

## Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 4.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Peter John OBE (Chair)  
Councillor Stephanie Cryan  
Councillor Maisie Anderson  
Councillor Fiona Colley  
Councillor Barrie Hargrove  
Councillor Richard Livingstone  
Councillor Victoria Mills  
Councillor Johnson Situ  
Councillor Ian Wingfield

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mark Williams.

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

The chair gave notice of the following late items:

Item 7: Deputation requests

Item 28: Policy and Resources Strategy 2018-19

Reasons for urgency and lateness will specified in the relevant minute.

### 3. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A CLOSED MEETING, AND ANY REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

There were no closed items considered at this meeting.

#### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None were declared.

#### 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

No public questions were received.

#### 6. MINUTES

##### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

#### 7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

The deputation request had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept this as urgent as the request had been received in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests.

It was confirmed that traders at the Elephant and Castle shopping centre had withdrawn their deputation request for this meeting.

##### RESOLVED:

That the deputation be received.

The deputation addressed cabinet on the following two items:

##### **Item 14: Housing Revenue Account - Indicative Rent Setting and Budget Report 2018-19**

The deputation asked cabinet to write to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, about the 1% rent reduction causing an estimated loss of at least £62M by 2020 and asking Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, Minister of State for Housing and Planning, to provide Government grants to carry out the necessary fire safety works.

It was requested that the tenants and residents committee members were kept fully involved in helping to plan fire safety works to estates and were consulted about fire safety decisions.

Councillor Stephanie Cryan confirmed that she would write the letters as requested above, and would continue to consult tenants and residents associations in respect of fire safety works.

**Item 24: Land at Bush Road, Rotherhithe**

The deputation requested that cabinet withdraw this item and the recommendation to issue a compulsory purchase order for a large part of the Haddonfield Estate communal grounds and garden. The deputation requested that additional consultation be carried out before this project is taken any further.

A council officer responded to the issues raised by the deputation to explain the process and to address their concerns. He also agreed to confirm his advice in writing to them.

**8. SOUTHWARK SCHOOL STANDARDS REPORT 2017**

Kate Wooder, Executive Head for Snowfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools, also presented her comments and feedback to cabinet.

**RESOLVED:**

That the 'Best start in life - Southwark school standards report 2017' attached at Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

**9. RESPONSE TO SOUTHWARK GP PRACTICES - QUALITY OF PROVISION AND LOCAL SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS - A REPORT FROM THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposed response to the healthy communities scrutiny sub-committee report on Southwark GP Practices be agreed, and the progress in taking forward the recommendations be noted.

**10. DECISIONS FROM CALL-IN: THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON CHANGES TO DAY CENTRE PROVISION AT QUEENS ROAD AND RIVERSIDE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DISABILITY HUB**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the council policy on how buildings are declared surplus or their use is changed be reviewed and that the revised policy be highlighted with officers at the earliest opportunity, and it be confirmed whether the existing policy was followed in this case.
2. That the policy on responding to information requests be refreshed and highlighted to all officers to ensure compliance with freedom of information and environmental information requests.
3. That it be ensured that all families and service users have clear information about how to make a complaint if unhappy with their initial assessment.
4. That the cabinet should be mindful of and follow Department for Communities and Local Government best practice on consultation, and in that work be sensitive to the

needs of vulnerable and disabled people.

5. That cabinet responds to these recommendations within 8 weeks.

## **11. SOUTHWARK SKILLS STRATEGY**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposed Southwark Skills Strategy (Appendix 1 of the report) be approved.
2. That officers be instructed to develop a detailed delivery plan in collaboration with local partners who will be involved in strategy implementation. The delivery plan will be presented to cabinet in spring 2018.

## **12. AYLESBURY PHASE 3 REHOUSING UPDATE**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the outcome of the consultation exercise carried out with residents in Phase 3 (1-56 Northchurch, Taplow, 184 and 218 East Street) of the Aylesbury Regeneration programme be noted.
2. That in line with the outcomes of the consultation, Phase 3 be activated for immediate rehousing.
3. That the acquisition of leasehold interests on land known as Phase 3 of the Aylesbury Estate Regeneration Programme via negotiation be approved and that the approval of compensation packages be delegated to the director of regeneration.

## **13. OLD KENT ROAD AREA ACTION PLAN: FURTHER PREFERRED OPTION**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Old Kent Road Area Action Plan: Further Preferred Option (Appendix A of the report) be agreed for consultation.
2. That the proposed changes to the adopted policies map (Appendix B of the report), Consultation Plan (Appendix C of the report) and Consultation Report (Appendix D of the report) be noted.
3. That the Integrated Impact Assessment (Appendix E of the report) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix F of the report) be noted.
4. That officers be instructed to prepare a report for cabinet regarding a local lettings policy for the Old Kent Road.

#### **14. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - INDICATIVE RENT SETTING AND BUDGET REPORT 2018-19**

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That a rent decrease of 1.0% for all directly and tenant managed (TMO) housing stock within the housing revenue account (HRA) (comprising estate voids, sheltered and hostels), with effect from 2 April 2018 be noted on a provisional basis. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.
2. That with regard to other HRA-wide charges, the changes to tenant service charges, comprising estate cleaning, grounds maintenance, communal lighting and door entry maintenance as set out in paragraphs 37 –38 of the report, with effect from 2 April 2018 be noted on a provisional basis.
3. That it be noted on a provisional basis that there will be no increase to sheltered housing service charges as set out in paragraph 39 of the report, with effect from 2 April 2018.
4. That an increase of 3% (average) in charges for garages, stores, sheds and parking bays, as set out in paragraphs 40 – 42 of the report be noted on a provisional basis.
5. That it be noted on a provisional basis that there will be no increase to district heating and hot water charges as set out in paragraph 43 of the report, with effect from 2 April 2018.
6. That a commitment to ensuring that savings proposals are primarily based on efficiencies be reaffirmed, and that where staffing reductions form part of any savings proposal, that due consultation and process with trade unions be followed.
7. That officers be instructed to provide a final report on rent setting and the housing revenue account (HRA) budget for 2018-19 after due consultation processes with residents have been followed for consideration at cabinet on 23 January 2018.

#### **15. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY - QUEENS ROAD 4**

##### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the need to reprovide Sumner House for housing in line with the council's housing policy priorities and as agreed at main planning committee on 28 March 2017 be noted.
2. That 133-137 Queens Road, SE15 2ND Queens Road 4 (QR4) be confirmed as the location for service users of our targeted services currently based at Bournemouth Road, Sumner House, 47b East Dulwich Road, St Mary's Road, Curlew House and Talfourd Place, and as an office base for the staff who provide these services.
3. That officers be authorised to undertake the development of the QR4, subject to the council's governance processes for expenditure, procurement and statutory processes such as demolition, planning and consultation.

4. That following agreement of decisions 2 and 3 above, capital provision be made for the development of QR4 and that this allocation be incorporated into the council's capital programme refresh report in February 2018.

**16. SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S BUY-BACK OFFER FOR LEDBURY TOWERS LEASEHOLDERS**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposed policy to allow the buy-back of leaseholder properties in Ledbury Towers (Bromyard House, Peterschurch House, Skenfrith House and Sarnsfield House), which are currently the subject of structural investigations be noted.
2. That a detailed financial assessment of the Ledbury buy-back offer is undertaken, funding is identified and delegated authority for individual buy backs be given to the director of regeneration.

**17. LEDBURY ESTATE - ARUP STRUCTURAL SURVEY REPORT**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the content of the report and the draft key stages that officers are working through with the Ledbury Resident Project Team be noted and that a further report setting out the outcome of the resident consultation on the options appraisal process be received by cabinet.
2. That an update report (including timescales) be received at 23 January 2018 cabinet.

**18. CONSULTATION ON INTRODUCING AN INTERMEDIATE HOUSING LIST**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That officers be instructed to conduct a public consultation on the initial proposals to introduce an intermediate rent housing list.
2. That officers be instructed to bring a further report to cabinet in 2018 covering the results of the consultation and recommendations for the final design for the intermediate rent housing list.

**19. GATEWAY 0 - STRATEGIC OPTIONS ASSESSMENT FOR RESPONSIVE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That it be noted that the ending of the housing repairs contracts in October 2018 provides the council with an opportunity to review the way in which these services are offered and to consider new and more effective delivery models.

2. That officers be instructed to develop detailed plans that would allow all non chargeable repairs and associated works to be undertaken by the council's in house trading service for housing repairs (SBS) for an initial period of 12 months with effect from October 2018.
3. That a progress report be received by cabinet in March 2018 setting out a proposed new service delivery model, project plans, full risk assessments and a full business case in support of the delivery of the service by SBS.
4. That it be noted that due to the requirement to have arrangements in place for chargeable repairs by 3 October 2018, preparation for the procurement process for these contracts has started and will be tendered subject to the approval of this report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE LEADER**

Councillor Peter John, leader of the council, offered his thanks to Gerri Scott, the outgoing strategic director of housing and modernisation, for her service and support for the council.

## **20. SCEAUX GARDENS NEW HOMES DELIVERY PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the rationale and proposal to redevelop the properties 1-15 Florian, 1-18 Racine and the garage site adjacent to the Colbert block; "The development site" as outlined in the report be agreed.
2. That the rehousing options and local lettings policy for council tenants of Florian and Racine displaced by the redevelopment outlined in paragraphs 61-64 of the report be agreed and that the detailed commitment to support affected vulnerable council tenants throughout the project be noted.
3. That the acquisition of freehold interests in accordance with statutory guidance and established council policy as outlined in paragraphs 65-73 of the report be agreed, including specified discretionary home loss, basic loss and disturbance payments.
4. That the package of options to be offered to qualifying residents of Sceaux Gardens Estate council homeowners displaced by the redevelopment as set out in paragraphs 65 – 73 of the report be agreed.
5. That the creation of the Sceaux Gardens development programme as an approved scheme for the purposes of delegation in relation to freehold acquisitions as outlined in paragraph 73 of the report be agreed.
6. That the authority be agreed to serve demolition notices in accordance with Schedule 5A of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended) referenced in paragraph 74 of the report.
7. That the allocation of funds to undertake freehold acquisition, home and basic loss payments and disturbance payments be confirmed and that the cost of

decommissioning the development site be met through the council's Affordable Housing Fund as outlined in paragraphs 80-82 of the report.

8. That that the formal consultation undertaken with affected tenants, homeowners and the wider estate community throughout the process in accordance with Section 105 of the Housing Act 1985 and the council's Charter of Principles as outlined in paragraphs 28-50 of the report be noted.
9. That the outcome of an equalities impact assessment attached as Appendix 2 and summarised within paragraph 77 of the report, that demonstrates the impact of the proposal and relevant mitigation in relation to the Equality Act 2010 and the council's Public Sector Equality Duty be noted.
10. That the approach undertaken with regard to the construction phasing of the development proposal to maximise the local lettings offer and minimise disruption to existing residents, neighbouring businesses and organisations in paragraphs 51-52 of the report be noted.
11. That the two options for the massing and layout of the ground floor units of the Racine block as set out in paragraphs 53-58 and Appendix 3 of the report be noted and that option 2 be agreed.
12. That the next steps and indicative timeline for the programme as outlined in paragraphs 83-85 of the report be agreed.

## **21. LAND AT GOSCHEN ESTATE, CAMBERWELL**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report that is currently held for housing purposes is no longer required for those purposes and that the appropriation of the land to planning purposes to facilitate the carrying out of the development proposals for the area in accordance with section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.
2. That it be confirmed that following completion of the appropriation in resolution 1 the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report, will no longer be required for planning purposes and that the appropriation of the land to housing purposes in accordance with section 9 of the Housing Act 1985 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

## **22. LAND AT IVY CHURCH, WALWORTH**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report that is currently held for housing purposes is no longer required for those purposes and that the appropriation of the land to planning purposes to facilitate the carrying out of the development proposals for the area in accordance with section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 122(1) of the Local



Government Act 1972 be approved.

2. That it be confirmed that following completion of the appropriation in resolution 1 the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report, will no longer be required for planning purposes and that the appropriation of the land to housing purposes in accordance with section 9 of the Housing Act 1985 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

### **23. LAND AT MEETING HOUSE LANE, PECKHAM**

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report that is currently held for housing purposes is no longer required for those purposes and that the appropriation of the land to planning purposes to facilitate the carrying out of the development proposals for the area in accordance with section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.
2. That it be confirmed that following completion of the appropriation in resolution 1 the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report, will no longer be required for planning purposes and that the appropriation of the land to housing purposes in accordance with section 9 of the Housing Act 1985 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

### **24. LAND AT BUSH ROAD, ROTHERHITHE**

The council officer advised of a number of amendments to the report as follows:

- Cabinet member foreword, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: number of new homes to be amended to 14
- Paragraph 6, figure for one- bedroom flats should read 4.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report that is currently held for housing purposes is no longer required for those purposes and that the appropriation of the land to planning purposes to facilitate the carrying out of the development proposals for the area in accordance with section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.
2. That it be confirmed that following completion of the appropriation in resolution 1 of the report the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report, will no longer be required for planning purposes and that the appropriation of the land to housing purposes in accordance with section 9 of the Housing Act 1985 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

## **25. LAND AT PELIER STREET, WALWORTH**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be confirmed that the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report that is currently held for housing purposes is no longer required for those purposes and the appropriation of the land to planning purposes to facilitate the carrying out of the development proposals for the area in accordance with section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.
2. That it be confirmed that following completion of the appropriation at paragraph 1 of the report the land shown hatched on the plan at Appendix A of the report, will no longer be required for planning purposes and the appropriation of the land to housing purposes in accordance with section 9 of the Housing Act 1985 and section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 be approved.

## **26. INCREASING NURSING HOME PROVISION IN SOUTHWARK**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the commissioning intention and strategy to increase local nursing homes beds that the council can access to over 300 beds by 2020 be noted.
2. That the granting of a Licence to Assign of the lease, held by Four Seasons at Picton Street and known as Burgess Park, to Country Court Care Homes 2 Ltd be noted.
3. That the intention of Country Court Care Homes 2 Ltd to rebuild the home at Picton Street so that the number of rooms is increased from 55 to 70 be noted.
4. That the negotiations taking place to reopen a nursing home at D'Eynsford Road be noted.
5. That the intention to undertake a procurement exercise in relation to securing a minimum number of beds and best value in relation to the re-modelled and/or newly constructed homes be noted.

## **27. THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2018-19**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the schedule of discounts and exemptions in paragraph 13 of the report, which remains unchanged from 2017-18 be approved.
2. That it be noted that the council tax reduction scheme (CTRS) for both working and pensionable age claimants shall remain unchanged in 2018-19.
3. That it be agreed that the council tax base for 2018-19 be set at 100,884 (95,941 in 2017-18) band D equivalent dwellings.

4. That it be agreed that the assumed council tax collection level should remain at 97.20% for 2018-19 (97.20% in 2017-18) noting the risks outlined in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the report.
5. That it be noted that the council tax base for 2018-19 for St. Mary Newington parish be set at 11,936 (11,602 in 2017-18) band D equivalent dwellings.
6. That it be noted that the council tax base for 2018-19 for St. Saviour's parish be set at 1,267 (1,257 in 2017-18) band D equivalent dwellings.
7. It be noted that:
  - any minor and consequential amendments to the CTRS written policy are to remain delegated to the strategic director of finance and governance, in consultation with the monitoring officer.
  - no changes were made under the strategic director of finance and governance's authority during 2017-18.
8. That it be noted that, as for 2017-18, the NNDR1 return showing the national non-domestic rates base will be signed off by the council's section 151 officer (strategic director of finance and governance).
9. That the proposed extension of the current council tax section 13a policy covering discretionary relief (refer to paragraph 18 of the report) be noted:
  - to introduce council tax discretionary relief (0% to 100%) for young people leaving Southwark council's care aged 18 to 24 years, for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
  - to continue foster carers discretionary relief (0% to 100%), for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

## **28. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2018-19**

This report had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the report as urgent as the council were committed to publishing budget proposals at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure they were available to the public for comments and questions. Presenting the report to cabinet on 12 December 2017, enabled the opportunity for debate prior to presentation of budget figures to cabinet on 23 January 2017. Under the council's constitution, there is a requirement for the overview and scrutiny committee to review and challenge budget proposals and this is due to take place on 30 January 2018.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That it be noted that the government's budget statement was presented by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 22 November, key headlines being set out in the report, including the government's agreement for a London Wide Business Rate pool (paragraphs 105 to 112 of the report).
2. That it be noted, as reported to cabinet in July 2017 and recognising the continued

uncertainty for local government funding, that the intention remains for the council to prepare a balanced one year 2018-19 budget for approval by cabinet in advance of council assembly in February 2018 (paragraph 21 of the report).

3. That the current budget options proposed to help achieve a balanced budget 2018-19 (Appendices C to F of the report) be noted.
4. That it be noted that this budget also proposes to use the flexibility offered by the government to support social care through an increase in the Adult Social Care precept, equivalent to 3% of council tax, on the basis that these additional funds will be used exclusively for adult social care (ASC) (Paragraph 48 to 49 of the report).
5. That it be noted that the current budget options proposed include an increase in the children's and adults' services budgets of £17.2m (funded in part by £12.584m Better Care Fund and £2.7m increase in the ASC precept) which is fully passported to adult social care.
6. That it be noted that the general fund budget proposals for 2018-19 contained within this report also include:
  - Estimated grant resources likely to be available arising from the provisional settlement expected in mid December (Appendix A of the report, a reduction of some £12.0m from 2017-18 (excluding Better Care Fund)
  - Improved Better Care Fund resources totalling £12.584m (including the supplementary allocation of £4.497m announced in the spring 2016 budget)
  - Further resources from the adult social care precept of £2.7m, again passported in full to adult social care for 2018-19
  - Retained business rates growth of £17.173m (paragraph 55 to 60), an increase of £8.473m over 2017-18 arising from proceeds generated by continued regeneration in the borough; plus an estimated surplus brought forward of £2.987m
  - Estimated council tax revenue of £101.5m (of which £2.7m is represented by the additional ASC precept); estimated collection fund surplus of £5.750m in part attributable to a review of the provision for bad debt
  - Planned contingency to be maintained at a level of £4m to mitigate underlying budget risks. (paragraph 95 of the report).
7. That it be noted the following savings, commitments and pay and price pressures have been proposed to help ensure the delivery of a balanced budget in 2018-19 (Appendices C – F of the report):
  - Efficiency savings of £11.522m
  - Income generation of £6.806m
  - Savings impacting on services of £0.399m
  - Commitments of £31.171m
  - Pay Awards (assumed 2%) of £4m
  - Contractual inflation of £3.5m.
8. That it be noted that in order to ensure that the base budget is on a secure financial footing, a number of commitments are proposed for 2018-19 totalling £31.171m, including:

- £19.426m for ASC which are funded in the main from the £12.584m from the Better Care Fund and £2.700m through the Adult Social Care Precept
  - £5.833m for children's social care and education services
  - £0.715m to further support spending pressures on No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and temporary accommodation
  - £2.202m for corporate facilities management and ICT in support of the council's modernisation agenda.
9. That it be noted that the current pay offer of 2% for local government employees has been incorporated into these budget options, however there is continued uncertainty regarding pay negotiations that will need to be further reviewed by cabinet in advance of setting the 2018-19 budget.
10. That the updated budget gap for 2018-19 of £5.597m be noted and that officers will complete further work to present a fully balanced budget position for cabinet on 23 January 2018.
11. That the departmental narratives (Appendix B of the report) and the equality analyses provided for the budget proposals be noted.
12. That the consultation that took place prior to agreeing the indicative budget options for 2017-18 and 2018-19 be noted and that further consultation will be undertaken for new budget options where necessary or appropriate (paragraph 96 of the report).
13. That it be noted that the further report to cabinet on 23 January 2018 will be considered by overview and scrutiny committee on 30 January 2018 and that any recommendations arising will be incorporated into the final report to cabinet on 6 February 2018 for recommendation to council assembly on 21 February 2018 (paragraph 98 of the report).
14. That the proposals regarding pooling of London Business Rates (paragraphs 105 to 112) be noted and that the following, based on advice received from London Councils' legal advisers in respect of these pooling arrangements be agreed:
- (i) Establishment of Governance Arrangements: it be resolved to:
- approve and accept the designation by the Secretary of State as an authority within the London Business Rates Pilot Pool pursuant to 34(7)(1) of Schedule 7B Local Government Finance Act 1988
  - note that the council intends to participate in the London Business Rates Pilot Pool with effect from 1 April 2018 [to 31 March 2019]
  - delegate the authority's administrative functions as a billing authority pursuant to the Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 to the City of London Corporation acting as the Lead Authority
  - authorise the Lead Authority to sub-contract certain ancillary administrative functions to the GLA with regard to the financial transactions (payment of tariffs and top-ups) within the Pool, as the Lead Authority considers expedient.
- (ii) Entry into the Memorandum of Understanding: it be resolved:

- delegate authority to the section 151 officer in consultation with the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance to agree the operational details of the pooling arrangements with the participating authorities;
- authorise the section 151 officer, in consultation with the director of law and democracy, to make any amendments as may be required by the Secretary of State, and to enter into the final Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the authority.

(iii) Operation of the Pool: it be resolved:

- to authorise the Leader, in consultation with the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance and the section 151 officer, to represent the authority in relation to consultations regarding the London Business Rates Pilot Pool consultative as may be undertaken by the Lead Authority pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding
- to delegate to the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance the authority to consider such consultative reports as the lead authority may circulate and to respond on behalf of the authority with regard to any recommendations and in particular, proposals for projects to be approved for funding from the strategic investment pot.

## **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the press and 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 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 part of the meeting

## **29. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the closed minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

Meeting ended at 6.24 pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2017.**

**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.**