

Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 19 October 2010 at 4.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Peter John (Chair)
Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Catherine McDonald
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Veronica Ward

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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

The chair gave notice that the following late item would be considered for reasons of urgency, to be specified in the relevant minute:

Item 10 - Report of Stage 1 of the Democracy Commission

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following personal and prejudicial interests were declared in respect of item 7, Creation Trust, Approval of Finance to Support its Business Case for 2011/12:

- Councillor Fiona Colley as Chair of the Creation Trust
- Councillor Abdul Mohamed as a trustee of the Creation Trust

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2010 be approved a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

Comments of the strategic director of housing and environment were circulated in respect of deputation requests from the Four Squares tenants and residents association and Dulwich Park Friends.

The Chair of Dulwich Park Friends requested a deferral of their deputation request prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation request from the Four Squares tenants and residents association be heard.

The spokesperson for the Four Squares tenants and residents association deputation addressed the meeting requesting that security works be completed on the estate at two of the remaining blocks (Marden and Layard Square). He highlighted the negative impact of the unfinished work on local residents and tenants. The quality of life for the residents is being severely limited as a result of widespread crime and anti-social behaviour. The deputation circulated a number of documents including pictures illustrating some of the problems being experienced.

Councillor Anood Al-Samerai, local ward councillor was in attendance and spoke in support of the issues raised by the deputation emphasising the exceptional nature of the problems experienced by local tenants and residents on the Four Squares Estate and the need for these security works to be completed.

7. CREATION TRUST - APPROVAL OF FINANCE TO SUPPORT ITS BUSINESS CASE FOR 2011/12

At this juncture, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillors Fiona Colley and Abdul Mohamed left the meeting room during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED:

1. That Creation Trust's business plan for the current financial year (2010/11) be approved.
2. That the council enter a one-year funding agreement with Creation Trust incorporating the terms set out in the report and delegate authority to the strategic

director for regeneration and neighbourhoods to finalise the terms of and complete the funding agreement (Appendix 1 of the report) and the following be approved:

- The release of up to £187,000 in funding in support of the 2010/11 business case covering the first three quarters of the current financial year; and
 - Subject to the completion of the funding agreement, funding for the fourth quarter (up to £63,000), providing Creation Trust complies with the terms of the funding agreement and demonstrates satisfactory progress executing its business proposals for 2010/11.
3. That the strategic director for neighbourhoods and regeneration meet with the Director of Creation Trust annually, prior to the submission of any subsequent funding request to the council, in order to review Creation Trust's work programme going forward to ensure that its business plan:
- Does not contain any projects that seek to duplicate existing council services and/or council sponsored services
 - Contains projects that demonstrably add value to the council's objectives for the Aylesbury Estate.
4. That council officers report back to cabinet in February 2011 following their review of Creation Trust's work programme (business plan) for 2011/12.

8. JOAN STREET CAR PARK, LONDON SE1 8DA - DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL LAND

At this juncture Councillors Fiona Colley and Abdul Mohamed returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given for the disposal of council land at Joan Street, shown hatched and edged in black on the plan at Appendix 1 of the report ("the Site"), to Northstar or their nominated company by way of freehold and on the terms outlined in the closed report.
2. That the head of property be authorised to agree any minor variations to contractual terms.
3. That the capital receipt from the sale of the property be allocated to the council's capital programme.

9. LAND AT ROTHERHITHE STREET/SALTER ROAD SE16

RESOLVED:

1. That a surrender of the lease from the Dockland Settlements of the land shown shaded orange on the plan at Appendix 1 of the report be accepted.

2. The a long lease of the land shown shaded green and orange on the same plan be granted to the Dockland Settlements to enable the regeneration of the larger site shown shaded orange, green and blue to take place.
3. That authority be delegated to the head of property to agree detailed terms for the agreement to effect the regeneration.

10. REPORT OF STAGE 1 OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMISSION

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item for reasons for urgency as the decisions required could not wait until the next meeting of cabinet due to take place on 2 November 2010. The cabinet is due to consider a report on the council's future accommodation strategy in November and this item will need to be informed by decisions made by the democracy commission that will have a bearing on future accommodation requirements.

Councillor Abdul Mohamed presented the democracy commission report and recorded his thanks for the work undertaken by members and officers on the commission.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the democracy commission set out in appendix 4 to the report be endorsed by cabinet.

NOTE: The report and recommendation will be considered by council assembly on 20 October 2010.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and

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 category 3 and 5 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.

11. JOAN STREET CAR PARK, LONDON SE1 8DA - DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL LAND

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to Joan Street Car Park report. See item 8 for decision.

12. LAND AT ROTHERHITHE STREET/SALTER ROAD, LONDON SE16

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to Land at Rotherhithe Street/Salter Road, London SE16 report. See item 9 for decision.

The meeting ended at 5.10pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2010.

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