

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.32 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	(Mayor)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills)
Councillor Rabina Khan	(Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Rania Khan	(Cabinet Member for Culture)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Executive Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet)
Councillor Marc Francis	
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor Ann Jackson	
Councillor Aminur Khan	
Councillor Md. Maium Miah	(Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet on Third Sector and Community Engagement)
Councillor Gulam Robbani	(Executive advisor to the Cabinet and Mayor on adult social care)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

Officers Present:

Stephen Halsey	(Head of Paid Service and Corporate Director Communities, Localities & Culture)
Anne Canning	(Interim Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Aman Dalvi	(Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Chris Holme	(Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Andy Bamber	(Service Head Safer Communities, Crime Reduction Services, Communities, Localities and Culture)
Dr Somen Banerjee	(Interim Director of Public Health)
Sarah Barr	(Senior Strategy Policy and Performance Officer, Corporate Strategy and Equality Service, Chief Executive's)
Michael Bell	(Strategic Planning Manager, Development & Renewal)

Duncan Brown	(Planning Officer, Development and Renewal)
Emily Fieran-Reed	(Head of Community Safety Partnership, Domestic Violence & Hate Crime, Community Safety, Communities Localities and Culture)
Ben Gadsby	(Political Adviser to the Conservative Group)
David Galpin	(Head of Legal Services (Community), Legal Services, Chief Executive's)
Numan Hussain	(Political Advisor to the Mayor, Executive Mayor's Office, Chief Executive's)
Kevin Kewin	(Service Manager, Strategy & Performance, Chief Executive's)
Ellie Kuper-Thomas	(Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer - Executive Mayor's Office, One Tower Hamlets, Chief Executive's)
Murziline Parchment	(Head of Executive Mayor's Office, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Takki Sulaiman	(Service Head Communications, Chief Executive's)
Alison Thomas	(Acting Joint Service Head, Strategy Innovation and Sustainability, Development & Renewal)
David Tolley	(Head of Consumer and Business Regulations Service, Safer Communities, Communities Localities & Culture)
John Williams	(Service Head, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Oliur Rahman (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Rania Khan (Cabinet Member for Culture)

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31 July 2013 were presented for information.

4. PETITIONS

4.1 Petition from Mr Terry McGreenera and a number of tenants in relation to Agenda Item 10.1 (Co-Regulation and Accountability of Registered Providers)

The Petition and supporting documents were tabled by Mr Terry McGreenera and Jenny Fisher on behalf of a number of Housing Association tenants within Tower Hamlets Borough. They raised concerns around the relationship between registered housing providers and their tenants. They felt that the role of tenants was significantly decreasing as Housing Associations became less community based and more business oriented. A number of examples were given of where tenants felt they were being excluded or pressurised.

Following a discussion, Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, responded to the petition. She thanked the petitioners for raising this issue and confirmed that she also had similar concerns. She stated that the Administration took a dim view of any proposals to reduce tenant involvement and would work with tenants to attempt to address any problems raised.

RESOLVED

1. That the petition tabled by Mr Terry McGreenera in respect of Agenda Item 10.1 (Co-regulation and Accountability of Registered Providers) be received and noted.
2. That the points raised be given consideration during the Cabinet deliberation of the item of business to which the petition related; and
3. That any outstanding issues raised by the petition be referred to the appropriate Corporate Director for attention and response in writing within 28 days, in accordance with the Authority's Constitution (Part 4, Rules of Procedure, Section 4.1 Council Procedure Rules, Paragraph 19).

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Unrestricted Business to be Considered

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), presented an update on the OSC meeting the previous week. In particular he highlighted that:

- The contributions of the Borough Commander and Deputy Mayor had been very welcome but that, as the head of the Executive, the OSC were disappointed that the Mayor had not been able to attend the last meeting.
- The Borough Commander and Deputy Mayor had provided a useful presentation giving an overview of crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the borough, victim satisfaction and public confidence in the

policy and areas of development including Integrated Offender Management Teams. OSC were keen to monitor performance of the teams as they established themselves.

- The presentation also included details of the Community Safety Plan which led to a useful discussion on the issues presented within it.
- The Licensing Policy had been presented to the meeting and was welcomed by Members.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman for his presentation.

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

The Clerk advised that no requests had been received to 'call-in' any provisional decisions taken by the Mayor in Cabinet, at the Cabinet meeting held on 31 July 2013.

