



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY 22ND April, 2003 at 6.00pm 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 Catherine Bowman, Regeneration and Economic Development
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 James Gurling.

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 259 – Modernising Day Services for People with Community Needs – Outcome of Consultation – Member Comments

Item 260 – Modernising Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome of Consultation

Item 261 – Elephant and Castle – Approval of Framework for Development

Item 262 – Reference: Scrutiny Final Report “Modernising Day Care” – Report from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Item 263 – Modernising Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome of Consultation – Additional Requests for Deputations

Item 264 – Capital Programme:EIP and Community Safety – Planting of Trees

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

At 6.20p.m. Councillors Catherine Bowman, Caroline Pidgeon, Richard Thomas and Lorraine Zuleta declared personal non-prejudicial interests in item 261 – Elephant & Castle, Approval of Framework for Development.

At 9.00p.m. Councillor Catherine Bowman declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 257, Elephant Links Partnership – Year 5 Delivery Plan.

MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the open Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th February, 25th March and 8th April 2003 be approved as correct records 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.

The Chair varied the order of business and took the items in the following order (items 259, 260, and 262 were considered together):

Item 256 - Modernisation of Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome Of Consultation – Deputation Request from Southwark Community Care Forum

Item 263 - Modernising Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome Of Consultation – Additional Requests for Deputations

Item 259 - Modernising Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome of Consultation – Executive Member Comments

Item 260 - Modernising Day Services for People with Community Care Needs – Outcome Of Consultation

Item 262 - Reference: Scrutiny Final Report “Modernising Day Care” – Report from Overview And Scrutiny Committee

Item 264 - Capital Programme: EIP and Community Safety – Planting of Trees

Item 257 - Elephant Links Partnership – Year 5 Delivery Plan

Item 261 - Elephant And Castle – Approval of Framework for Development

256 **MODERNISATION OF DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION – DEPUTATION REQUEST FROM SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY CARE FORUM**

This item was considered in conjunction with item 263 Modernising Day Services For People With Community Care Needs – Outcome Of Consultation – Additional Requests for Deputations.

RESOLVED: That the deputation be received.

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

At 7.58p.m. following the hearing of the deputations, it was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED: That the meeting stand adjourned for 25 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8.35p.m.

257 **ELEPHANT LINKS PARTNERSHIP – YEAR 5 DELIVERY PLAN**
(see pages 5902-5936)

At 9.00p.m. during the consideration of this item, Councillor Catherine Bowman, having realised that she may have a personal prejudicial interest, declared so and left the meeting room during the consideration of the item.

RESOLVED: That the Elephant Links Partnership – Year 5 Delivery Plan be agreed.

258 **MODERNISING CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS** (see pages 5937-5949)

Following further consideration by officers, it was agreed that this item be withdrawn from the agenda as the issues contained in the report were to be considered as part of a wider review.

259 **MODERNISING DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION – EXECUTIVE MEMBER COMMENTS**
(see page 5950)

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member comments be noted.

260 **MODERNISING DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

(see pages 5951-5975 and Appendix D circulated separately)

The Chair agreed to accept this item as urgent as any delay in agreeing the process for the modernisation of day services will have budget implications in 2003/04.

This item was considered in conjunction with item 262 'Reference: Scrutiny Final Report "Modernising Day Care" – Report From Overview & Scrutiny Committee'.

RESOLVED:

That having considered the recommendations of Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the deputations from Southwark Community Care Forum, Southwark Mind, Black Minority Ethnic Day Services, the Lorrimore Centre, Age Concern Southwark, St Giles Trust and the Aylesbury Day Centre, the Executive:

1. Notes the outcome of the consultation on Community Day Care Services as outlined in the report and Appendix D.
2. Agrees that the Council's eligibility criteria for Community Care Services should be applied to Day Care Services, so that the services commissioned and directly provided are available only to those people who have assessed Community Care needs.
3. Agrees that Royal Road Day Centre for Older People is closed and the service users' community care needs are met through the use of spare capacity at other day centres for older people.
4. Agrees that the proposed process for the transfer to external providers of in-house day care and linked respite services listed in Appendix B of the report and set out below be agreed.

List of Day Services subject to transfer to external management

Name	Client Group
Fred Francis House Day Centre	Older People
Southwark Park Day Centre	Older People
Evelyn Coyle Day Centre and Respite Unit	Older People with Mental Health Needs
Holmhurst Day Centre	Older People with Mental Health Needs
Aylesbury Day Centre	People with Physical Disabilities
Queens Rd Day Centre	People with Learning Disabilities
Southwark Community Project	People with Learning Disabilities
Grange Project	People with Learning Disabilities
Maroon Resource Centre	African/African-Caribbean People with Mental Health Needs
Castle Day Centre	People with Mental Health Needs

5. Agrees that an exemption be granted from the requirement of Contract Standing Order 16.5 in order to enable a negotiated procedure to be undertaken for the transfer of services.
6. Notes and agrees the recommendations put forward by Overview and Scrutiny Committee and thanks the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee for its report, 'Modernising Day Care' (see item 262 below).
7. Notes that the review of services for people with physical disabilities is ongoing.
8. Notes that any savings derived from the review will be channeled directly into children's services.
9. Agrees a vision for social services which is of a network of services that are people-centred and community based and that meet the diverse needs of actual and potential service users. The review will ensure that Southwark cares effectively for vulnerable people in greatest need of community care.
10. Instructs officers to offer all service users the option of having an independent advocate available at the time of their reassessment and to ensure that the assessment process is clear, accessible and culturally sensitive.
11. Recognises the invaluable contribution made by carers in Southwark and instructs officers to ensure that the needs of carers are fully taken account of in the assessment process.

