

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 THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2007 at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU at 5.30 p.m.

Present

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Best

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1	<u>Declarations of Interests</u> (page There were no declarations of interest	
2	<u>Relocation of Travellers Site – Results of Consultation</u> (page The report was presented by the Strategic Director of Regeneration's representative who referred to a petition bearing 450 signatures and a further written representation received from the Culverley Green Residents Association and correspondence from Councillor Milton and his constituent Ms Muki Kulhan. These documents were circulated at the meeting. The meeting was addressed by Mr Jeff Richardson of the Culverley Green Residents Association who spoke against the Laurence House car park option. The meeting was next addressed by Ms Kim Horwood of the Church Grove Residents Association who spoke against the Watergate School option and pressed for the Consultant's April recommendation of the Laurence House site to be followed. In answer to a question about the use of Watergate School as a decant site for Gordonbrock, the Executive Director for Children & Young People said she would confirm with the Head Teacher of Gordonbrock the next day that Watergate was not earmarked as a decant site. The meeting went into closed session between 6.23pm and 6.32pm while the Mayor considered a confidential report on the financial implications of the two options. Upon resumption the Mayor stated he had been faced with a difficult decision which inevitably would leave one group of borough residents	EDCYP

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feeling unhappy. Having taking into account all relevant considerations, he then announced the decisions shown below.

RESOLVED that

(i) the outcome of the consultation process on the proposed relocation of the Travellers' Site be noted;

(ii) having considered the outcome of the consultation process and the other matters set out in the report , the former Watergate School site in Church Grove be selected as the preferred site for the relocation of the current Travellers;

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(iii) officers be instructed to proceed with further work on the design, planning and procurement to enable the site to be constructed at the selected site;

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(iv) officers be instructed to work with the Travellers and local residents in developing the proposals for the preferred site and to take the necessary steps to promote community cohesion;

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(v) Lewisham Police Crime Prevention officers be involved at the design stage of any plans so that any development can achieve a secured by design award;

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(vi) the local Safer Neighbourhood Team be involved within the consultation process on the preferred site; and

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(vii) following completion of the further work on the design, planning and procurement for the preferred site, a further report be brought back to Mayor and Cabinet to update the Mayor on progress and to agree any outstanding issues.

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3 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

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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 Relocation of Travellers Site – Results of Consultation

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

101 Relocation of Travellers Site – Results of Consultation

The Mayor considered a report containing commercially sensitive financial information relating to the two options for the reprovision of the travellers site which informed his decision reached in Part 1 of the Agenda.

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm.

Chair