

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2017

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON E14 2BG.**

Members Present:

Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE (Chair)
Councillor Peter Golds (Member)
Councillor John Pierce (Substitute)

Co-Opted Members:

Margherita De Cristofano
Sirajul Islam

Officers Present:

John Cooke	– Senior Strategy Policy & Performance Officer
Matt Pullen	– Major Project Development
Tim Madelin	– Senior Public Health Strategist
Sarah Williams	– Legal Services
Charles Yankiah	– Democratic Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Amina Ali, Clare Harrison and Oliur Rahman and from Zena Cooke, Steve Hill and Vicky Allen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

3. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Sub Committee noted that no public submissions had been submitted to the Clerk by the deadline (5pm the day before the meeting).

4. COMMISSIONERS DECISION MAKING MEETING REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 London Legacy Development Corporation - Hackney Wick Station Improvements Project

The Sub Committee considered the Hackney Wick Station report presented by Matt Pullen (Major Project Development) who highlighted the following: -

- Requirement to release £1m of Section 106 resources to London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) to enable delivery of the Hackney Wick Station Improvements Project;
- Wider funding package consists of £27.5m;
- December 2016 £1m of Section 106 funding was approved by Cabinet for LLDC to deliver the improvements;
- Station improvements include a new ticket officer and date line relocation from the platform to ground level on the southern side;
- To provide high quality public realm approach and station entrance facilities and the construction of an underpass for pedestrians and cyclists; and
- To create a link from White Post Lane (south) to Wallis Road (north).

The Chair, enquired about the decision by Cabinet taken in December 2016 to approve the funding.

Matt Pullen informed the Sub Committee that Legal Services in liaison with the Commissioners advised that payments to the LLDC constitutes a grant payment and as such required submission of the report through the grant approval process including the Grant Scrutiny Sub Committee and the Grants Determination Board.

Councillor John Pierce welcomed the improvements to the Hackney Wick Station and commented that residents would be pleased with the investment and modernisation plans. He also stated that it was good to see the openness and transparency practices being followed in relation to the Cabinet decision and the advice of Legal Services to ensure that the process is followed.

The Sub Committee agreed to endorse the recommendation.

4.2 NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - Maximising Health Infrastructure Project

The Sub Committee considered the Maximising Health Infrastructure Project presented by Tim Madelin (Senior Public Health Strategist) who highlighted the following:

- The release of up to £2,603,358 of Section 106 resources to NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to deliver increased capacity, access and service provision via a number of premises improvements across the primary care to enhance local GP services;
- Project funding for the delivery of this project has been secured through a number of Section 106 contributions;
- An investment in primary care premises is necessary in order to respond to this requirement and to allow an increase in consultations with primary healthcare professionals;
- 11 Practices has been identified for premises improvements;
- Practices will be allowed to redesign their internal areas to create existing clinical space and provide a greater level of service within primary care;
- The project will allow a greater level of service being offered to patients, including 0800 – 2000 access to Primary Care Services; and
- The investment also includes upgrades to technology and medical equipment to create more patient centric care to allow patients to be more involved in their care whilst maintaining services in the community.

The Chair, enquired about the emphasis being placed on certain areas of the borough and whether or not the remaining areas would be considered in the future.

Tim Madelin informed the Sub Committee that the CCG had invited all Practices across the borough to be involved in the project and with more Section 106 monies coming through more Practices have identified in the west of the borough.

Margherita De Cristofano enquired about the improvements to accessibility and quality of care for all with a more joined up approach.

Tim Madelin informed the Sub Committee that there were no barriers in terms of access, but the report was specific to Primary Care and the improvements to facilities identified within the project.

The Sub Committee agreed to endorse the recommendations.

5. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Sub Committee reports submitted for consideration.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other business to be considered.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee