



EXECUTIVE (SPECIAL)

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the (special) meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2004 at 10.00a.m. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader (In the Chair)
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Beverley Bassom, Housing
Councillor Catherine Bowman, Regeneration and Economic Development
Councillor Denise Capstick, Health and Social Care
Councillor Richard Porter, Community Safety, Social Inclusion and Youth
Councillor Bob Skelly, Education and Culture
Councillor Richard Thomas, Environment and Transport
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Resources

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from 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, for the reasons for urgency to be specified in the relevant Minute:-

Part A – Open agenda

- Item 8 – Long Term Review of Education Support Services – Options for the Future Management of Education and Culture
- Item 9 – The Future of Galleywall School
- Item 10 – Secondary School Provision in East Dulwich – Outcome of Consultations
- Item 11 – Policy and Resourcing Strategy and Budget 2004/5 – Capital Proposals
- Item 12 – 86/88 Newington Butts and Land at Longville Road, London SE11

Part B – Closed agenda

- Item 2 – Sale of the Lister Health Centre, Peckham Road
- Item 3 – Housing – Leasehold and Mortgaged Properties Insurance Renewal, 1st April 2004

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures.

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.

4 DEPUTATION REQUEST – GOVERNORS OF GALLEYWALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A letter was circulated by the Headteacher of Galleywall Primary School on behalf of the governing body, explaining that the governing body representatives were unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. As a result, the governing body would no longer be making a deputation. The letter explained that the absence of the governing body did not reflect a lack of dedication and commitment to the future of Galleywall School and the local community.

5 DEPUTATION REQUEST – EDEN CAMPAIGN – SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN EAST DULWICH

RESOLVED: That the deputation be received.

The deputation addressed the meeting and outlined their concerns/views on the proposals for secondary provision in East Dulwich (see item 10).

6 DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT AUCTION – 41 LYN DHURST WAY, SE15 (see pages 10 to 16)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Strategic Director of Regeneration be authorised to dispose of the Council's interest in 41 Lyndhurst Way, SE15 at auction, as detailed in the schedule attached as appendix B of the report.
 2. That the Strategic Director of Regeneration be authorised to set the level of reserve below which the property will not be sold.
 3. That the recovery from the purchaser of the Council's professional fees amounting to 2% of the purchase price of the property be authorised.

7 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CAPITAL PROGRAMME (see pages 10 to 16)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the objectives and criteria for the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B of the report be approved.
 2. That the objectives and criteria for the Improvement to Playgrounds Capital Programme as set out in Appendix C of the report be approved and Community Councils be invited to bid for scheme funding.

3. That the capital resource allocations be made to Community Councils for Cleaner, Greener, Safer expenditure within their own Community Council boundaries based on 'option F' as set out in Appendix D of the report and that Community Councils be encouraged to joint fund projects at their boundaries.
4. That Community Councils be recommended to include in their consideration of schemes and/or priorities for Cleaner, Greener, Safer funding, those bids for tree planting that were not successful in the borough-wide programme for 2003/4.

8 LONG TERM REVIEW OF EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES – OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (see pages 17 to 22)

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 financial arrangements relating to the structure of services should ideally be agreed prior to the beginning of the next financial year.

RESOLVED: 1. That the re-structuring of Education and Culture Business Units be as follows:

- The Early Years Business Unit transfer to the management of CEA
 - The Libraries and Adult Education Business Unit, Culture and Heritage Business Unit and Arts Service in the Strategy and Commissioning Unit are transferred to the Environment and Leisure Department;
 - The Performance and Resources Business Unit transfers to the Strategic Services Department;
 - The Education Business Alliance (EBA) transfers to the Regeneration Department;
 - The Education Regeneration Initiatives service is transferred to CEA managed services;
 - The residual functions of the Strategy & Commissioning and the Executive & Business Units (i.e. other than Education Business Alliance, the Arts Service and Education Regeneration Initiatives) are transferred either to the services managed through the CEA contract, or to the Strategic Services Department
2. That the Chief Executive resolve issues in relation to the Connexions contract in order that the Executive is able to make a decision on the future of the Youth & Connexions Business Unit at the earliest opportunity.
 3. That it be noted that a future review of management services will take place after the Government has finalised its proposals on Children's Services.

9 **THE FUTURE OF GALLEYWALL SCHOOL** (see pages 23 to 43)

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 uncertainty over the future of the school was causing problems for the pupils, parents and staff.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That in light of legal advice the Executive does not agree to proceed with a council initiated Fresh Start at this time.
 2. That a meeting be sought with ministers at the Department for Education & Skills (DfES) to try to persuade them to change their mind about backing a Fresh Start.
 3. That a report be brought back to Executive, Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Councils later in the year on nursery and primary school provision in the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe areas to enable the Executive to have a wider range of options open to them.

10 **SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN EAST DULWICH – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS** (see pages 44 to 107)

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 Executive had requested a report back on the issue in March 2004. There was also a widespread wish to progress the initiative as quickly as possible.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That in light of the feasibility study, the consultation responses and the need to ensure that federation remains an integral part of the proposals, the option of federated academies to link Waverley school and the proposed new boys' school be taken forward with the Department for Education & Skills (DfES) and the Waverley Governing Body.
 2. That officers report back to Members on progress in early May 2004.

11 **POLICY AND RESOURCING STRATEGY AND BUDGET 2004/5 – CAPITAL PROPOSALS** (see pages 108 to 114)

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 capital programme for 2004/5 needed to be approved before the start of the new financial year.

- RESOLVED:** That the capital programme proposals for the year 2004/5 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.

12 **86/88 NEWINGTON BUTTS AND LAND AT LONGVILLE ROAD, LONDON, SE11 – AMENDED TERMS OF DISPOSAL** (see pages 115 to 119)

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 purchaser required the transaction to be completed by 31st March 2004.

RESOLVED: That the terms of the disposal of the subject properties agreed at the Executive meeting on 29th July 2003 be amended to the terms set out in the closed report.

13 **SALE OF THE LISTER HEALTH CENTRE, PECKHAM ROAD** (see pages 120 to 128)

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 sale needed to be completed in this financial year to fund this year's capital expenditure and commitments. Any shortfall would otherwise have to be funded through revenue, putting the council into an overspend position at the year end.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to the change in purchaser and price for the sale of the Lister Health Centre.

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 paragraph 7 & 9, Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

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

1 **86/88 NEWINGTON BUTTS AND LAND AT LONGVILLE ROAD, LONDON SE11 – AMENDED TERMS OF DISPOSAL**

See item 12 above for the decision.

2 **SALE OF THE LISTER HEALTH CENTRE, PECKHAM ROAD**

See item 13 above for the decision.

3 **HOUSING – LEASEHOLD AND MORTGAGED PROPERTIES INSURANCE RENEWAL – 1ST APRIL 2004**

The Executive gave approval to the renewal of the insurance with Aspen for a further year from 1st April 2004 on the terms detailed in the report.

The meeting ended at 11.50a.m.

CHAIR:

DATED:

THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HAS AGREED THAT THE DECISIONS MADE IN RELATION TO ITEMS 12, 13 ON THE OPEN AGENDA AND 1, 2 AND 3 ON THE CLOSED AGENDA MAY BE TREATED AS MATTERS OF URGENCY. THE DECISIONS ARE THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN AND MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, 5TH APRIL 2004.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ABOVE, THE 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