



EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the EXECUTIVE held on Tuesday January 18 2005 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader
Councillor Catherine Bowman, Deputy Leader
Councillor Columba Blango, Equalities, Culture and Sport
Councillor Denise Capstick, Health and Adult Care
Councillor James Gurling, Communications and Performance Improvement
Councillor Gavin O'Brien, Housing and Community Safety
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Education
Councillor Richard Porter, Regeneration and Economic Development
Councillor Richard Thomas, Environment and Transport
Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Resources

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS 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:-

Open agenda

Item 10 – Every Child Matters: Towards A Children's Trust

Item 11 – Gateway 1 – Procurement Strategy Approval – Temporary Agency Workers Contract

Item 12 – Report for Approval of Procurement Strategy – Corporate Security Contract

Item 13 – Improvement to Playground Bids

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Cathy Bowman declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 9 'Motions Referred from Council Assembly (Leaseholder Service Charge) as she was a leaseholder.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

5 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the open sections of the meetings held on December 14 and 22 2004 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

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.

6 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CALL-IN: EXECUTIVE DECISION (30TH NOVEMBER) IN RESPECT OF PROJECT START UP FOR PECKHAM AND WALWORTH ONE STOP SHOPS** (see pages 1 – 3)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the outcome of Overview and Scrutiny Committee consideration that the decision of Executive of the November 30 2004 in respect of Project Start-up for Peckham and Walworth one stop shops remains and that the decision was effective from Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of December 20 2004 be noted.
 2. That procedures be developed for handling confidential information and its transfer between the one stop shop office and housing offices.
 3. That officers be instructed to enter into discussions with the architect of Peckham Library to ensure he is made aware of the proposals and to seek his views.
 4. That contingency plans be developed in the event that there is under capacity at the one stop shop in Peckham.

7 **POLICY AND RESOURCING STRATEGY 2005/8 – PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2005/6** (see pages 4 – 32)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the provisional budget proposals for 2005/6, as outlined in paragraph 24 be noted.
 2. That the forecast revenue position for 2006/7 and future years, as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be noted.
 3. That a special executive meeting be held on February 8 2005 to consider the budget proposals prior to consideration by council assembly on February 23 2005.
 4. That it be noted that the executive will receive details of capital resources for 2005/6 and future years alongside any revenue consequences at the February meeting.

8 **LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS SCHEME 2005/6** (see pages 33 – 37)

RESOLVED: That the budget of £28,077,422 for 2005/6, recommended by the London Boroughs Grants Committee be approved.

9 **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY** (see pages 38 – 51)

RESOLVED: Trafalgar Controlled Parking Zone

That the motion from Council Assembly as set out below be noted:

1. That council assembly believes that policies to support traffic reduction are essential for all local authorities in the 21st Century.
2. That council assembly notes that some members are concerned that the Trafalgar CPZ, implemented almost a year ago;
 - Is deeply flawed
 - Seriously lacks support.
 - Carries large scale hostility.
3. That council assembly also notes that some members are concerned that the Trafalgar CPZ:
 - Is having a seriously detrimental effect on local businesses and services.
 - Is an ongoing source of discord within the community.
4. That council notes, however, that a review of the operation of the CPZ and the level of community satisfaction is due to be carried out before the end of 2004.
5. That council requests that the options of both amending and abolishing the Trafalgar CPZ should be considered as apart of this review.
6. That council requests the strategic director of regeneration to ensure that the local community council should be fully involved in this review.
7. That council notes the development of a parking and enforcement plan that will:
 - a. set out the criteria for the carrying out of reviews of controlled parking zones and standards of public consultation;
 - b. establish clear standards and consistency in the planning of controlled parking zones in the future.

