

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.40 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2016

**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 Asma Begum (Cabinet Member for Culture)
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 Khales Uddin Ahmed
Councillor Peter Golds (Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor John Pierce

Apologies:

Councillor Joshua Peck (Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)

Officers Present:

Kate Bingham (Service Head, Children's and Adults Resources)
Melanie Clay (Corporate Director, Law Probity and Governance)
Zena Cooke (Corporate Director, Resources)
Chris Holme (Service Head, Resources & Economic Development)
Afazul Hoque Interim Service Manager, Strategy, Policy & Performance
Debbie Jones (Corporate Director, Children's Services)
Susan Mulligan (Communications Advisor, Communications, Law Probity & Governance)
Roy Ormsby (Service Head, Public Realm, Communities Localities and Culture)
Denise Radley (Director of Adults' Services)

Dean RiddickMcGregor	(Political Adviser to the Labour Group)
Peter Robbins	Head of Mayor's office
Will Tuckley	(Chief Executive)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Law, Probity and Governance)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Joshua Peck (Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Development)
- Aman Dalvi (Corporate Director, Development and Renewal) – Chris Holme (Service Head Resources, D&R) was deputising.
- Councillor Peter Golds (Leader of the Conservative Group) (apologies for lateness)

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of proceedings.

4. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Councillor John Pierce, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), updated Cabinet on the OSC meeting the previous week. Members had discussed a number of issues including:

- Examining the proposed reset of the Agilisys contract; exploring the ambitions behind the original contract and ensuring the reset gave it the opportunity to deliver the support the Council needed.
- Public Health savings proposals with an extensive discussion that explored the evidence base and the realities/constraints of providing these important services.
- OSC heard from the Mayor on the Community Engagement Strategy and its vital role in empowering residents.
- Homelessness Scrutiny Challenge Session – Members saw the good work being done but also the scale of the challenge. A number of recommendations would be presented to Cabinet at a future meeting.

The **Mayor** thanked Councillor John Pierce for his update.

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

Nil items.

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Children's & Adults Services Capital Programme

Councillor Rachael Saunders, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, and Councillor Amy Whitelock-Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services, introduced the report setting out the Capital Programme for Children's and Adults' Services.

They highlighted how important the investment programme was in ensuring good quality services could be provided for the Borough's residents. In particular the investments in schools and GP surgeries were noted.

During discussion it was noted that funding for GP surgeries was agreed with the CCG and there were robust governance processes. In addition it was noted that, whilst using S106 funding to deliver these projects was a good example of the benefit of developer contributions, S106 was not enough on its own to deliver the necessary infrastructure.

The **Mayor** agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report and the expected out-turn for the 2015/16 Children's and Adults Services Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix A and proposed allocation of the funding available in 2016/17 as set out in Appendix B (paragraph 3.1);
2. To approve the adoption of capital estimates for the 2016/17 capital condition and improvement programme schemes in schools and service premises as shown in Appendix C and authorise expenditure (paragraph 3.4);
3. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate of £220,000 for improvement works to Cherry Trees School (paragraph 3.7);
4. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate of £4.2m for works to the St Jude's Road site to provide additional accommodation for Stephen Hawking School (paragraph 3.13);
5. To approve the additional cost of £60,000 incurred on the works at Malmesbury Primary school due unforeseen structural works as part of the Primary Capital Programme in Appendix D (paragraph 3.19);
6. To note the School Expansion Programme as detailed in Appendix E (paragraph 3.22);

7. To approve the adoption of the revised capital estimate of £12.65m for the expansion of Olga Primary School (paragraph 3.23);
8. To approve the adoption of the revised capital estimate of £10.2m for the development of the Bromley Hall site as a 2FE primary school (paragraph 3.27);
9. To note progress with the development of further expansion projects and approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £300,000 to cover the costs of developing proposals to be considered for inclusion in the capital programme and authorise expenditure (paragraph 3.31);
10. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate of £250,000 for the costs of providing additional short term accommodation if required for additional pupils until major works have been carried out to provide permanent additional school places and authorise expenditure (paragraph 3.32) ;
11. To note progress with creating early education provision and further consultation with providers as shown in Appendix D (paragraph 3.35);
12. To approve the proposed redevelopment of 12 Norman Grove and disposal of the site to fund a new children's residential home, subject to further detailed approval and the consent of the Commissioners (paragraph 3.37);
13. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate for expenditure of s. 106 contributions on improvements to health infrastructure at Suttons Wharf of £2,533,383 (paragraph 3.45);
14. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate for expenditure of s. 106 contributions on improvements to health infrastructure at Goodmans Fields of £3,408,750 (paragraph 3.48);
15. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate for expenditure of s. 106 contributions on improvements to health infrastructure at Aberfeldy Practice of £3,182,400 ((paragraph 3.51);
16. To approve the adoption of the total capital estimate of 962,727 for creative healthy projects as part of the Council's Green Grid Initiative (paragraph 3.54);
17. That Council approved Frameworks be used, where appropriate, to deliver the various projects within the approved programmes;
18. That the Corporate Director of Children's Services, in respect of all proposed tenders referred to in this report, is authorised to agree tenders for projects within the approved programmes and capital estimate;

