



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2004 at 7.00 P.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 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.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS 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 7 – Admission Arrangements for Secondary Schools 2005
Item 8 – Admissions Arrangements for Nursery Schools and Primary Schools 2005
Item 19 – Modernising Face-to-Face Services
Item 20 – Behaviour Support Plan
Item 22 – A Combined Heat (CHP) and Power and Insulation Programme – referred from morning Executive.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Richard Thomas declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Item 22 : Combined Heating and Power (CHP) and Insulation Programme, as he is a member of Southwark Energy Agency.

Councillor Bill Skelly declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in item 14 : Peckham Rye School - Consultation on Fresh Start, as he is a governor of Peckham Rye School.

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.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question was asked to the Leader of the Council by Mr. Lionel Wright, an outer Elephant Resident: -

“Why has item 21, Heygate Estate Decant Arrangements, been withdrawn from the agenda?”

The following is a summary of the response :-

“The report has been withdrawn due to the absence of the Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development.”

5 REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION FROM HEYGATE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – DECANT POLICY

The deputation withdrew their request.

6 & 6A QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT – PROJECTED PERFORMANCE 2003/04 AND TARGETS FOR FUTURE YEARS

(see pages 1 – 53 and pages 336 – 338)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the trend of improving performance across all services and the achievement of top quartile performance in many areas (paragraph 6 and ‘performance summary’ in Appendix I of the report) be noted.
 2. That the projected performance against all 2003/04 performance indicators for the end of the year be noted and the proposed targets for 2004/07 to form the basis of Southwark’s Corporate Plan be agreed (Annex I of Appendix I of the report).
 3. That the Executive recommendations to address performance issues be agreed (recommended actions paragraph 8 of the report).
 4. That the Council claim Youth Public Service Agreement additional funding, to be used to fund a project budget, to support any additional projects which could help in achieving the remaining targets (Youth PSA section in ‘performance summary’ Appendix 1 of the report).

7 **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**
(see pages 339 – 481)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because there is a statutory requirement to determine admissions arrangements by 15th April.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Pan London Co-ordinated Secondary School Admissions Scheme be approved for implementation in 2005 and that the Director of Schools Services CEA @ Southwark is authorised to agree the final details in line with the other 40 local education authorities involved (pages 15-19 of Appendix One of the report), in consultation with the Admissions Forum.
 2. That the admission arrangements for community secondary schools as outlined on pages 7-8 of Appendix One of the report, be approved.
 3. That the Director of Schools Services, CEA @ Southwark, be authorised to agree the final admission arrangements for late and mid-year applications.
 4. That the Chief Education Officer or the Director of Schools Services, CEA @ Southwark, be authorised to determine the 2005 admission arrangements for the Charter School Sixth Form after consultation.
 5. That the Director of Schools Services, CEA @ Southwark, in consultation with the Admissions Forum and Borough Solicitor & Secretary, is authorised to lodge formal objections with the Adjudicator in the event of any admission authority acting unlawfully.

8 **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR NURSERY SCHOOLS AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2005** (see pages 482 – 510)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because there is a statutory requirement to determine admissions arrangements by 15th April.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Admission Arrangements for 2005 as set out on pages 7-12 of Appendix One of the report, be agreed.
 2. That the Director of School Services, CEA @ Southwark, in consultation with the Admissions Forum and Borough Solicitor & Secretary, is authorised to lodge formal objections with the Adjudicator in the event of any admission authority acting unlawfully

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3. That the attached notice in Appendix Two of the report concerning the reduction in Langbourne's admission number from 60 to 30 for the 2005/06 admission year be published.

9 **SOUTHWARK SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SUPPORT STRATEGY**
(see pages 125 – 151)

RESOLVED: That the progress in the area of school attendance in the borough's maintained schools and the draft Attendance Support Strategy, which will be subject to wider consultation prior to final approval and publication in the Summer Term 2004, be noted.

10 **YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE 2004/05** (see pages 152 – 210)

The report was withdrawn.

11 **COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES** (see pages 211 – 218)

RESOLVED: 1. That the Commissioning Strategy for day care and community based services for adults with physical disabilities be agreed. The key components of the strategy are:

- A commitment to maintain and improve day care and community based services for adults with physical disabilities
- A recognition of the continuing need for day care for service-users with the most complex and highest level of needs
- A wider range of community based services and opportunities including the development of outreach and access services

2. That it be noted that a further report on the outcome of tendering for a new provider of day care (as required by Contract Standing Orders) will be presented to the Executive.

3. That it be noted that no decision has been taken on the future of the Aylesbury Day Centre. That closure would not take place in any event unless other suitable provision is made available first.

12 **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY ON 28TH JANUARY AND 18TH FEBRUARY 2004** (see pages 219 – 229)

RESOLVED: Heygate Estate

That the motion be deferred to the Executive meeting that considers the Heygate Estate decant arrangements.

Lordship Lane

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the severe difficulties suffered by small businesses in Lordship Lane due to the restrictions to loading and customer parking since implementation of the 185 bus lane proposals in 2002 be noted.
 2. That the Executive requests that Transport for London, in conjunction with Southwark Council, carry out a full review of the operation of the bus lane along Lordship Lane, in particular whether the restrictions to parking from 4-7pm are necessary, including a consultation of residents and traders as to how its operation can be improved.