RESOLVED: School Service Response to Homophobia

1. That the motion from Council Assembly as set out below be noted/supported:
 - a. That this council expresses its horror at the brutal murder and assaults which took place recently just outside the borough boundary and which were apparently homophobic attacks.
 - b. That council assembly calls upon the executive, heads, staff and governors of Southwark schools to take more positive steps to combat homophobia and homophobic bullying, which so often leads to this kind of despicable crime being committed.
 - c. That council assembly welcomes the release of "Stand Up for Us" and believes that this provides a valuable resource for tackling homophobia in schools.
2. That the issues raised in the motion and the comments from the director of schools services and assistant chief executive (performance strategy) as set out in the report be referred to the strategic director of education and executive member for education for action and that a report be brought back to the executive in due course.

RESOLVED: East Dulwich Estate

1. The executive notes:
 - a. That officers are working up an alternative approach to the masterplan which may fund the £10m gap between existing resources and the cost of regenerating the estate.
 - b. That a further report will be brought to the executive by the end of April
2. The executive therefore believes that no action needs to be taken on this motion at this time.

RESOLVED: 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Bid

The executive notes:

1. The London bid to host the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics games.

2. The executive believes:
 - a. That these games would be a sporting celebration for the whole country and would bring a lasting sporting, economic, social, health and cultural legacy to the whole of Greater London.
 - b. That a successful bid has the potential to benefit Southwark by encouraging sports development and inspiration for the young people of this borough with Olympics scholarships and the encouragement of healthy lifestyles.
 - c. Participation in the cultural festival that would take place before and during the games would be of special note and benefit to Southwark because of our borough's rich cultural diversity – 70 languages are spoken in Southwark alone. As such, Southwark will have a real role to play in this.
 - d. The development of the infrastructure across London will have a knock-on effect on Southwark's own transport and regeneration projects.
3. This executive therefore resolves:
 - a. To give its full support, subject to the achievement of the aims expressed in paragraphs b and c below, to London's bid to stage the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games and agrees to work to maximise the opportunities afforded to this borough and to London through a successful bid.
 - b. To support the Association of London Government (ALG) in seeking a clear limit on the amount of funding that will be raised through the GLA precept on the council tax to support both the bid and the holding of the games should that bid be successful.
 - c. To urge the Chancellor of the Exchequer to strongly consider funding the London 2012 games with a tax windfall from the olympics lottery as a means of reducing any increase in council tax bills as a result of winning the bid.

RESOLVED: Leaseholder Service Charges

1. That the motion from council assembly as set out below be noted:
 1. That council assembly notes that very substantial increases in annual service charges – in some cases almost 100% in total – have been notified to leaseholders for the year to 31 March 2005.

2. That council assembly also notes that many leaseholders have received service charges which clearly contain errors, such as charges for services which they do not receive
3. That council assembly therefore requests the executive to instruct officers to bring a report to council assembly no later than February 2005;
 - a. setting out reasons for these increases in detail,
 - b. making proposals for providing leaseholders with significantly better information on the breakdown of these annual charges and reasons for changes in their level,
 - c. setting out in detail the causes and extent of the errors in the service charges and the action to be taken to ensure that these mistakes are not repeated.
2. That it be noted that the comments of the strategic director of housing detailed in the report addresses the issues requested in paragraph 3 of the motion.

RESOLVED: London Bid for the 2012 Olympics – Report in the Financial Times

1. That in respect of London's bid for the 2012 Olympics, executive notes the following report in the Financial Times of 13 November 2004 (page 4);

“Unfazed by the tradition of spiralling British infrastructure project costs, London’s bid organisers predict that they will be able to make a profit from the 2012 Olympics. The cost is put at £2.375 billion, to be shared between the National Lottery (£1.5 billion), the London Development Agency (£250 million) and a five year London Council Tax levy of 38p a week. But London believes that will be more than offset by funds from the International Olympic Committee, television, national sponsorship and merchandising.”
2. In the light of the fact that the benefits to Southwark and many other London boroughs will be no greater than the benefits to areas outside London (and in the case of Essex, for example, much less) the executive endeavours to do what it can via the Association of London Government (ALG).

