

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 6.38 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2014

**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 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)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Gulam Robbani

Apologies:

Apologies were received from: Councillor Shahed Ali, Councillor Rania Khan and Councillor Oliur Rahman

Officers Present:

Kate Bingham	(Service Head, Resources, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Keith Burns	(Interim Project Manager, Commissioning and Strategy, Adults Health and Wellbeing)
Margaret Cooper	(Section Head Transport & Highways, Public Realm, Communities Localities & Culture)
Louise Russell	(Service Head Corporate Strategy and Equality, Law Probity and Governance)
Stephen Adams	(Finance and Resources Manager, Communities Localities & Culture)
Robert Driver	(Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing)
Andrew Hargreaves	(Borough Conservation Officer, Development and Renewal)
Mark Hutton	(Team Leader, Development Design & Conservation, Development & Renewal)
Frances Jones	(Service Manager One Tower Hamlets, Corporate Strategy and Equality Service, LPG)
Ellie Kuper-Thomas	(Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer - Executive Mayor's Office, One Tower Hamlets, DLPG)

Murziline Parchment	(Head of Executive Mayor's Office, Democratic Services, LPG)
Takki Sulaiman	(Service Head Communications, Law, Probity and Governance)
Robin Beattie	(Service Head, Strategy & Resources, Communities Localities & Culture)
Robert McCulloch-Graham	(Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Meic Sullivan-Gould	(Interim Monitoring Officer)
Owen Whalley	(Service Head Planning and Building Control, Development & Renewal)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, LPG)

AGENDA ORDER

Note that during the meeting the **Mayor** changed the agenda order to take Item 4 (Petitions) first. To aid clarity, the minutes are presented in the order the items appeared on the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Shahed Ali
- Councillor Rania Khan
- Councillor Oliur Rahman
- Councillor Motin Uz-zaman
- Aman Dalvi (Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
- Stephen Halsey (Head of Paid Service & Corporate Director CLC)

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 March were noted.

4. PETITIONS

4.1 Petition regarding Fairness Commission

Mr Haque addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners. He stated that the concept of fairness had to be at the centre of public service and that they had concerns as to whether the Fairness Commission had properly considered all the relevant fairness issues. The Cabinet Member for Housing responded to the matters raised in the petition. She stated that questions of fairness and equality in relation to decision making were important

considerations and that the Council endeavoured to deliver fairness to everyone. She thought that the fairness commission could help.

RESOLVED

That the petition be referred to the Service Head for Corporate Strategy & Strategy & Performance Equality for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered

The **Mayor** noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) had given his apologies for the meeting but that he had provided a tabled paper with an update on the OSC meeting of the previous evening.

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

The clerk advised that no requests had been received to 'call-in' for further consideration, by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, any provisional decisions taken by the Mayor in Cabinet at the meeting held on 5 March 2014.

6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

6.1 Local List Update

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the report. She highlighted the importance of caring for the rich local heritage in the borough and remembering the actions of those who had lived here. She stated that the report recommended the inclusion of over 50 war memorials to the local list.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and stated that it was right to commemorate those who gave so much. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To agree to add War Memorials set out in Appendix A to the Local List report.
2. To agree to remove selected entries set out in Appendix B from the Local List.

6.2 New Homes: Ashington East

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the report. She reported that this project was a good example of the creative ways the

Council looked to deliver new homes. She summarised the nature of the housing proposed including the spread of family and other units and the amount of disabled access.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and thanked officers for their efforts in securing funding from the Greater London Authority. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the development of 53 New Council Homes and the redevelopment of the Community Centre on Collingwood Estate
2. To note the grant of £1,590,000. from the London Mayor's Building The Pipeline Supply Programme towards the development of Ashington East
3. To note the resulting contribution from the Council of £9,880,000.for the Ashington East site on Collingwood Estate
4. To note that Cabinet is requested to adopt a capital estimate of £11,470,000 in order that the scheme can be included within the capital programme
5. To note the constraint contained in the GLA programme of achieving a Start On Site of March 2015
6. To authorise the Corporate Director, Development & Renewal to take the necessary actions to deliver the scheme within the timescale of the funding programme including dealing with the settlement of any existing rights
7. To authorise officers to proceed with the procurement of the required professional and technical services and works contracts and utilising suitable procurement frameworks available to the public sector.
8. To authorise the Corporate Director Development & Renewal in consultation with the Mayor to award the contracts for professional and technical services and works contracts.
9. To authorise the Corporate Director Development & Renewal in consultation with the Service Head Legal Services to agree terms for the contracts at 8 above
10. To authorise the Head of Legal Services to execute all necessary documents to implement the decision at 8 above.

6.3 Communities, Localities and Culture Capital Programme 2014-15

The report was introduced by Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Deputy Mayor. He highlighted that Appendix A contained details of the projects and funding sources.

Following a brief discussion including on the level of transport and highways fees, the **Mayor** accepted the report and, subject to the inclusion of the word 'Maximum' in paragraph 1.4 to indicate a maximum fee of 27.5%, **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To include the schemes listed in appendix A to the report within the Communities Localities & Cultural Services Directorate's 2014/2015 Capital Programme.
2. To adopt Capital Estimates (sum specified in estimated scheme cost column) for the schemes as outlined in Appendix A to the report.
3. To agree that where possible the Council's Measured Term Contracts be used for the implementation of the Transport and Highways Works as appropriate
4. To agree that where possible the landscape improvement works be let under the terms of the Landscape Framework Agreement for implementation as appropriate.

7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

8. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

9.1 Direct Payment Support Service

This report was withdrawn from the agenda.

9.2 DRAFT Better Care Fund Submission Template

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report. He highlighted that the report had been through the consultation process and the deadline for submission to the government. He stated that the report clearly demonstrated the value of partnership work to the Council

and residents. He noted a number of important projects such as the luncheon clubs, healthcheck programme and women into health jobs project.

Following a short discussion about how risks were being mitigated and the strength of the Council's partnerships the **Mayor agreed** the recommendation as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To agree the final version of the Better Care Fund Planning Template (Appendix 1) before final submission to NHS England on 4 April 2014.

10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

10.1 Tower Hamlets Fairness Commission: Response to recommendations

The **Mayor** introduced the report, welcoming the ambition to work with partners across the board and how the Council was listening to residents to improve services. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To agree the activities set out in Table One as the Council's response to the recommendations of the Tower Hamlets Fairness Commission.
2. To note the activities planned by partner organisations to the recommendations of the Tower Hamlets Fairness Commission outlined in Table One (3.7)
3. To agree the proposal set out in paragraph 3.9 to increase engagement between the Tower Hamlets Partnership and Corporate Social Responsibility leaders in the borough.

10.2 Strategic Performance, 13/14 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Monitoring Q3

The report was introduced by Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources. He noted that the Council's budget was still on course but that serious challenges lay ahead.

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

RESOLVED

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

3. To note that Cabinet will approve capital estimates for ESCW as set out in Appendix 4a.

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** asked for more information on the set up between church and provider on ESCW/470 (St Paul's Church) and then **agreed** the recommendation 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

A motion to exclude the press and public was not passed at the meeting.

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

19.1 Direct Payment Support Services

This report was withdrawn from the agenda.

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 7.26 p.m.

John S. Williams
SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES