



## **MAJOR PROJECTS BOARD (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the MAJOR PROJECTS BOARD (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) held on Wednesday October 29 2008 at 10.00am 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  
Councillor Paul Noblet, Regeneration  
Councillor Lisa Rajan, Children's Services and Education

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tim McNally and Councillor Lewis Robinson.

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

There were no late and urgent items received

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

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.

### **4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the open section of the meeting held on June 19 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

### **5. AYLESBURY REGENERATION – EARLY PURCHASE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES FOR HARDSHIP REASONS (see agenda, pages 5-9)**

Members received a report on regarding the early purchase of owner-occupied properties for hardship reasons in relation to the Aylesbury regeneration plan.

Members were advised that a formal agreement was required in order to allow this policy to be put in place.

Members asked questions regarding the number of individuals applying for early purchase of owner-occupied properties for hardship reasons. Officers advised that to date there had been six applications.

Members also asked questions regarding how the assistance was perceived by individual owners and how officers determined how the scheme was applied.

Officers advised that the scheme was well received and that extensive appraisals took place when determining how to apply the scheme.

**RESOLVED:** That the major projects board authorised the early purchase of owner-occupied properties on the Aylesbury estate subject to:

1. The Aylesbury project director being satisfied the application concerned meets hardship criteria.
2. There being adequate budgetary provision to meet the full cost of any acquisition.
3. The council's head of property approving the terms of individual purchases.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SELECTED BIDDER FOR SOUTHWARK'S LOCAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP** (see agenda pages 10-26 )

Members received a report on appointment of the selected bidder for Southwark's local education partnership.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the major project board approved the appointment of Bidder A as the selected bidder for Southwark's local education partnership (LEP).
  2. That the major project board delegated authority to the strategic director of major projects to approve contract award for the contracts set out in table 2, subject to:
    - confirmation of funding from partnerships for schools, St Michaels School and Tuke School;
    - the council's financial commitment being within the parameters set out in the closed report.
  3. That the major project board gave approval to the finance director signing certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 which are required to be given to the LEP and which certify that the local authority has the power to enter into these contracts (further details of which are given in paragraph 74)

4. That the major project board noted that the strategic director of major projects will continue to work with children's services, financial management services (FMS), the schools, governing bodies & diocesan authorities to identify other budgets in order to minimise the necessary financial contribution from the council, in accordance with the executive decision May 2 2007.
5. That the major project board approved the following appointments for the purposes of shadow LEP mobilisation prior to financial close, as set out in paragraph 62:
  - a senior member of the children's services management team, as the shadow authority representative;
  - the members of the shadow strategic partnering board;
  - the SSF project director as the Southwark's shadow LEP board director.
6. That the major project board delegated authority to the shadow authority representative to instruct the shadow LEP to agree with the selected bidder the programme for commencement of phase 2 schools, commencing stage 1 and stage 2 feasibility work on Phase 2 schools, once the criteria set out in paragraph 64 are satisfied, setting the target costs in accordance with the parameters approved by Executive on May 2 2007, and confirmed by partnerships for schools.
7. That the major project board approved that further archaeological excavation works be commissioned at St Michael's school, subject to the financial parameters articulated in the closed report.
8. That the major project board noted that a further report outlining the approach to contract management and governance of the local education partnership, including the financial resource implications, will be presented to executive in January 2009.

## **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 categories 1 and 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**

That the minutes of the closed section of the meeting held on June 19 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair

### **2. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTED BIDDER FOR SOUTHWARK'S LOCAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

The major projects board considered the closed information regarding this item. See item 6 in the open minutes for decision.

The meeting closed at 10.45am.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6 2008.**

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