



Executive

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Executive held on Tuesday September 29 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton (Chair)
Councillor Kim Humphreys
Councillor Paul Kyriacou
Councillor Linda Manchester
Councillor Tim McNally
Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Lisa Rajan

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adele Morris and Lewis Robinson.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Paul Kyriacou, Paul Noblet and Lisa Rajan.

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

The following item was identified as late and urgent. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent for the reasons of urgency to be specified in the relevant minute:

- Item 15 – Cherry Garden Special and Gloucester Primary Schools: Consultation on Proposed Changes

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meetings held on July 21 and July 29 2009 be agreed as correct records and signed by the chair.

6. END OF YEAR BUSINESS REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the end of year business report for 2008/09 (appendix 1 of the report) be noted.
2. That Southwark's outturns from the first year of the new National Indicator Set be noted.

7. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Fire at Lakanal House

RESOLVED:

1. The executive notes, with deep sadness, the awful events at Lakanal House in Camberwell on July 3, which led to the death of 6 people and a number of injuries.
2. The executive expresses sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives. Executive shares the deep sense of loss, bereavement and disbelief that is felt by the whole community as a result of these terrible events.
3. The executive also extends its sympathies to the numerous residents of Lakanal House who have been made homeless as a result of the fire. The executive agrees to work with maximum speed and commitment to ensure that these residents are satisfactorily and comfortably housed in the shortest possible time.
4. The executive pays tribute to the bravery demonstrated by the emergency services on July 3, whose work undoubtedly saved many lives and also expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks to the professionalism and dedication shown by Southwark council officers across many departments who, since July 3, have worked tirelessly to assist those affected by this tragedy.
5. The executive believes that there may be serious lessons to be learnt from these tragic events, which will be relevant to similar buildings in Southwark and those owned by other local authorities and housing bodies across the country and notes that a high court judge has been appointed to conduct a full and independent inquest and welcomes this development.

6. The executive welcomes the decision by the Secretary of State to instruct Sir Ken Knight the government's chief fire and rescue advisor to report back to him on the various investigations into the fire and notes that the information gathered by Sir Ken Knight has been shared with other local authorities.

Regeneration of Elephant & Castle

RESOLVED:

That the motion and the comments of the deputy chief executive be noted.

Primary school places in Dulwich

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that a report on the issue will be brought to the November 2009 executive meeting.

One hour bus ticket proposal

RESOLVED:

1. That this executive believes in affordable public transport and in the need to ensure that passengers who use "Pay As You Go" Oyster cards have a fair deal.
2. The executive notes that in other European capital cities bus passengers have the benefit of a time-limited bus ticket which enables them to use two or three buses within a set time without having to pay again.
3. The executive notes that almost a million car journeys every day in London are less than one mile in length, and supports effective ways of encouraging modal shift to public transport.
4. The executive views with concern at this time of economic recession that even short journeys in London may involve using two or three buses and can cost up to £3.00 if more than one bus is needed.
5. The executive notes that the average bus journey length is 3.54 km (2.2 miles, 9 stops), and that Transport for London estimate that 16% of bus journeys on Oyster 'Pay As You Go' involve using a second bus within 60 minutes of the first.
6. The executive commends the proposal for a One Hour Bus Ticket to be available on "Pay As You Go" Oyster card, enabling passengers to use more than one bus during a 60-minute period without paying more than £1.00.
7. That the leader of the council and the lead executive member for transport write to the Mayor of London promoting the One Hour Bus Ticket proposal; and to ask the Mayor of London to request that Transport for London investigates the practicalities of implementing such a scheme.

8. The executive notes the extremely low take-up of the income support and job seeker allowance half price fares scheme in Southwark. It notes that take-up for those on job seekers allowance is 3.14% in Southwark and for income support is 2.02%.
9. The executive agrees to explore ways to promote this scheme more widely, for instance by including an article in Southwark Life, Southwark Housing News and other council publications and ensuring information is available in One Stop Shops, housing offices, libraries and leisure centres.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008-09 OUTTURN REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the outturn position for 2008/09 for the capital programme 2008 - 16 for both the General Fund and Housing Investment Programme be noted and the reprofiling of spend and resources into the 2009 -16 programme be approved.
2. That the new and emerging pressures on the capital programme arising from issues of service demands, the recession, and the impact on the pace of regeneration schemes be noted.
3. That the finance director submit a refreshed 10 year capital programme for approval to a future executive meeting.
4. That approval be given to the substitution of a scheme at Goose Green School at an estimated cost of £1m for that currently programmed for Heber School within the Sure Start funded Children's Centre programme (paragraphs 38 – 39 of the report).
5. That the £6m additional capital funding secured for the Burgess Park Revitalisation Project be noted, and this project be added into the capital programme 2009-16 (paragraph 72 of the report).
6. That the allocation of the funds remaining from the original capital allocation of £12.3m for Leisure Centres for Seven Islands, Camberwell Leisure Centre, and Southwark Park Athletics Stadium (paragraphs 76 – 79 of the report) be noted.

9. SUBMISSION OF THE COUNCIL'S TRANSPORT FOR LONDON FUNDED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010-11 AND INDICATIVE PROGRAMME TO 2012-13

RESOLVED:

1. That the content of the council's proposed submission to Transport for London (TfL) identifying transport projects to be delivered with TfL Local implementation plan (Lip) funding in 2010/11 and the indicative programme of work for the years 2011/12 and 2012/13 as contained in appendices A and B of the report be agreed.
2. That the identified programme be submitted to TfL by September 30 2009.

