



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY 11th March, 2003 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader (In the Chair)
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Deputy Leader
Councillor Beverley Bassom, Housing
Councillor James Gurling, Service Delivery
Councillor Catriona Moore, Health and Social Care
Councillor Richard Porter, Community Support and Safety
Councillor Bob Skelly, Education, Youth and Leisure
Councillor Richard Thomas, Environment and Transport
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Finance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Catherine Bowman.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT

The Chair agreed to accept the following late items as urgent, the reasons for urgency to be specified in the relevant minute:-

Item 235 – Quarterly Performance Report – Annual Targets for 2003/04 and Estimated Performance for 2002/03.

Item 236 – The Development of Community Warden Schemes.

Item 237/535 – Award of Banking Services Contract.

Item 238 – Association of London Government Transport and Environment Committee – Variation to S101 Agreement to Facilitate Roadside Vehicle Emission Testing and Enforcement.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were declared.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th February 2003 be approved as a correct and signed by the Chair.

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

231 **VOLUNTARY SECTOR – FAST TRACK REVIEW** (see pages 5300-5309)

RESOLVED:

1. That the terms of reference for a fast track review of voluntary sector funding as set out in the annex to the report be agreed.
2. That issues related to strengthening the relationship between the voluntary sector and the Council be considered as part of the COMPACT Implementation arrangements.

232 **ABANDONED VEHICLES – THE WAY FORWARD** (see pages 5310-5321)

Councillor Beverly Bassom, Executive Member for Housing provided comments in respect of this item. She fully supports the proposals contained within the report that have been developed from joint working between Southwark Housing and Environment and Leisure. Councillor Bassom has asked officers to report back to Tenant and Leaseholder Councils and Neighbourhood Forums on the improvements to the parking contract.

RESOLVED:

1. That the “way forward operations” and the new approach to abandoned vehicles contained within paragraph 19 of the report be approved.
2. That the policy in relation to Abandoned Vehicles, set out in paragraph 24 of the report, be approved.
3. That a quarterly report be received to monitor progress.

233 **EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENT AND CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – 2003-2004** (see pages 5322 – 5367)

RESOLVED: That the Southwark Early Years and Childcare Development Partnership Implementation Plan 2003-2004 be approved.

- 234 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AND PROPERTY WITHIN BERMONDSEY SPA REGENERATION SCHEME NOT UNDER THE COUNCIL'S OWNERSHIP** (see pages 5367 – 5375)

This report was deferred and will be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive.

- 235 **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – ANNUAL TARGETS FOR 2003/04 AND ESTIMATED PERFORMANCE FOR 2002/2003** (see pages 5376-5437)

The Chair agreed to accept this item as urgent as some of the targets for performance needed to be set before the end of March 2003.

1. That the trend of improving performance across all areas is welcomed.
2. That in particular, the Executive is pleased to note that the quartile performance plan has been achieved in a number of areas (most notable of which is social services) and that there is significant improvement in reducing robberies and reducing vehicle crime.
3. That the projected improvements to the national standards in processing times for both housing benefit and planning are welcomed and endorsed.
4. That the projected performance against all 2003/04 performance indicators for the end of the municipal year be noted.
5. That the proposed service targets for 2003/04 be agreed.
6. That the continued need to achieve step changes in sickness management, recycling, street cleaning and educational achievement in key stages 2 and 3 be noted.
7. That further to the recent best value review of sickness management which specifically seeks to address the impact of long-term sickness on the overall figures, a further report be requested.
8. That the continued difficulties in obtaining accurate information on employment statistics from schools be noted and that the impact this has on overall statistical analysis of employees is regretted. The Strategic Director of Education and Culture is instructed to develop a solution in conjunction with W.S. Atkins.

9. That the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure is instructed to commission an independent audit into the methodology and collation of current data on waste and recycling tonnages with particular reference to Manor Place depot in order to ensure accurate data is reported in the 2003 Performance Plan.
10. That in view of the actions of the Driving Down Debt Task Force, a further report is requested from the Chief Executive into the reasons why such high levels of debt have been able to accrue against utility companies and which sets out the actions taken to effect recovery of the debt.

236 **THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY WARDEN SCHEMES** (see pages 5439-5453)

The Chair agreed to accept this as urgent because external funding may be at risk if the commencement of the schemes is delayed any further.

Councillor Beverley Bassom, Executive Member for Housing provided comments in respect of this item, supporting the proposals contained within the report (full details of which have been filed on the minute file).

RESOLVED:

1. That the core activities for all Community wardens schemes in the Borough set out in paragraph 7 of the report be agreed.
2. That the Council continues to press the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) for environmental enforcement powers to be available to all warden schemes.
3. That the phasing of the development of warden schemes as set out in paragraphs 20-25 of this report be agreed.
4. That the principles of funding the expansion of warden schemes from the general fund and Housing Revenue Account set out in paragraph 40 and Appendix 2a, paragraph 8 was considered and that it be noted that growth bids for future funding be prepared accordingly by officers for Members consideration as part of future budget setting processes.
5. That officers be instructed to work jointly with the Metropolitan Police Service to develop a protocol between community service wardens and Police Community Support officers.

237 **AWARD OF BANKING SERVICES** (see pages 5454 – 5456)

The Chair agreed to accept this item as urgent because of the impending end of the existing contract (31st March, 2003) and start date for the beginning of the new Banking Services Contract of 1st April 2003.

RESOLVED:

1. That Executive accepts officers' recommendations, and in view of the high costs of transfer to a new Banking Contractor, awards the Banking contract to National Westminster Bank. That the contract commencement date of 1st April 2003 for a period of four years with options to extend by two-year periods up to a maximum of ten years in total be approved.
2. That the Chief Finance Officer and Borough Solicitor and Secretary be authorised to agree any minor amendments to contract detail deemed necessary and to conclude the contract accordingly.
3. That officers are requested to hold further discussions with National Westminster Bank with a view to minimising the on-going costs associated with the banking function and, together with them, to take every step possible to reduce costs over the next 4 years.

238 **ASSOCIATION OF LONDON GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – VARIATION TO S101 AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE ROADSIDE VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING AND ENFORCEMENT** (see pages 5457-5467)

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be accepted and the legal structure for the governance of the London-wide programme of roadside emissions testing and the variation of the s101 Local Government Act 1972 agreement to allow the authority's delegation of the authorities' testing powers to the Association of London Government (ALG).
2. That Council Assembly be recommended to formally pass a resolution to allow the delegation of the authorities' testing powers to the Association of London Government (ALG) through the variation of the section 101 ALG Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) agreement.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ANNUAL PLAN

No report was circulated.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN DULWICH

No report was circulated. This matter has been deferred for a future meeting of the Executive.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

No report was circulated. This matter has been deferred for a future meeting of the Executive.

LAND AT TOOLEY STREET AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STREET

No report was circulated.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9, Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the closed section of the meeting held on the 25th February 2003 were approved as a correct record.

535 **AWARD OF BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT**

Details of the decision are set out in item 237 of the same report title.

The meeting ended at 8.20am

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY 18TH MARCH, 2003.

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