



Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 21 December 2010 at 4.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Friary and Catherine McDonald.

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

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

Item 5 – Policy and Resources 2011/12 to 2013/14 – provisional local government settlement and draft medium term resources strategy.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. DEPUTATION REQUEST - SOUTHWARK TRADES COUNCIL

The deputation request had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

5. POLICY AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2011/12 TO 2013/14 - PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT AND DRAFT MEDIUM TERM RESOURCES STRATEGY

This item had not been circulated 5 clear working days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent because of the significant impact of the provisional settlement 2011/12 to 2012/13 on the council's budget and resource planning process.

RESOLVED:

1. That the provisional local government settlement for 2011/12 and 2012/13 which was published on 13 December 2010 be noted.
2. That it be noted that the issues in the report and subsequent analysis form the basis of a formal response to the consultation on the provisional local government settlement which must be submitted to government by 17 January 2011.
3. That it be noted that the Leader is writing to the Right Honourable Eric Pickles, MP, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (CLG) to request a meeting to discuss the proposals set out in the provisional settlement.
4. That it be confirmed that the budget principles agreed by cabinet on 21 September 2010 continue to guide and underpin the work of officers in arriving at a balanced budget in February 2011.
5. That taking all the issues in the report, the finance director report back to the cabinet at its meeting on 25 January 2011, and in advance of the 31 January overview and scrutiny meeting, on the budget for 2011/12, and indicative budgets for 2012/13 and 2013/14.
6. That the updated draft medium term resources strategy (Appendix 1 of the report) be noted and the finance director present a final version at the 25 January 2011 cabinet meeting.
7. That the three Southwark MPs be requested to make representations on behalf of constituents to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the provisional local government settlement.
8. That the finance director circulate a briefing note on the local government settlement to all elected Members.

The meeting ended at 4.45pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, 5 JANUARY 2011.

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.