3. That delegated authority be given to the executive member for environment to amend the programme for 2010/11 should any variations to the proposed programme be required. The executive member shall consult community council chairs regarding scheme changes in their area.
4. That delegated authority be given to the executive member for environment to determine the most appropriate use of the £100K discretionary funding allocated by TfL for 2010/11.
5. That the agreed programme be implemented as set out in appendices A and B of the report.

10. DISPOSAL OF JOHN SMITH HOUSE, WALWORTH ROAD, SE17

RESOLVED:

1. That John Smith House, Walworth Road London SE17, as shown on the plan, appendix 1 of the report ("the Property"), be sold freehold to Safeland plc/Alliance and Mutual ("the Buyer") on terms and subject to provisions outlined in the closed report.
2. That all necessary arrangements be made to vacate and clear the Property in order to facilitate the sale at a date to be agreed by the Head of Property.
3. That arrangements for the council to take a short-term licence of the basement network room from the Buyer be put in place as appropriate upon terms to be agreed by and subject to the approval of the Head of Property.

11. DISPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FREEHOLD INTEREST IN SITE C5, GRANGE WALK AND THE ONE STOP SHOP 17 SPA ROAD, BERMONDSEY SPA

A correction was issued in respect of this item (see supplemental agenda no.2).

RESOLVED:

1. That the disposal of Site C5 on the principal terms set out in the closed report be approved.
2. That the disposal of 17 Spa Road (Bermondsey One Stop Shop) on the principle terms set out in the closed report be approved subject to a further executive decision that the property is surplus to requirements.
3. That the Head of Property be authorised to agree any variations to the terms that may be necessary to achieve the regeneration in the light of further negotiations and securing full planning consent.
4. That it be noted that the disposal will be conditional on surplus declarations being obtained for George Tingle House and Larnaca House.

12. GATEWAY 2 - CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL - DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS ON PECKHAM SITE 7D (SUMNER ROAD WORKSHOPS, NORTH PECKHAM SE15)

Additional information was circulated in respect of this item (see supplemental agenda no.2).

RESOLVED:

1. That the contract for the procurement of a specialist contractor to demolish the empty and dilapidated former mixed-use block at Peckham Site 7D (Sumner Road Workshops), North Peckham, London SE15 be awarded as outlined in the closed report.
2. That Peckham Site 7D be removed from the list of appropriate sites for education use approved by executive on July 18 2006 under the Building Schools for the Future programme and it be agreed that this site is appropriate for residential development.
3. That the funding to finance the demolition of Peckham Site 7D be appropriated from the Housing Investment IPG allocation for Phase 4b Silwood Estate Redevelopment.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2009-10 (AYLESBURY BOARDS)

RESOLVED:

That the nominations to the bodies as set out below be agreed for the 2009-10 municipal year:

Aylesbury New Deal for Communities Board

Councillor Paul Bates
Councillor Paul Noblet

Aylesbury Regeneration Steering Group

Executive Member for Regeneration
Executive Member for Housing
Councillor Lorraine Lauder
Councillor Abdul Mohammed

Creation Trust Board

Councillor Paul Bates
Councillor Paul Noblet

14. GATEWAY 1 - PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL, PROVISION OF REVENUES AND BENEFITS BACK OFFICE SERVICE

The Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance was not present during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED:

1. That the strategy outlined in the report for the delivery of the Revenues & Benefits back office function as an in-house service be approved, and the consequential supporting procurements as detailed in paragraph 26 of the report be noted.
2. That the strategy outlined in the report for the delivery of the Revenues & Benefits IT services be approved.

15. CHERRY GARDEN SPECIAL AND GLOUCESTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent due to the need for it to be considered on the same agenda as a report from the Head of Property recommending the disposal of Peckham site 7d. The proposal for the use of the Gloucester site for Cherry Garden makes it possible to release site 7d.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That agreement be given to initial consultation on the proposal to increase Cherry Garden Primary Special School in size from 45 to 66 places and to relocate the school to part of the existing Gloucester primary school site with a target date of September 2013.
- 2 That it be noted that consequential on the co-location with Gloucester primary school, proposals will be brought forward as part of the admissions process to reduce Gloucester primary school from 90 to 60 places from September 2011, reducing the number of children on site from 630 to 420, while maintaining the present nursery of 50 places.
- 3 That it be further noted that the budget allocation in the Primary Capital Programme (PCP) in respect of the Cherry Garden primary school project can be reduced, and consequentially the refurbishment of Gloucester primary school may be brought forward into the current PCP.
- 4 That in the light of the pressure for additional primary places in the south of the borough, any released resources be reallocated to provide additional primary places within the PCP.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and

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 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 section of the meeting.

16. MINUTES

The executive approved as correct records, the minutes of the closed sections of the meetings held on July 21 and July 29 2009.

17. DISPOSAL OF JOHN SMITH HOUSE, WALWORTH ROAD, SE17

The executive considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 10 above for decision.

18. DISPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FREEHOLD INTEREST IN SITE C5 GRANGE WALK AND THE ONE STOP SHOP 17 SPA ROAD, BERMONDSEY SPA

The executive considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 11 above for decision.

19. GATEWAY 2 - CONTRACT AWARD APPROVAL DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS ON PECKHAM SITE 7D (SUMNER ROAD WORKSHOPS, NORTH PECKHAM, SE15)

The executive considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 12 above for decision.

20. GATEWAY 1 - PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL, PROVISION OF REVENUES & BENEFITS BACK OFFICE SERVICE

The executive considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 14 above for decision.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY OCTOBER 8 2009.

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.