



Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 4.00 pm at the Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH.

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 Victoria Mills
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 items would be considered for reasons of urgency, to be specified in the relevant minute:

Item 7 – Deputation requests

Item 20 - Lakanal Inquiry – Sprinkler feasibility study

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

No representations were received in respect of the items listed as closed business for the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

7. DEPUTATION REQUESTS

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the requests had been submitted in line with the constitutional deadline for the receipt of deputation requests and was therefore eligible for consideration by cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the deputation requests be heard.

Summary of the deputations heard.

Local residents with regard to the lack of signage indicating the location of the Rose archaeological site

The deputation addressed cabinet to draw attention to the lack of signage indicating the location of the Rose archaeological site and to request that this be rectified as soon as possible.

The deputation advise that the Rose Theatre was the first theatre to be built in the Bankside in 1587 and that the remains of the theatre (discovered in 1989) are a major tourist attraction. The deputation advise that many visitors to the site have complained of the difficulty in finding it as there are no signposts indicating the theatre's location.

The cabinet acknowledge that the site was of great historical importance and It was agreed that the leader and cabinet member for transport, environment and recycling explore what can be done, including making further representations to Transport for London, the body responsible for signage along Bankside.

Herne Hill Forum and Herne Hill Traders

The deputation raised the issue of the problems that Herne Hill Traders and businesses face since the flood due to a burst water main in August 2013. The deputation advised that Herne Hill was an area being regenerated with new businesses starting up and the establishment of a strong local community. Feedback from the residents was that the area had improved immensely. However the flood had set this back with potential long term damaging effects. The deputation explained that the flood had not only affected the

traders and businesses whose properties had been flooded, footfall for the whole area had been affected significantly. The deputation thanked the council for what it had done so far, however they were now asking the council for its support in terms of lobbying/adding pressure on Thames Water not just for recompense for the water damaged businesses but also for Thames Water to contribute to getting the whole area back to what it was to ensure there is a viable community.

The deputation informed the cabinet that help had been provided to shops directly affected by water damage, but shops which had not received water damage had been ignored.

The leader indicated that the council would be happy to provide lobbying support and informed the deputation that a fund of £100,000 had been set aside and that any businesses affected by the flood could apply for assistance, this did not need to be as a direct result of water damage.

The cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing advised that she would ask the Strategy and Partnership Manager to look at what can be done.

Local residents request for a local levy on large supermarkets within the borough

The deputation addressed the meeting to outline the potential impact large supermarkets have upon the retail and community infrastructure of a locality. It was suggested that 95% of revenue is taken out of the local economy; money of which is not recycled within that economy.

The deputation outlined the experience of others in introducing a levy, for example Northern Ireland. The levy has been distributed to assist small to medium enterprises for the benefit of the local economy. It was felt that the impact on the large supermarkets is minimal with significant benefits for business and the local community. The deputation asked the council to look into the prospect of lobbying for such a levy and to undertake a preliminary assessment.

The cabinet informed the deputation that this is something they would like to be done, however felt it would only be achievable if it was done in conjunction with neighbouring boroughs / South East London wide basis. The cabinet indicated that they would welcome the deputation working with the council on this.

8. BULLYING - SCHOOL AND COUNCIL POLICY TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND TO REDUCE POOR AND ABUSIVE PEER RELATIONS (EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEISURE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE)

Councillor David Hubber, chair of the education, children's services and leisure scrutiny sub-committee presented the report to cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the review of bullying - school and council policy to support vulnerable children and to reduce poor and abusive peer relations be noted and that the relevant cabinet members bring back a report to cabinet, in order to respond to the overview and scrutiny committee, within eight weeks.

9. GATEWAY 1 - PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL - SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITY (SEND) TAXIS FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

RESOLVED:

That the procurement strategy outlined in the report for the special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) taxis for children, young people and vulnerable adults service which is to undertake a competitive tender process for a four year framework agreement commencing on 1 September 2014 with an estimated annual value of £1.29m and therefore with an estimated total contract value of up to £5.2m be approved.

