink under 'Regeneration Area' is removed and replaced with a bid progressing the feasibility of the Sustrans walking and cycling bridge across the Thames at Rotherhithe.

6. That officers begin consultation on the 09/10 Lip APR submission earlier than in previous years and if necessary before the TfL criteria are set, to enable community councils the opportunity to both influence schemes for inclusion in the bid and comment on the draft submission before it is agreed by executive in May/June 2008.
7. That where officers are of the opinion that suggested schemes from community councils are not suitable for inclusion in the Lip, the schemes be separately listed and officers be tasked to find money from other sources.
8. That the relevant executive member consult with other London Boroughs through the appropriate channels with a view to achieving a more flexible regime and increased discretion when making the annual submission to TfL in future.

11. **EVELINA HOSPITAL SCHOOL – CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OPTIONS** (see pages 195 to 213)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because if an option was agreed requiring consultation the consultation period would need to begin in June 2007 to allow completion before the end of the school term. If the report was deferred until the June meeting of executive the consultation period would need to extend into the school holidays and may involve some of the key respondents having a limited period to submit their response.

The executive received a deputation from the governors of Evelina Hospital School (see item 12 below).

**RESOLVED:** That a period of consultation take place with key stakeholders on the 3 options and the results come back at the earliest opportunity as an IDM (Individual Decision Making) to the executive member for children's services and education.

12. **DEPUTATION REQUEST – GOVERNORS OF EVELINA HOSPITAL SCHOOL** (see pages 214 to 215)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept this request as urgent as there was an item elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting (item 11).

The deputation spokesperson Ms Dawn Hill, Chair of Governors reported that the school felt there were inaccuracies and misleading use of terminology in the report and undertook to provide clarity to the issues. A letter from the Evelina Hospital School, setting out the detail of the alleged inaccuracies was circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the comments of the deputation be noted.

13. **DEPUTATION REQUEST – EMERALD ECO BUILD** (see pages 216 to 218)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept this request as urgent as there was an item elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting (item 9).

Ms Nicola Branch, the deputation spokesperson for the Emerald Eco Build Co-op outlined the groups desire which was to be given the opportunity to build their own homes. Ms Branch stressed that the group was asking for minimum input from the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the comments of the deputation be noted.

14. **OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY – COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
(see pages 218 to 224)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the report could not wait until the next meeting of the executive on June 19 2007. To do so, would have involved a very high risk of the loss to a third party of the office accommodation for which the council is negotiating or a significant deterioration in the terms offered to the council.

**RESOLVED:** That the community impact statement attached as appendix 1 to the report be noted and the decisions taken at the May 2 2007 executive meeting be reaffirmed.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**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 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. **MINUTES**

The executive approved as a correct record, the closed minutes of the meetings held on April 24 and May 2 2007.

2. **AUTHORISATION OF DEBT WRITE-OFFS OVER £50,000 FOR NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATES – CUSTOMER AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

The executive agreed the proposed debt write off.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY MAY 24 2007**

**THE ABOVE DECISIONS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 14, WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN) WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.**