

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the Executive held on Tuesday November 24 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 Adele Morris
Councillor David Noakes
Councillor Paul Noblet
Councillor Lewis Robinson

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Linda Manchester, Tim McNally and Lisa Rajan.

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

The chair gave notice that the following items would be considered for reasons of urgency, to be specified in the relevant minute:

- Item 8 – Primary School Places in East Dulwich – Scrutiny Report
- Item 9 – Southwark Schools for the Future: Finance Update, Risk Management and Related Decisions
- Item 10 – Elephant and Castle – Heads of Terms

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 Minutes of the open section of the meetings held on October 14 and October 20 2009 be agreed as correct records and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATION REQUEST - ASTBURY ROAD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The executive received a deputation from the Astbury Road Area Residents Association. The deputation spokesperson Ms Wendy Rother raised concerns in relation to the day to day running of the semi-independent housing and support accommodation and the impact the actions of some of the young people entrusted in the managing agents care was having on local residents.

RESOLVED:

1. That the deputation be received.
2. That the comments of the strategic director of children's services be noted.
3. That the chief executive raise the matter with the Police Borough Commander and the strategic director of children's services liaise with Lewisham children's services department.
4. That the leader liaise with other local authorities via the London Council's network to establish whether this is a problem generally across London with a view to seeing what local authorities can do collectively.
5. That officers look at what action can be taken from an enforcement perspective.

6. DEPUTATION REQUEST - ASTBURY ROAD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - COMMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

This information was considered in conjunction with item 6 above.

7. REVIEW OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that the projected pressure for reception places in the south of the borough will be met by the addition of a combination of temporary and permanent reception places.
2. That it be noted that the position in the centre and the north of the borough will be kept under review by the strategic director of children's services with the addition of temporary and permanent reception places to be agreed with schools in the area based on the outcome of the 2010 admissions round.
3. That initial consultation on the permanent enlargement of Lyndhurst primary school from 1.5 to 2 form entry from September 2010 be agreed and it be noted that executive as the decision maker will receive a further report on this proposal.
4. That thanks be conveyed from the executive to Crampton, Goodrich and Lyndhurst primary schools for opening additional reception classes in 2009/10 and to the other primary schools who have offered to open additional reception classes in 2010/11.
5. That the offer of St Anthony's Roman Catholic primary school governing body to increase their admission number to 60 in September 2010 be welcomed and a report be brought back on the options appraisal.

8. PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN EAST DULWICH - SCRUTINY REPORT

This item had not been circulated 5 clear days in advance of the meeting. The chair agreed to accept the item as urgent as it was desirable for the scrutiny report to be considered at the same meeting as the report on primary school places in the borough.

The chair of the overview and scrutiny committee, Councillor Fiona Colley presented the scrutiny report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the scrutiny report be noted and the comments of the strategic director of children's services be agreed as the executive's response to the overview and scrutiny committee recommendations.
2. That the report on the Greater London Authority demographics be considered at the same time as the scrutiny sub-committee report on the census.

9. SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: FINANCE UPDATE, RISK MANAGEMENT AND RELATED DECISIONS

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 needed to issue contractual instructions to 4 Futures by the end of November 2009.

RESOLVED:

1. That executive notes that:
 - Phase 1 of the BSF programme has reached financial close within the affordability parameters previously approved by Executive.
 - funding has been secured from BSF schools from all phases to support the project.
 - Good value for money has been achieved when benchmarked by Partnerships for Schools.
 - Southwark won three awards at the recent Excellence in BSF awards, best local authority, best change programme and client design advisor of the year (Catherine Brownell).
2. That it be noted that residual revenue and capital affordability targets for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the BSF programme are also within financial parameters previously approved by Executive.
3. Executive notes the additional £3.5 million of funding received from national government and welcomes the commitments made by Balfour Beatty Capital to achieve current BREEAM excellent on new build Phase 3 schools, and agrees to the release of £1 million of earmarked SSF capital contingency for the eco-school back into the general capital contingency.
4. Executive notes that further BSF reports will be prepared with decisions relating to the management and commitments of the SSF capital contingency, and further notes the timing of these reports in order to maintain the target delivery programme, as set out in section 3 of the report.
5. That approval be given for a budget of up to £200,000 to fund feasibility work required for Phase 3, and that this money is to be financed from:
 - £100,000 for Rotherhithe feasibility study, as previously approved in the primary capital programme; and
 - £100,000 reallocated from the unspent £250,000 commitment previously made from Council reserves to fund project management costs prior to financial close on Phase 1.

10. ELEPHANT AND CASTLE - HEADS OF TERMS

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 exclusivity period between the Council and Lend Lease was due to expire at the end of November 2009.

A decision on this issue was not made.

The issue is due to be further considered on Monday November 30 2009 at 6.00pm, at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ.

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.

11. MINUTES

The executive agreed as a correct record, the closed Minutes of the meetings held on October 14 and October 20 2009.

12. SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: FINANCE UPDATE, RISK MANAGEMENT AND RELATED DECISIONS

The executive considered the closed information relating to this item. See item 9 above for decision.

13. ELEPHANT AND CASTLE - HEADS OF TERMS

A decision on this issue was not made. The meeting adjourned, to be reconvened on Monday November 30 2009 at 6.00pm, at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TZ.

The meeting adjourned at 9.45pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 3 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.