

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
HELD AT 5.35 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2017

**C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance)
Councillor Shiria Khatun	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Ayas Miah	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor John Pierce	
Councillor Andrew Wood	

Officers Present:

Zena Cooke	(Corporate Director, Resources)
Sharon Godman	(Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnerships)
Chris Lovitt	Associate Director of Public Health
Christine McInnes	(Divisional Director, Education and Partnership, Children's)
Matthew Pullen	Infrastructure Planning Team Leader
Denise Radley	(Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Layla Richards	(Service Manager, Policy Programmes and Community Insight)
Peter Robbins	Head of Mayor's office
Andy Scott	(Head of Economic Development, Development and Renewal)
Graham White	(Acting Corporate Director, Governance)
Fiona Crehan	(High Streets and Town Centres Manager, Place)
Veronica Parker	(Communications Adviser Communications)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Governance)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Asma Begum (Cabinet Member for Culture)
- Councillor Joshua Peck (Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Development)
- Will Tuckley (Chief Executive)
- Aman Dalvi (Corporate Director, Place) for whom Andy Scott (Acting Service Head, Economic Development) was substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

DECISION

1. That the unrestricted minutes for the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

4. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Nil items.

4.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Nil items.

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Local Account 2016

DECISION

1. To approve the Local Account as attached at Appendix A to the report for publication.
2. To endorse the communication plan for the Local Account as attached at Appendix B to the report.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH, ADULTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (D. RADLEY)

(Service Manager, Policy, Programmes and Community Insight (L. Richards))

Reasons for the decision

In 2010, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) recommended that all councils with social care responsibilities produce a 'Local Account' as a means of reporting back to people on the quality of services and performance in adult social care. Local Accounts were described in the Department of Health's 'Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care' consultation paper (November 2010, section 4) as a way of being more open and transparent about the care and support that is provided locally by the Council.

Alternative options

An alternative option could be not to produce a Local Account, and it is not a statutory requirement, however there is an expectation that all councils with social care responsibilities do so.

5.2 Public Health GP Enhanced Services**DECISION**

1. To approve the recommendation for a direct award to the Tower Hamlets GP Care Group for the delivery of the Public Health NIS services.
2. To authorise the Director of Public Health, after consultation with the Interim Corporate Director, Governance, to execute and enter into all necessary agreements for a three year period.
3. To note that funding for the Public Health NIS Services will be met within the Public Health Grants budgets for the next three years.

Action by:**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, HEALTH, ADULTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (D. RADLEY)**

(Drugs and Alcohol Action Team Co-ordinator (R. Sadegh)

(Associate Director of Public Health (C. Lovitt)

Reasons for the decision

Primary care has an essential role in improving the health and wellbeing of Tower Hamlets residents. This decision will enable public health services funded from the public health grant and provided by GPs to continue for the next three years and in doing improve the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Alternative options

Section 75 Agreement – these agreements are used between Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) to pool resources in driving the integration between health and social care. The CCG is undertaking a direct contract award for the NIS services they are responsible

for to the GP Care Group. It is proposed that the Council enter into a direct contract to the GP Care Group for public health NIS services. As there are no benefits for in exercising these functions jointly, this does not meet the criteria where a section 75 agreement would be appropriate.

Competitive procurement- following previous recommendations made by the Council's Competition Board this option was extensively explored. However, it was found not to be possible as the NIS are provided as an addition to the GMS contract to patients registered with local GPs. Competition is not possible as only the local GP networks are able to provide these services to their registered patients.

Direct contract award to the 8 primary care networks- this would significantly increase the amount of council administration, requiring an individual contract with each network and reduce the opportunity to centralise NIS administration functions in a single organisation, the GP Care Group. The network structures are also under review and are likely change in the next few years necessitating novation of contracts.

5.3 Strategic Plan 2016/19 - Delivery Plan 2017/18

DECISION

1. To note the revised Strategic Plan (appendix 1 to the report);
2. To agree the Delivery Plan (appendix 2 to the report)

Action by:

ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, GOVERNANCE (G. WHITE)

(Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnership (S. Godman)

(Interim Service Manager, Strategy, Policy and Performance (A. Hoque)

Reasons for the decision

Cabinet in February 2017 agreed the Strategic Plan for 2017-18 which includes key priorities and outcomes the Council will focus on during the year. The Delivery Plan details the range of work the Council will undertake to achieve those priorities and outcomes.

Alternative options

This is year two of a three year Strategic Plan previously agreed at Cabinet in April 2016. The Mayor in Cabinet may choose not to agree a Delivery Plan. This is not recommended as there would be significant planning and performance gap which will lead to uncertainty about how the priorities are being delivered.

5.4 Update on Town Centre Strategy (Business Friendly Tower Hamlets)

DECISION

1. To note the progress made to date in developing the Town Centre Strategy for Tower Hamlets.
2. To note the draft Town Centre Strategy included as Appendix 1 to the report.
3. To note the outcomes of the application of the ATCM indicators of a successful town centre across the 10 District Centres as shown at Appendix 2 to the report.
4. To agree to undertake formal consultation with regard to the adoption of the Town Centre Strategy.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE (A. DALVI)

(Interim Divisional Director, Growth and Economic Development (A. Scott)
(Business and Town Centre Manager (M. Aust)

Reasons for the decision

A draft Town Centre Strategy has been completed and is now available for consultation purposes.

This report seeks agreement to undertake a formal consultation process with regard to the adoption of a Town Centre Strategy for Tower Hamlets.

Alternative options

Development of a Town Centre Strategy was a key objective in the Forward Plan for 2016/17. No alternative options have, therefore, been considered.

5.5 The Infrastructure Delivery Framework: CIL Collection, Allocation and Expenditure Report to 27th January 2017

DECISION

1. To note the latest quarterly position of the Council's CIL and S106 income and balance.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE (A. DALVI)

(Infrastructure Planning Manager (M. Pullen)
(Business Improvement and S106 Programme Manager (A. Simpson)

Reasons for the decision

Ensure that information relating to CIL and S106 receipts is transparent, and in compliance with the Mayor's Transparency Protocol.

Ensure that relevant decisions relating to the funding and delivery of infrastructure projects using CIL and S106 income are appropriately informed.

Alternative options

No alternative options identified. This paper is for information-sharing purposes in the interests of transparency and to help inform decision making.

5.6 List of Corporate Directors' Decisions

DECISION

1. To note the Corporate Directors' decision set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (Z. COOKE)

(Accountant – Financial Planning (A. Miah))

Reasons for the decision

Financial Regulations require that regular reports be submitted to Cabinet setting out financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B10.

The regular reporting of Corporate Directors' Decisions should assist in ensuring that Members are able to scrutinise officer decisions.

Alternative options

The Council is bound by its Financial Regulations (which have been approved by Council) to report to Cabinet setting out financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B10.

If the Council were to deviate from those requirements, there would need to be a good reason for doing so. It is not considered that there is any such reason, having regard to the need to ensure that Members are kept informed about decisions made under the delegated authority threshold and to ensure that these activities are in accordance with Financial Regulations.

6. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items.

8. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

9. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Nil items.

9.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Nil items.

10. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.31 p.m.

Mayor John Biggs