

## 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, 8 NOVEMBER 2006 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 6.00 p.m.

### Present

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Oneugbu

### Also Present

Councillors Johnson, Milton, Luxton, Maines, Morris, Flood and Fletcher.

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| 1                 | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (page<br><br>There were no declarations of interest.   |               |
| 2                 | MINUTES (page<br><br>RESOLVED that the Minutes of that part of the meetings of the Mayor and Cabinet, which were open to the press and public, held on 18 October 2006 be confirmed and signed.  |               |
| 3                 | REPORT BACK ON MATTERS RAISED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL (page<br><br>No matters were raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel.   |               |
| 4                 | REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR NEW SCHOOL (page<br><br>The Executive director for Children & Young People tabled an amendment sheet containing the following amendments to the report:<br><br><i>Paragraph 6.18 the penultimate sentence should read:</i><br>'There is currently projected to be only 39 children in Reception and last year there were only 37 children in Year 6'<br><br><i>Paragraph 6.20 should read:</i><br>Whilst, with our current population, officers consider it safe to reduce the numbers in Lewisham Bridge, it is also very |               |

important to consider future demand for primary place provision. Work has been carried out as part of the review of primary places to redefine Lewisham's traditional four primary planning areas to take into account where parents actually send their children to school. This work is ongoing but current reception class capacity in the area which includes Lewisham Bridge primary school is 880 with 757 children actually on roll. If capacity were to be reduced by one form of entry at Lewisham Bridge school, the area would have a capacity of 855. This gives sufficient surplus (11%) to be confident about reducing the size of the school in the short term. However, current GLA projections envisage growth of between 9% and 22% across the borough by 2016. These projections are not failsafe and more work will need to be done to analyse the growth trends for the Lewisham Bridge area. If Lewisham Bridge is to be reduced to 1FE and if growth matches the higher GLA projections it may be necessary to expand other schools in the area to secure greater capacity. This may have resource and school organisation implications not factored into this report.'

The Mayor received presentations from the Interim Executive Director for Regeneration, the Executive Director for Children & Young People, and the Head of Law on the possible options. He allowed representations from Councillors Milton and Johnson, who both spoke in support of the Lewisham Bridge option and pledged political support if that option was chosen.

The Mayor responded by saying he recognised he was faced by two very finely based options but he believed one of the available options allowed a greater prospect of establishing a successful school. He said the Lewisham Bridge option was not without risk, but it was a site which commanded the greatest popular and political support in a situation where local circumstances had been markedly changed in the May 2006 elections. The Mayor said he believed opting for the Lewisham Bridge site would give the new school the best possible chance to flourish while allowing continuity of leisure provision in Ladywell and he agreed the recommendations shown below.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Lewisham Bridge Primary School be the new proposed location for the new secondary school in the BSF programme;

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- (ii) officers be authorised to begin the consultation process and, if appropriate, to secure all necessary statutory approvals for the new school and its federative arrangements;
- (iii) officers be authorised to seek dispensation from the Secretary of State not to have to proceed with the competition requirements of the Education Act 2005 to allow minimal disruption to the BSF programme;
- (iv) officers be authorised to consult on the basis of (a) the new school becoming an all-through 3-16 school incorporating 1 form of entry primary provision at Lewisham Bridge Primary School and (b) the new school being incorporated into a new hard federation with Prendergast School, sharing governance and under the executive leadership of the current headteacher of Prendergast School; and
- (v) officers be authorised to carry out all necessary work to submit a revised Strategic Business Case to secure PfS approval for a revised delivery programme.

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5      LEWISHAM HOMES ALMO – SECTION 27 APPLICATION  
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RESOLVED      that

(i) it be noted on 9 November 2005 the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that Lewisham should submit an application for a borough wide ALMO and that Lewisham submitted an ALMO funding application for £145M to the DCLG in July 2006 for 12,475 tenanted and 5074 leasehold properties, and following the decision on Hyde St John's properties taken on 18<sup>th</sup> October the number of properties in the ALMO is now 12,623 tenanted and 5074 leasehold.

(ii) the Section 27 application be endorsed and authority be delegated to the

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Executive Director of Customer Services to make minor amendments to finalise the document before it is submitted to the Secretary of State.

(iii) the draft Management Agreement between Lewisham Homes and Lewisham Council be approved for submission with the section 27 application and to note that the final proposed Management Agreement will be submitted to Mayor and Cabinet for decision in December 2006;

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(iv) Lewisham Homes' draft Delivery Plan be approved for submission with the Section 27 application and to note that the final Delivery Plan for January – March 2007 will be submitted to Mayor and Cabinet for decision in December 2006;

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(v) the proposed interim staffing and housing management arrangements for non-ALMO housing stock be noted;

(vi) the outcome of the consultation, with residents whose properties will be managed by ALMO until they transfer to the investment vehicle proposed for their area as tabled at the meeting be noted;

(vii) the proposed staff transfer and TUPE arrangements be noted;

(viii) the ALMO timetable set and the proposal for Lewisham Homes to 'go live' on 22 January 2007 be noted;

(ix) should the proposed stock transfers and the PFI fail to happen the staff and housing stock will remain in the ALMO; and

(x) a further report be received by the Mayor and Cabinet in December setting out the results of the test of opinion and submitting the final Management Agreement, Memorandum and Articles for Lewisham Homes and the Delivery Plan for January – March 2007 for agreement.

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- 6 BELLINGHAM, BANKFOOT AND JOHN HENRY NEIGHBOURHOODS – DECENT HOMES THROUGH STOCK TRANSFER (page and

RESOLVED that:

(i) the summary of responses to the Stage 1 consultation be noted;

(ii) there be no changes to the Council's offer to tenants as a result of the consultation; and

(iii) the Stage 2 consultation including proceeding to a ballot of tenants in the Bellingham, Bankfoot and John Henry neighbourhoods be commenced.

- 7 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT (page and appendix at page

RESOLVED that the policy document entitled "Private Sector Housing Enforcement- Policy for the Regulation of Housing Standards and for the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation" including the appendices relating to licensing policy conditions and housing standards be approved.

- 8 DISABILITY EQUALITIES SCHEME (page

The Executive Director for Resources representative reported page 181 of the agenda contained an inaccurate reference to identification stickers on wheelie bins which would be amended prior to the publication of the Disability Equality Scheme 2006-2009 document.

He outlined the extensive inputs made by the Safer & Stronger Communities Select Committee and indicated that Select Committee would have an enduring role in ensuring the promotion of equalities.

RESOLVED that

(i) the requirements of the Disability Equality

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Duty be noted;

(ii) the comments made by Safer Strong Communities Select Committee be received; and

(iii) the attached Disability Equality Scheme be published prior to the December 4 statutory deadline.

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9 REVENUE BUDGET SAVINGS PROPOSALS 2007/8 – STRAND 2

RESOLVED that

(i) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the second strand budget savings proposals for 2007/08 be received; and

(ii) the second strand budget savings proposals for 2007/08 be agreed (subject to the agreement of the full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and proper process and consultation, should this be required).

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10 LOCALITY FUND 2006/07 (page and appendix at page

Councillor Best said she believed the delivery plan was predicated on a very tight timetable and she expressed concern about the support that could be offered to members to make this a meaningful process. The Executive Director for Community Services representative said a pilot had been successfully undertaken in 2005/06 and revised guidance would be issued addressing Councillor Best's concerns.

RESOLVED that

(i) £180,000 (option 2) be agreed for the Localities Fund for 2006/7;

(ii) The criteria and process for the allocation of funding; and

(iii) responsibility be delegated to the Executive Director for Community Services to finalise the detailed plans and ensure that the plans are

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delivered .

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| 11 | GAMBLING ACT LICENSING POLICY (page and appendix at page                            | RESOLVED that | (i) the responses received during the consultation process on the 'Statement of Licensing Policy for Gambling' be noted;  | (ii) in light of the responses received a revised draft Policy be recommended to the council for approval; and | (iii) the Council be asked to approve all necessary changes to the Constitution so as to give lawful effect to the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 | Head of Law                |
| 12 | SOUTH LONDON & MAUDSLEY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERS COUNCIL (page | RESOLVED      | that the Council participate in the south London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust Members council and Councillor Crada Oneugbu be nominated to serve on this body.   |  |  | Head of Committee Business |
| 13 | APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL GOVERNOR (page  | RESOLVED      | that Andrew Brown be appointed as the authority governor on the governing body of the Haberdashers' Aske's Federation.  |  |  | ED CYP                     |
| 14 | EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Page   | RESOLVED      | that 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:- |  |  |                            |
|    |   |               | 101 Minutes   |  |  |                            |
|    |   |               | 102 Review of Alternative Sites for New   |  |  |                            |

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

Item 101 Minutes

The minutes of the closed meeting held on October 18th were agreed as a correct record.

Item 102 Review of Alternative Sites for New School

There was no discussion further to that shown at Item 4 in the open section of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7.15.p.m.

Chair