CABINET

MINUTES of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 2 November 2010 at 10.00 am at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle.

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 5 – Comprehensive Spending Review Update

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations.

4. AYLESBURY REGENERATION - PHASE 1: SITES 7 & 10 REVISED DELIVERY ROUTE

The strategic director of communities, law and governance's representative informed the meeting that the last bullet point of paragraph 34 of the report should be deleted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Aylesbury sites 7 and 10 be offered on the open market with a view to securing one or more regeneration partners for their regeneration in accordance with the Aylesbury Area Action Plan.

2. That officers report back to cabinet following marketing and subsequent bid appraisals with recommendations on the regeneration partner and the principal contractual structure for the transfer of the sites.

5. COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW UPDATE

This item had not been circulated 5 clear working days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent due to the significant impact of the Spending Review 2010 on the council's budget and resource planning process.

RESOLVED:

1. That the headline content of the Spending Review (SR) 2010 for local government be noted.

2. That the ongoing work to assess the implications of the SR specifically for Southwark be noted.

3. That the budget principles agreed by cabinet in September continue to guide and underpin the work of officers in arriving at a balanced budget in February 2011.

4. That officers continue to work on budget options, particularly in line with the earlier instruction from cabinet in July following the national emergency budget.

5. That strategic directors incorporate into budget options any specific implications from the SR as such details emerge from government.

6. That the finance director present a further report later in the autumn following the publication of the provisional local government settlement by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

7. That officers provide further information to voluntary sector providers and other stakeholder groups on the outcome of the SR, especially in respect of grants.

8. That subject to appropriate analysis, officers seek further advice as to whether there is any legal basis upon which to challenge the government on the consequences of any aspect of the spending review that may have a disproportionate detrimental impact on Southwark's residents.

9. That cabinet write to all local MPs inviting them to a briefing and urging them to press ministers for clarity in the financial settlement which Southwark is to receive at the earliest opportunity, and to set out the impact on the Council's funding and residents of all changes including those to housing finance.

10.	That cabinet work with other London councils to lobby the government for reform of the four block model to accurately reflect the costs facing London boroughs including the maintenance of the floor.

The meeting ended at 10.52 am.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 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.