

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

MINUTES of that part of the meeting of the MAYOR AND CABINET, which was open to the press and public, held on WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2009 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 6.00 p.m.

Present

The Mayor (Sir Steve Bullock)(Chair); The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alexander (Vice-Chair); Councillors Best, Fitzsimmons, Klier, Massey, Onuegbu and Wise.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fitzsimmons

Also Present

Councillors Fletcher, Hall, Ibitson, Russell and Phoenix.

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1	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> (page None were made.	
2.	<u>Outstanding References to Select Committees</u> (page The Mayor received a report on issues which he had previously considered that awaited the responses he had requested from Directorates. RESOLVED that the report be received.	
3.	<u>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/10</u> (page RESOLVED (i) the latest projected year-end position on the 2009/10 revenue budget be noted and that Executive Directors continue with existing measures and take further and more stringent steps to contain the projected overspend of £2.336m by the year end; and (ii) Executive Directors report back in the autumn on further action being taken to contain expenditure within budget by the year end.	All Directors All Directors
4.	<u>2009/10 1st Quarter Capital Programme Monitoring</u> (page The Mayor highlighted significant additional spends which were being made to repair local highways that suffered extensive damage in the period of bad winter weather and to ALMO properties which required major repairs to bring them up to	

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Decent Homes standards.

RESOLVED that

(i) the current position of the 2009/12 Capital Programme, which is an over-programming of £699,000, be noted;

(ii) additional resources be brought into the programme totalling £17.8m and the risks associated in this be noted;

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(iii) to allocate additional resources as follows:

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- Additional Major Repairs Allowance of £1.7m in 2010/11 and £5m in 2011/12 to Lewisham Homes for programmed decent homes work. This is subject to the outcome of the proposed changes to the housing subsidy system
- Additional resources to support the Forest Hill pool project, depending on the option agreed, of zero or £2.944m
- To note the increase in the budgets, forecasts and resources for the proposed redevelopment of Tidemill School, the new Library and Lounge and the related residential and retail proposals for Resolution way as part of the Deptford Town Centre programme. Also, to agree to cashflow this programme for £4.399m for the period 2009/10 -2011/12, with further resources to be received in future years
- To fund additional highways condition capital works up to £2.8m
- To fund an allocation of £258k to Enviroworks Lewisham in respect of capital works to Council depots.

5. Forest Hill Pools – Outcome of Public Consultation (page

The report was introduced by Councillor Best who outlined the extensive consultation process undertaken with stakeholders by the Council and indicated the emergence of a third option for consideration by the Mayor. The Executive Director for Regeneration's representative pointed out the additional capital expenditure required by the third option.

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Tim Walder of the Keep Swimming in Forest Hill Campaign and Save the Face of Forest Hill Campaign, addressed the Mayor, saying the consultation had been technically very good but its results were inconclusive. He believed the only conclusions that could be drawn were that swimming was needed at once and Dartmouth Road was the preferred site. He applauded the new option three which brought the most salient parts of two inconclusive options together. He also asked that the deadline for community groups to frame proposals for the future use of Louise House be extended to January 2010

Michael Abrahams, Vice-Chair Forest Hill Society, stated his belief that option 3, had it been consulted upon, would have secured overwhelming local support. He felt the town centre location would be more in keeping with local and national planning guidance. He suggested Willow Way would be suitable for a 'Livework' development complemented by housing and believed this could provide an income stream to the council in the future.

Councillor Russell, a local ward councillor, added his support for option 3 and for more time to be given to local people to consider options for the future of Louise House.

Councillor Hall, Chair of the Labour Group, reaffirmed his group's commitment to a high quality leisure centre in Forest Hill and support for option 3.

Councillor Alexander pointed out Option 3 was only possible thanks to the council's successful submission of bids to the government for capital resources.

Councillors Wise and Massey added their support for option 3.

In response to the debate, the Mayor thanked Councillor Best for her work on the Pools issue despite serious illness; ward councillors for their constructive comments and officers for their hard work. The Mayor expressed regret at what he believed was the extraordinary and unhelpful listing of Louise House by English Heritage. The Mayor recounted money had been set aside over many years for Forest Hill Pools and a very significant investment in Forest Hill was proposed at a time when there was significant demand elsewhere. He said planning was a significant factor and that rebuilding in the current location was more straightforward than building elsewhere. He praised the exemplary consultation exercise which led him to conclude the fresh option of the immediate delivery of swimming at the current location was the way forward.

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The Mayor further asked officers to look at options for the use of Willow Way and the possible generation of capital receipts. He also agreed to suggestions that the consultation period on the future use of Louise House be extended.