6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

6.1 Draft Whitechapel Vision Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the report. She highlighted the importance of the document in shaping the future of the Whitechapel area, including in delivering new homes, jobs, public spaces, cultural facilities and a network of cleaner and safer streets. Following discussion she reported that some issues they were exploring included those around the number of affordable homes created, parking options and how to best support market traders.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report, in particular highlighting the huge potential there was to positively develop the Whitechapel area. He looked forward to seeing the report again following the consultation period. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the draft Whitechapel Vision Masterplan SPD (contained in Appendix 1) for statutory public consultation.
2. To authorise the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal, after consultation with the Lead Member for Housing , Development and Renewal, to make any necessary and appropriate minor amendments to the draft Whitechapel Vision Masterplan SPD, prior to the statutory public consultation.

7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

7.1 Planning for School Places - 2013/14 Review

Anne Canning, the Interim Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing, introduced the report. She highlighted the importance of preparing for the rise in the Borough's population and that the Council would endeavour to explore all opportunities to meet this challenge.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report, highlighting the importance of finding a solution to the issue and **agreed** the recommendations as printed.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report.
2. To note the continuing rising need for school places and confirm the priority for school places to be provided to contribute towards sustainable communities.
3. To note the site allocations achieved for primary and secondary schools (paragraph 6.9) and confirm support for the implementation of these allocations, subject to detailed proposals for each site.
4. To support the proposed expansions of Stebon and Olga Primary Schools (paragraphs 6.14, 6.15) and note that these proposals are subject to publication of statutory proposals and recommendations included in a separate report on this agenda (Education, Social Care & Wellbeing Capital Programme).
5. To support the proposed expansion and change of age range of St Paul's Way Trust School (paragraph 6.17), subject to publication of statutory proposals, and recommendations included in a separate report on this agenda (Education, Social Care & Wellbeing Capital Programme).

7.2 Education, Social Care and Wellbeing Capital Programme 2013/14

Anne Canning, the Interim Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing, introduced the report. She highlighted how provided practical examples of the Council meeting the need for more school places highlighted in the previous report on the agenda.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and **agreed** the recommendations as printed.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report and specifically the out-turn for the 2012/13 CSF and Adult Services' Capital Programmes (detailed in

Appendix A) and proposed allocation of the funding available in 2013/14 and 2014/15 (as detailed in Appendix B);

2. To approve the adoption of capital estimates for 2013/14 capital condition and improvement programme schemes as shown in Appendix C and authorise expenditure (paragraph 6.6);
3. To note the remaining projects within the Primary Capital Programme (PCP) schemes as shown in Appendix D (paragraph 6.9);
4. To note the Primary School Expansion Programme as detailed in Appendix E (paragraph 6.11) ;
5. To approve the revised capital estimates of £4.90m for the works at Arnhem Wharf Primary School to be funded from the uncommitted funds within the ESCW capital programme (paragraph 6.13);
6. To approve the revised capital estimates of £5.3m for the works at Bonner (Mile End) Primary School to be funded from the uncommitted funds within the ESCW capital programme (paragraph 6.15);
7. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £5.5m for the proposed expansion of Stebon Primary School (paragraph 6.16);
8. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £5.5m for the proposed 2FE primary provision by the expansion of St Paul's Way Trust School (paragraph 6.18);
9. To authorise the Corporate Director, Education, Social Care & Wellbeing, the Director of Development & Renewal and a Head of Legal Services to negotiate and agree the necessary development agreement and leases with Poplar Harca & St Paul's Way Trust School to facilitate the school expansion (paragraph 6.21);
10. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £10.7m for the proposed expansion of Olga Primary School (paragraph 6.23);
11. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £500,000 to cover the costs of developing proposals to be considered for inclusion in the capital programme and authorise expenditure (paragraph 6.27);
12. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £370,000 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 6.28);
13. To note the grant funding from the Department for Education of £1.2m as part of the Council's duty to provide free early education from 1 September 2013, and that suitable projects will be formally approved using delegated authority (paragraph 6.30);

14. To note that the Short Breaks grant funding for 2013/14 is not announced until August 2013, and that suitable projects will be formally approved using delegate authority (paragraph 6.34);
15. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £370,000 for the proposed works to 35 Ronald Street to be funded from the Adults' Personal Social Services Capital Grant (paragraph 6.38);
16. That the Director of Education, Social Care and Wellbeing (ESCW), in respect of all proposed tenders referred in this report, is authorised to agree tenders for projects within the approved programmes and capital estimate;
17. That any scheme exceeding the approved budget, the Director of ESCW is authorised to prepare and carry out a Bill of Reductions where relevant to ensure expenditure is contained within the agreed costs.

7.3 Proposed Expansion of Stebon School

Anne Canning, Interim Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing, introduced the report. She reported that Stebon was a good, settled school and a good candidate for expansion.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and **agreed** the recommendations as printed.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report.
2. To agree that statutory proposals should be published for the enlargement of Stebon Primary School to admit 90 pupils in each year from September 2014.

8. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

8.1 Licensing Policy Review

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, the Deputy Mayor, introduced the report. He highlighted the extensive consultation process that had been undertaken and that comments received had been included in the report. Once agreed at Cabinet the report would be presented to Council for final approval.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To agree the forward programme for the adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy.
2. To recommend that Full Council approve the Licensing Policy.
3. To note that it is intended that the Statement of licensing Policy will take effect from 1st November 2013 until 31st October 2018. The existing Statement of Licensing Policy will be revoked on the 31st October 2013.
4. To recommend that Full Council approve the 'no casino' resolution.

8.2 Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, the Deputy Mayor, introduced the report. He highlighted the extensive, and evenly split, consultation exercise and that the resulting proposal was a Nil policy where existing businesses would be allowed to continue.

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

RESOLVED

1. To adopt the proposed policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues which:
 - a. establishes a nil limit on licenses for new premises;
 - b. allows existing licensed sexual entertainment venues to continue to operate subject to regulatory controls and license fees.
2. To agree that the policy for Sex Establishments should take effect on the same day that Schedule 3 takes effect in Tower Hamlets.
3. To note that the Licensing Committee will be asked to resolve that Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 be applied in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets area to enable the proposed Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy to be brought into effect:
4. To note that the Licensing Committee will be asked to make regulations prescribing standard conditions as set out in Appendix 2.
5. To note that the Licensing Committee will be asked to resolve that fees as set out in Appendix 3 should apply to applications for Sexual Entertainment Venues.

8.3 Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013-16

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, the Deputy Mayor, introduced the report. He highlighted that all Councils were required to have a Community Safety Plan and that he and the Borough Commander had been extensively involved in the preparation work.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To consider and comment on the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013-16 (Appendix A) and the priorities set out within it.
2. To recommend that Full Council approve the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

9.1 Public Health Procurement Plan 2014-15

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report. He highlighted its importance since public health responsibilities had been transferred to the Council. A review had been completed to ensure that the Mayor's and Council's priorities had been targeted. He explained that individual reports would be coming to Cabinet on some contracts where necessary.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and highlighted that, where possible, it was vital that local residents and businesses benefited from procurement opportunities. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To consider the contract summary at Appendix A, and
 - a. Confirm that contracts set out in Appendix A can proceed to contract award after tender subject to the relevant Corporate Director who holds the budget for the service area consulting with the Mayor and the relevant lead member prior to contract award, and
 - b. Identify any contracts about which specific reports – relating to contract award – should be brought before Cabinet prior to contract award by the appropriate Corporate Director for the service area, and
 - c. Authorise a Head of Legal Services to execute all necessary contract documents in respect of the awards of contracts referred to at recommendation 1b) above and

2. In addition to the above, and in order to allow for a comprehensive review of the School Health Service to take place, to approve a six month continuation of the current contract for the Child Health and Nutrition Services either by extension of the contract or an interim six month contract, in either case to end on 31st September 2014.

10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

10.1 Co-regulation and Accountability of Registered Providers

Councillor Marc Francis, Member of the Scrutiny Working Group, introduced the report. Following the resident petition discussed earlier in the meeting he highlighted that the Scrutiny Review had also identified concerns in how residents were being treated. He suggested that the Mayor may wish to consider shortening some of the timescales proposed in the report.

During discussion Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, welcomed many of the recommendations and confirmed that the administration were looking to react to the changing circumstances around the social housing providers.

The **Mayor** thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussion and **noted** the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the report.

10.2 Mental Health and Housing: Response to the Scrutiny Challenge Session

The **Mayor noted** the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the report.

10.3 Removing Barriers to Youth Employment: Response to the Scrutiny Review

Councillor Ann Jackson, Chair of the Scrutiny Working Group, introduced the report.

Amongst other issues detailed in the report, she highlighted that providing better access to and support for apprenticeships appeared to offer significant opportunities to improving employment opportunities, particularly for young people.

Councillor Shafiqul Haque, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills, welcomed the report and he informed Cabinet that work was already underway in many of the areas highlighted. He confirmed that youth employment was a top priority for the Administration.

The **Mayor** thanked everyone for their contribution and **noted** the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the report.

10.4 Strategic Performance, 13/14 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Monitoring Q1

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources, introduced the report.

The **Mayor agreed** the recommendations as printed.

RESOLVED

1. To review and note the Quarter 1 2013/14 performance; and
2. To note the Council's financial position as detailed in section 3 and Appendices 1-4 of this report.

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions

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

RESOLVED

1. To note the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions as set out in Appendix 1.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No motion to exclude the press and public was passed.

14. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

15. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business to be Considered.

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

16. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Nil items.

17. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

18. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

19. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

20. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

22. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.48 p.m.

John S. Williams
Service Head, Democratic Services