10. FAIRER FUTURE INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14

RESOLVED:

That progress in the first half of 2013/14 against the ten fairer future promises and portfolio performance objectives in the council plan be noted.

11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - INDICATIVE RENT SETTING AND BUDGET REPORT 2014/15

RESOLVED:

1. That with regard to rents it be noted that the rent increase implied by the government's rent guidance would be 5.4% (as set out in paragraphs 14 to 18 of the report), to be applied to all housing revenue account (HRA) dwellings (including estate voids and hostels), with effect from 7 April 2014, and that the average dwelling rent in 2014/15 under such an increase would be £101.61 per week (an increase of £5.21 per week on average).
2. That officers explore options regarding the rent increase for 2014/15, setting out its effects on the HRA for that year, and also their medium and longer-term implications.
3. That with regard to other HRA-wide charges, it be noted on a provisional basis that there will be no increase to tenant fixed service charges as set out in paragraph 39 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
4. That it be noted on a provisional basis that there will be no increase to the standard charge for garages or other non-residential charges, as set out in paragraphs 40 to 41 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
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 42 to 43 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.

6. That it be noted on a provisional basis that there will be no increase to sheltered housing service charges as set out in paragraph 44 of the report with effect from 7 April 2014.
7. That it be noted that water and sewerage charges levied by Thames Water are liable to an inflationary uplift as set out at paragraph 45 of the report, but as yet the council has not been informed by Thames Water of what that increase will be.
8. That officers provide a final report on rent setting and the HRA budget for 2014/15 after due consultation processes have been followed for consideration at their meeting on 28 January 2014.

12. RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF MAJOR WORKS AT DRAPER HOUSE

RESOLVED:

That the responses to the recommendations of the housing, environment, transport and community safety scrutiny sub-committee's investigation into the major works at Draper House be noted and agreed.

13. SOUTHWARK PRIVATE RENTAL STANDARD AND ACCREDITATION OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed Southwark private rental standard be approved and adopted as the council's minimum expectation of property management and maintenance in the letting and management of private rented property.
2. That the standard becomes a baseline for the procurement and sourcing of all domestic property the council acquires for the discharge of its duties, statutory or otherwise.
3. That the standard be adopted for further work developing, regulating and managing the private rental sector.

14. LONDON COUNCIL'S GRANTS SCHEME 2014-15

RESOLVED:

That Southwark council's contribution to the London councils grants scheme of £289,701 for 2014/15 be approved subject to approval of the council budget by the council assembly in February 2014.

15. VIOLENT CRIME STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress made in delivering the recommendations set out in the violent crime strategy 2010-15 be noted.
2. That it be noted that violent crime has fallen by 25% (from 8007 to 5968 recorded offences) during the first three years of the violent crime strategy.
3. That the 40% reduction in most serious violence offences during the first three years of the violent crime strategy, which equated to 292 fewer recorded crimes be noted.
4. That it be noted that whilst the long term trends for reported incidents of domestic abuse are down by 22% between 2009/10 and 2012/13, there has been a rise in reported incidents between April and September 2013/14. That a review of this is carried out to ascertain if there are any specific underlying trends.
5. That it be noted that the cost of violence in Southwark has reduced by £12m in 2012/13 compared to 2009/10 and a further £1.8m in the first six months of 2013/14 according to the Home Office economic cost of crime figures calculator.
6. That the cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety, continues to make the case with senior officials in the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, that Southwark receives the policing numbers and level of resources required to continue its progress in addressing violent crime in the borough.

16. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) REVISED DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE

RESOLVED:

1. That the community infrastructure levy (CIL) revised draft charging schedule (Appendix A) and the draft "Regulation 123 List" (the list of infrastructure items which will not be funded by section 106 planning obligations, once CIL has been adopted) (Appendix B) be published and representations invited.
2. That the draft infrastructure delivery plan (Appendix C), the equalities analysis (Appendix D), the consultation plan (Appendix E), the consultation report (Appendix F) and house price heat map (Appendix G) be noted.
3. That approval be given to the submission of the community infrastructure levy (CIL) revised draft charging schedule to the Planning Inspectorate for an examination-in-public, provided no substantive changes are necessary following consultation.
4. That the approval of any minor amendments resulting from consultation on the community infrastructure levy (CIL) revised draft charging schedule and the draft "Regulation 123 List" be delegated to the director of planning in consultation with the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy.

17. DRAFT SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

1. That the draft Section 106 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix A) be approved for public consultation.
2. That the consultation plan (Appendix B) and the draft equalities analysis (Appendix C) be noted.
3. That it be agreed that a sustainability appraisal and environmental assessment are not required and the publication of the related screening assessment (Appendix D) be agreed.
4. That it be noted that following consultation, the final version of the SPD will be reported back to the cabinet for formal adoption, prior to the Southwark Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule coming into force.

18. WALWORTH ROAD BUSINESS MIX - RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the responses from the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy; cabinet member for finance, resources and community safety; and cabinet member for communities and economic wellbeing on the set of recommendations in respect of the report 'Walworth Road Business Mix: report of the overview and scrutiny committee' (July 2013) be noted.

19. SURREY DOCKS STADIUM SE16: ACQUISITION OF FORMER STADIUM, SALE OF NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAR PARKS AND RETURN OF FISHER FOOTBALL CLUB TO ST PAULS GROUND

RESOLVED:

That the following be agreed (all in accordance with the terms set out in the closed cabinet report and subject to Fairview Homes obtaining planning consent):

1. The acquisition of the former Surrey Docks Stadium land (as shown in Appendix A of the report) for use as a public park;
2. The disposal of the adjoining former Northern and Eastern car park sites to Fairview Homes;

3. The re-instatement of the St Pauls ground as a community football ground allowing the return of Fisher FC to Rotherhithe;
4. That the head of property be authorised to negotiate the sale, acquisition and development agreements with Fairview Homes and to agree lease terms for the St Pauls facility.

20. LAKANAL INQUIRY - SPRINKLER FEASIBILITY STUDY

This item had not been circulated five clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as the council committed to undertake a 6 month feasibility study ending in November 2013 and to report back to the next cabinet meeting on 10 December 2013. The next cabinet meeting after the 10 December was not until the end of January 2014. In light of the sensitivities and importance of addressing the coroner recommendations and significant public interest the council needs to respond to the recommendations as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

1. That the contents of the report be noted and approved.
2. That approval be given for the installation of sprinkler systems in all existing sheltered housing schemes by September 2016, and any built in the future, using the option 1 model set out in paragraph 39 of the report.
3. That approval be given for the installation of sprinkler systems in all existing temporary accommodation hostels by September 2016, and any built in the future, using the option 1 model set out in paragraph 39 of the report.
4. That approval be given for the installation of LD2 type automatic battery powered smoke/heat detection to all the council homes forming part of this study by March 2015.
5. That approval be given for the installation of LD2 type automatic battery powered smoke/heat detection to council homes across the borough over the next 10-15 years through the major works investment programme.
6. That the strategic director of housing and community services explore ways in which leaseholders could be provided with similar early detection and warning, considering the likely funding, management and other issues.
7. That the strategic director of housing and community services work with the Southwark SAIL (safe and independent living) project in order to consider alternative fire safety solutions for vulnerable residents, as set out in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and

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 104 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the closed part of the meeting.

21. SURREY DOCKS STADIUM SE16 - ACQUISITION OF FORMER STADIUM, SALE OF NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAR PARKS AND RETURN OF FISHER FOOTBALL CLUB TO ST. PAULS GROUND

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 19 for decision.

The meeting ended at 5.53pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2013.

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.