RESOLVED that

(i) the findings of the public consultation be received;

(ii) the risks associated with each option and proposed delivery approach be noted;

(iii) a pool be constructed on the current site and officers be instructed to commence immediate delivery, with the necessary resources being provided from the Capital Programme; ED Regen

(iv) officers be asked to examine Live-Work and other uses for the Willow Way site independently of the work on Forest Hill Pools; and ED Regen

(v) the timetable for discussion on Louise House be extended to January 2010. ED Regen

6. Local Assemblies Action Plans (page

RESOLVED that

(i) £50,000 from the Bellingham Mayor's Fund be allocated for a participatory budgeting scheme to fund a range of community projects that meet the 5 Bellingham priorities. Decisions on individual project awards to be taken under delegated authority by the Executive Director for Community Services following the voting event; ED Community

(ii) £13,066 from the Blackheath Mayor's Fund be allocated as follows: £8,566 to the Meridian Youth Club for their Summer Scheme on the Heathside and Lethbridge Estate and £4,500 to the Wash House Youth Club for their Summer Scheme on the Heathside and Lethbridge Estate; ED Community

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| | (iii) £24,800 from the Catford South Mayor's Fund be allocated as follows: £15,000 to Catford High School for their Green Wardens Scheme and £9,800 to Teachsport for three sports projects; | ED Community |
| | (iv) £17,025 from the Crofton Park Mayor's Fund be allocated as follows: £15,525 tree replacement programme (100 trees) and £1,500 for wildflower meadow creation in Blythe Hill Fields to be delivered by Lewisham's Greenscene working with Glendale; | ED Community |
| | (v) £24,300 from the Forest Hill Mayor's Fund be allocated as follows: £20,000 for Platform 1 Youth Project and £4,300 for Rockbourne Youth Club; | ED Community |
| | (vi) £20,000 from the Lee Green Mayor's Fund be allocated for the Lee Green Young Peoples Project – to develop a youth club for Lee Green to be delivered by Lewisham's Youth Service in conjunction with local residents; and | ED Community |
| | (vii) progress made to date by the Local Assemblies programme is noted. | ED Community |
| 7. | <u>People, Prosperity, Place : Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008 – 2020' : Monitoring report on first 3 year implementation plan</u> (page | |
| | RESOLVED that | |
| | (i) progress made towards delivering the vision set out in 'People, Prosperity, Place: Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008 – 2020' be noted and the overall direction of travel set out in the strategy be reconfirmed; | ED Regen |
| | (ii) the proposed minor revisions which are summarised at paragraph 7.4 be approved; and | ED Regen |
| | (iii) a further, final monitoring report on the delivery of the implementation plan 2008 – 2011 be received at the end of 2010/11. | ED Regen |
| 8. | <u>Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Taskforce</u> (page | |

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	RESOLVED that there be one off funding of £85,000 for the proposed Taskforce for a period of 6 months commencing from July 2009.	ED Community
9.	<u>Sustainable Communities Act – summary of proposals</u> (page	
	RESOLVED that	
	(i) the 11 proposals described in Section 5 be referred to a Citizen’s Panel for further consideration;	ED Resources
	(ii) officers be asked to provide detailed responses to authors of proposals, explaining why their proposals have not been referred to the Citizen’s Panel (where applicable), and describing what work the Council already does to address the issues raised in each proposal; and	ED Resources
	(iii) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to decide on a final shortlist of proposals to be submitted to the Local Government Association (LGA) by the end of July.	ED Resources/ Chief Executive
10.	<u>Update on Lee (North East Lewisham): Final transfer terms.</u> (page	
	RESOLVED that	
	(i) the nil response to the notices published in the local press of the Council's intention to dispose of the areas of open space be noted and the said areas be included in the land to be transferred to Broomleigh Housing Association;	
	(ii) the final terms of transfer for Lee be as set out;	
	(iii) subject to obtaining Council approval, officers will seek to obtain Secretary of State’s consent for disposal of land under Section 32 of the Housing Act 1985 for the transfer of the land shown on the maps at Appendix 1 to Broomleigh Housing Association; and	ED Customer

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(iv) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services and Executive Director for Resources in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to conclude all other negotiations with Broomleigh and to finalise the legal documentation in connection with the transfer.

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11. Private Sector Housing Strategy (page

Additional information about the public consultation was tabled at the meeting. Councillor Ibitson presented an addendum to the report detailing the views of her Select Committee.

RESOLVED that

(i) the consultation undertaken and the feedback given on the new Private Sector Housing Strategy be noted;

(ii) the written views of the Housing Select Committee and their scrutiny of the draft Private Sector Housing Strategy on 30th June 2009 be noted; and

(iii) the new Private Sector Housing Strategy be approved.

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12. Review of Lewisham's Housing Allocations Scheme (page

RESOLVED that

(i) the implications of the proposed new policy be noted;

(ii) the policy be implemented with effect from 1st October 2009; and

(iii) the new policy be reviewed after 12 months.

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13. Response to recommendations made by the Public Accounts Select Committee on the Review of Economic Development

RESOLVED that the collective responses to the statements and recommendations set out in section five be agreed and be reported to the Public Accounts Select Committee.