Information Kiosks

- RESOLVED:** That it be noted that information on community council's will be available to the public at information kiosks.

13 **AREA HOUSING FORUM CONSTITUTION AND CHANGES TO TENANT AND LEASEHOLDER COUNCIL CONSTITUTIONS** (see pages 230 – 259)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the proposed Area Housing Forum Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the consultation report which is attached as Appendix A be agreed.
 3. That the amendments to the Tenant Council Constitution as set out in Appendix 2 of the consultation report which is attached as Appendix A, be agreed.
 4. That the amendments to the Leaseholder Constitution as set out in Appendix 3 of the consultation report and to agree the proportional formula for membership for 2004/05 which is attached as Appendix A, be agreed.

5. That it be noted that the majority of Forums received and noted the report but that some concerns have been expressed at the overlap between Neighbourhood Forum dissolution and establishment of the Area Forums. The Executive therefore recommends that the timescale set out in paragraphs 3 to 8 of the Neighbourhood Forum consultation report be amended to show that all Neighbourhood Forums first be dissolved and then Area Forums be constituted thereafter throughout June and July to elect representatives on to the inaugural Tenant Council and Leaseholder Council meetings of the new Municipal Year.

6. That it be noted that job and section titles highlighted in ***bold italic*** in the constitutions are provisional and may be subject to change.

14 **PECKHAM RYE SCHOOL – CONSULTATION ON FRESH START**
(see pages 260 – 270)

RESOLVED: That the consultation process in respect of the application of Fresh Start at Peckham Rye school for January 2005 be initiated

15 **STREET TRADING FEES AND CHARGES 2004-05** (see pages 271 – 282)

The report was withdrawn.

16 **EARLY YEARS BEST VALUE, IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT**
(see pages 283 – 298)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

17 **COUNCIL SIGNAGE** (see pages 299 – 313)

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress of the forward@southwark signage project be noted.
2. That the signage design guidelines set out in appendix A of this report be agreed.
3. That the programme for signage replacement set out in paragraph 25 of the report be agreed and that departments are instructed that any new signage should comply with the signage guidelines by 2006.
4. That any new housing signage be branded as “Southwark”.

18 **PUBLIC REALM ADVERTISING POLICY** (see pages 314 – 317)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the general policy of seeking advertising revenue and sponsorship more generally, within the context of clear policy guidelines (see recommendation below) be endorsed.
 2. That planning, environment and property officers write a clear council-wide policy to govern all future on-street advertising, in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s) and the Chair of Planning but including some of the principles set out at paragraph 8 of the report, and that a further report be brought back to the Executive in two months.

19 **MODERNISING FACE TO FACE SERVICES** (see pages 318 – 335)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because it was imperative that the project plan was agreed for the Bermondsey One Stop Shop to be operational by 1st April 2005.

At 7.35 p.m. the meeting adjourned, reconvening at 7.55 p.m.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the following be noted:-
 - i) The findings of the consultation process detailed in the report (with thanks to participants for their participation). In particular the Executive notes the report's findings, which reveal a general acceptance for the overall long-term proposals.
 - ii) Concerns expressed by some consultees regarding the immediate closure of identified housing offices.
 - iii) The beneficial impact of the Housing Repair Call Centre - which is already reducing the number of personal visits for some offices.
 - iv) That the new Area structure is to be in place from September this year.
 - v) Evidence from officers at this meeting detailing lack of DDA compliance and health and safety issues detrimentally effecting both staff and citizens alike at the West Camberwell Neighbourhood Housing Office.

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2. That the following be agreed:-
- i) The proposed Project Plan and the interim Action Plan for Housing and cash offices with the following exceptions that:-
 - (a) West Walworth and Lynton Road Neighbourhood Housing Offices remain open until One Stop Shops are open in their respective Areas;
 - (b) Rosemary Gardens and Pelican Neighbourhood Housing office remain open until the One Stop Shop is open.
 - ii) Housing officers be instructed to make provision for staffing in light of the above and provide a report to the Executive by September this year.

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20 **BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN** (see pages 511 – 552)

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because the statutory deadline for agreement of a revised Behaviour Support Plan was 1st April and this date had already passed.

RESOLVED: That the Behaviour Support Plan for 2004-2006 be approved.

21 **HEYGATE ESTATE DECANT ARRANGEMENTS** (see pages 553 – 568)

The report was withdrawn.

22 **A COMBINED HEAT AND POWER (CHP) AND INSULATION PROGRAMME** (see pages 569 – 578)

This item had been referred from the morning meeting of the Executive.

- RESOLVED:**
- 1. That the development of a programme of CHP and insulation investment outlined at paragraphs. 11-16 of the report, be noted.
 - 2. That in-principle support be given to the submission of a £5 million bid for capital funding to the Community Energy Programme (paragraphs. 18-22 of the report).
 - 3. That Southwark develops a Housing Energy/CHP Strategy (paragraph. 13 of the report) and that officers report back in six months on the development of the strategy and on the progress of the Community Energy Programme bids.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY 20TH APRIL 2004.

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