19. That any scheme exceeding the approved budget, the Corporate Director of Children's Services is authorised to prepare and carry out a Bill of Reductions where relevant to ensure expenditure is contained within the agreed costs.

5.2 **Reset of the Commercial Contract with Agilisys for the Provision of ICT Services to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets**

The Cabinet noted the tabled submission from John McLoughlin, UNISON.

Councillor David Edgar, Cabinet Member for Resources, introduced the report on a proposed reset of the Council's ICT contract with Agilisys. He explained that it was a very important service for the Council and it was important to consider the options available. The aim of the report was to fix issues with the existing contract and ensure the support the Council needed for the future including ensuring that performance was being effectively monitored.

There was a discussion about the merits of the proposal to provide a 24 hour call-centre based at Agilisys' Rochdale offices. This increased the flexibility of the support available to the Council but it would have an impact on a number of existing staff members currently employed locally.

John McLoughlin, UNISON, addressed the meeting. He expressed concerns that staff had not been properly consulted and so had not been able to propose alternative options that would not require potential relocation. He also questioned whether the proposed call-centre solution would meet the Council's needs.

The **Mayor** considered the issues discussed and noted further submissions from officers and Members. Particular points raised included that:

- Agilisys remained committed to training local apprentices.
- The new contract terms would include better system resilience particularly out of normal working hours.
- The comprehensive nature of the review that had been undertaken.
- Any staff affected by the Call-Centre changes would be supported to look at redeployment options.

The **Mayor** thanked everyone for their contributions and **agreed** the recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the changes to the contract with Agilisys.
2. To delegate to the Director of Resources, after consultation with the Head of Legal Services, any final changes to the Deed of Variation that sets out all the agreed contractual changes under Part 3 – Responsibility of Functions Part A Corporate Delegations paragraph 10.4 Scheme of Management.

3. To note the improved governance and performance management arrangements that are being incorporated in the contract to strengthen the strategic partnership and operational arrangements between Agilisys and the Council.
4. To note the work being undertaken to establish the Council's ICT investment requirements and implementation plan that will support and form part of the Council's wider transformation plan.
5. To authorise the Service Head, Legal Services, following consultation with the Director of Resources to execute all necessary contract documents in respect of the contractual changes referred to at recommendations 1 and 2 above.

5.3 Review of Healthwatch Tower Hamlets and future commissioning intention

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services introduced the report reviewing HealthWatch Tower Hamlets. She explained that it was being reviewed to ensure a new, updated service could be in place that would be a strong advocate for patients of services provided by health and social care partners. The current service was extremely valuable and it was important to build on that success.

She set out how the review had taken place and how the consultation responses had been considered and the changes proposed.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and the very thorough processes that had been undertaken during the review. He noted that the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board would be observing this process in the future. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To note the key findings and recommendations arising from the review of Healthwatch Tower Hamlets (Para 3.9 of the report).
2. To authorise the Interim Service Head for Corporate Strategy & Equality to develop a detailed service specification which addresses the key findings of the review, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services.
3. To agree to the commissioning proposals for Healthwatch Tower Hamlets and authorise the Director Law, Probity and Governance to enter into contract with the preferred bidder which will be known as Healthwatch Tower Hamlets.

5.4 Corporate Directors' Decisions

RESOLVED

1. To note the Corporate Directors' decisions set out in Appendix 1.

5.5 List of Individual Mayoral Decisions

RESOLVED

1. To note the Individual Mayoral Decisions set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

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 6.38 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN BIGGS