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Committee

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14. Formalising Joint Commissioning, arrangements for Adult Social Care and Health (page

RESOLVED

that

(i) officers be instructed to negotiate with NHS Lewisham to establish a joint commissioning and contracting/ brokerage function for adult social care and health services under the strategic leadership of the Council, such negotiations to be conducted in the broad terms set out in this report. Such negotiations shall be undertaken in the light of a full risk assessment of the legal, financial and operational risks which such joint commissioning arrangements would involve and be subject to the advice of the Head of Law;

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(ii) on conclusion of those negotiations, a final proposed agreement be brought back to a subsequent meeting for the Mayor to consider if it should then be approved;

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(iii) subject to the outcome of those negotiations and the agreement referred to above, the proposals in this report lead to the establishment of a pooled budget or budgets, to which the initial NHS Lewisham contribution will be of the order of £101.2m p.a. and the initial council contribution of the order of £94.6m p.a.;

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(iv) the inherent uncertainties around precise financial sums at this stage be noted, as all figures are subject to detailed negotiations the results of which will be brought back to the Mayor for approval;

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(v) the adult health and social care services intended to be included in these arrangements be as set out in section nine, and that any material changes to this list will be fully explained and justified as and when a proposed formal agreement is brought back for approval;

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(vi) the adult health and social care services intended to be excluded from these arrangements be as set out in section nine, and

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that any material changes to this list will be fully explained and justified as and when a proposed legal agreement is brought back for approval;

(vii) the financial and other risks inherent in the management of these services as set out at section 10 of this report be noted; ED Resources/
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(viii) the proposed approach to risk-sharing be endorsed, and in particular at section 10, subject to final agreements being reported back to the Mayor for approval once negotiations have been concluded; ED Resources/
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(ix) the proposed governance arrangements be endorsed, and in particular at section 11, subject to final agreements being reported back to the Mayor for approval once negotiations have been concluded; ED Resources/
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(x) officers of the council and NHS Lewisham staff begin operating shadow governance structures in the form proposed and report back on their effectiveness as part of the process of seeking final approval; ED Resources/
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(xi) the joint commissioning function will require professional and administrative support including but not necessarily limited to financial, public health, IT, legal and HR services, that arrangements for these will be finalised with the proposed subsequent report to the Mayor seeking approval of the final formal agreements, and that agreements for such support will be negotiated along the principles set out in section 12 of the report; and ED Resources/
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(xii) where the Council is the lead health commissioner, the current joint commissioning arrangements for children and young people will also need to be formalised and officers be instructed to consider how best this should be achieved. ED Resources/
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15. Appointment of Local Authority Governors (page

RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed as school governors for the schools shown: ED CYP

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Mr Ross Archer	Adamsrill
Ms Ernesta Redwood-Sawyer	Ashmead
Mrs Victoria Whittle	Catford
Ms Judy Harrington	Edmund Waller
Mrs Margaret Riddell	Edmund Waller
Mr Mark Shepherd	Edmund Waller
Ms Rosemary Mann	Eliot Bank
Cllr Marion Nisbet	Forest Hill
Ms Henrii Webb	Greenvale
Mr Paul Applewhaite	Hither Green
Mrs Yetunde Aroloye	Hither Green
Mr Tim McGregor	Rangefield
Ms Caroline Harman	Rushey Green

16. Variation to Instrument of Government – Crossways Academy
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RESOLVED that there be a variation to the Instrument of Government to change the name of the institution from Crossways Academy to Crossways Sixth Form. ED CYP

17. 'The Future of Deptford Town Centre' regeneration programme
– Update on deliverables and timescales (page

RESOLVED that

(i) the progress made with regard to programme deliverables and delivery timescales for the same be noted;

(ii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Regeneration in Consultation with the Executive Director for Resources, to ensure ED Regen/
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that sufficient programme management resource is available as detailed in part 6 of this report to deliver the regeneration programme; and

(iii) £5.5m of additional funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families be accepted via the Co-location Fund to be applied towards the build costs of the 'Tidemill School and Deptford Lounge' complex.

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18 Exclusion of the Press and Public (page

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, 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 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting:

101 Minutes

The Mayor agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 2009.

102 The future of Deptford Town Centre regeneration programme – update on the financial arrangements and the commercial approach (page

RESOLVED that:

(i) the revised offer from London and Quadrant Housing Trust for Resolution Studios (Block R) be agreed; and

(ii) the financial implications and risks identified in the report be noted and the programme be cashflowed as detailed in minute 4 above.

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103 Millwall FC – revised lease terms

RESOLVED

that:

(i) work take place with Millwall Football and Athletic Club (1985) plc and associated companies to achieve the long term regeneration of the current stadium and surrounding land to be achieved by allowing the use of Council owned land for a mixed use development while improving the football stadium;

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(ii) a conditional agreement be entered into for a new lease with Millwall Football and Athletic Club (1985) plc on the terms described; and

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(iii) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Resources, in consultation with the Head of Asset Strategy and Development and the Head of Law, to negotiate and agree the final terms of the conditional agreement for a new lease with Millwall Football and Athletic Club (1985) plc

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The meeting ended at 7.50pm.

Chair