RESOLVED: Housing Partnership Board

1. That paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of the motion referred from Council Assembly as set out below be noted.
 1. That council assembly notes the difficulties experienced in bringing about the changes in implementing the best value review into housing management, resident involvement and face-to-face services (cash offices) since 2002.
 2. That council assembly notes with concern that this has caused a sense of alienation among some tenants and residents in the borough who feel that they have been excluded in regard to these changes.
 3. Council assembly further notes that the introduction of executive arrangements and individual decision making has made consultation with tenants and residents on housing issues more difficult.
2. That the strategic director of housing be instructed to utilise the housing partnership board as a means of regular consultation on major housing decisions (whether collective, individual or delegated) which should be published in the forward plan.

10 EVERY CHILD MATTERS: TOWARDS A CHILDREN'S TRUST (see pages 52 to 67)

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The Char agreed to accept the item as urgent as by April 2005 it was envisaged that there would be a published version of the over-arching strategy with fully developed plans from each of the sub-partnerships and that by 1 April 2005 the partnership would be operating on the trust principles. In order to meet the set timetable, consultation on the over-arching strategy was due to take place between January and March 2005. Delaying consideration of the report to the next meeting would affect the proposed timescales.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the proposed restructuring of the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) to enable it to evolve into a children's trust, as detailed in paragraphs 11 – 15 of the report be supported.
 2. That the information provided on the 2004 Children Act and the expected timetable for implementation be noted.
 3. That it be noted that the children's trust will be accountable to the council as the lead agency and the director of children's services amend all relevant documents and diagrams to reflect this.

11 **GATEWAY 1 – PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL – TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS CONTRACT** (see pages 68 – 82)

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the council's existing contract for agency workers would end in September 2005 and had been extended twice. In order to ensure continuity of service, the new contract needed to be in place by October 2005. In order to meet this requirement, it was important that the formal tender exercise was commenced as soon as possible. Any delay in considering the issue would affect the likelihood of the already tight tender process being completed on time.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the procurement strategy outlined in the report to appoint a third party for the supply of temporary agency workers be approved. Those invited to tender for the contract would be asked to bid for either:
 - a) A Vendor Neutral Brokerage Service; or
 - b) A Business Process Outsourcing
 2. That it be noted that this decision will ensure the council retains a key supplier arrangement, whilst at the same time having the benefits of a non-exclusive supplier arrangement.

12 **REPORT FOR APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT STRATEGY: CORPORATE SECURITY CONTRACT**

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the current contract expired at the end of March 2005. Approval was being sought to extend the current contract for six months to October 2005 to allow the required TUPE consultation process for the new contract to be undertaken. In order to ensure that the new contract was in place by October 2005, it was necessary to have the letting strategy approved by the executive in January. This would enable officers to inform the existing contractor of the extension of contract so they had sufficient time to provide continuity of service over this period.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the procurement strategy outlined in the report for the tender of a new corporate security contract be approved.
 2. That an extension of six months to the current security contract be approved to facilitate the required TUPE consultation process.
 3. That the approval of the award of the contract be delegated to the executive member for resources.

13 **IMPROVEMENT TO PLAYGROUND BIDS** (see pages 92 – 106)

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The Chair agreed to accept the item as urgent to facilitate completion of as many individual projects as possible before the Summer school holiday period.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the proposals detailed in paragraph 15 of the report be agreed and the funding indicated under the Improvement to Playgrounds (ITP) programme be approved.
 2. That should match funding for the works at Ainsty Estate not be forthcoming from the housing investment programme (see paragraph 20 of the report) then the allocation in respect of this be brought back to the executive.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 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 paragraphs 1 - 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

MINUTES

The Executive approved as correct records the Minutes of the closed sections of the meetings held on December 14 and 22 2005 November 2 2004.

The meeting ended at 8.07pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY JANUARY 27 2005

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