261 **ELEPHANT AND CASTLE – APPROVAL OF FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT**
(see pages 5976 – 5993 and Appendix B circulated separately)

The Chair agreed to accept the report as urgent in order to allow sufficient time to prepare publicity and material for a major public launch of the Framework Development in early June.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Framework for Development (Appendix B of the report) be agreed as an expression of the Council's development objectives for the Elephant and Castle and as the development brief to be used in connection with partner selection processes.
2. That the Framework for Development (Appendix B of the report) be released for public consultation as a draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for the Elephant and Castle to be brought back for final approval in Autumn 2003.

262 **REFERENCE: SCRUTINY FINAL REPORT “MODERNISING DAY CARE” –
REPORT FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** (see pages 5976 – 6007)

This item was considered in conjunction with item 260 above.

The Chair agreed to accept this item as urgent so that this report could be considered alongside the outcome of the Social Services Consultation on Community Care Day Services elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Executive notes and agrees the following recommendations of Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

1. That the Social Services Department should include greater detail of the proposed day care provision that will result from modernising the service with its final recommendations to the Executive. That the Social Services Department should report back to scrutiny with the details of future day care provision within three months.
2. That the Council should seek to monitor the impact of any day centre closure in order to ensure that the social inclusion of older people is not compromised and that the Council should work with the Older People’s Partnership Board to assess the impact and bring a progress report to scrutiny within three months, with the work being completed within six months.
3. That the Social Services Department should demonstrate how it will ensure that through its equalities policies and its approach to care assessments, those people who might be eligible for services but who are not putting themselves forward for assessment (because of cultural or other barriers including issues of mental health stigma) are not disadvantaged.
4. That the Council should work in partnership with those voluntary sector organisations providing best practice and the wider independent sector, to continue to develop and modernise day care provision to ensure that best practice is adopted and that appropriate monitoring arrangements are in place.
5. That the Council should give an assurance to voluntary organisations that necessary support will be given to those affected by the modernisation of day care to access or identify additional sources of funding.
6. That the Council should consider how it might ensure that the needs of people who might lose day care services through the modernisation process are met by other Council services and the services of other partners and that a progress report on this be made to scrutiny within three months, with the work being concluded within six months.

7. That the Council should ensure best practice in the operation of Council owned venues including Tenants' halls and leisure facilities in order to widen access, and that it should encourage, through its partnership working, best practice in the use of all venues in the borough.
8. That given the scarcity of venues in the borough, the Executive should provide a clear statement on its future plans for the Royal Road building should the decision be made to end the provision of day care services from the site.
9. The estimate is that modernising day care will save approximately £1.5 million. Scrutiny would welcome a statement from the Executive on the implications for Children's services of the proposals for day care not being implemented, or of the expected savings from day care not being achieved.
10. Scrutiny is concerned about the very short consultation period set by Social Services Department on proposals to modernise day care [i.e. four weeks]. Scrutiny is disappointed in the lack of clarity between budgetary decisions and the overall process of modernizing day care.
11. Scrutiny asks the Executive to provide a clear statement of its future proposals for the Aylesbury Day Centre site and provision thereon.

263 **MODERNISING DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION – ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATIONS**

This item was considered in conjunction with item 256 above.

The Chair agreed to accept the deputation requests as urgent as a report on the matter on which the groups wished to address members was contained elsewhere on the agenda. The chair also agreed to allow contributions from other members of the public.

RESOLVED: That deputations be received from the following services/groups:-

- Southwark Mind
- Black Minority Ethnic Day Services
- Mental Health Day Services
- Older People Services
- St. Giles Trust
- Aylesbury Day Centre

264 **CAPITAL PROGRAMME: EIP AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – PLANTING OF TREES**
(see pages 6008 – 6012)

The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the first round of Community Council meetings were scheduled to discuss the planting of trees. It was important that the funding for the tree planting was secured prior to Community Council meetings taking place. The first meeting was scheduled to take place on 23rd April 2003.

RESOLVED:

1. That £100,000 be allocated for tree planting from the £3,914 million allocation for Environmental Improvement and Community Safety Programmes in the 2003/04 Capital Budget.
2. That the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure explore on behalf of the Council the possibility of attracting match funding and coordinate with other Council service departments.
3. That Community Councils be asked to make bids for the planting of trees in their areas.
4. That the Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure be authorised to consider the bids of the eight Community Councils and draw up and implement a plan for the planting of trees within the Borough, in line with the framework set out in Appendix B of the report.
5. That the implementation plan referred to in decision 4 above be reported back to Community Councils.

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 7,8 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 meetings held on the 25th March and 8th April 2003 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 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.