

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

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

Members Present:

Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Clean and Green)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Culture)
Councillor Gulam Robbani	(Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

Apologies:

Councillor Oliur Rahman	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development (Jobs, Skills and Enterprise)
Councillor Rabina Khan	(Cabinet Member for Housing and Development)
Councillor Aminur Khan	(Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance)

Officers Present:

Aman Dalvi	(Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Stephen Halsey	(Head of Paid Service and Corporate Director Communities, Localities & Culture)
Robert McCulloch-Graham	(Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Barry Scarr	(Interim Service Head, Finance & Procurement)
Meic Sullivan-Gould	(Interim Monitoring Officer, Legal Services, LPG)
Kate Bingham	(Service Head, Resources, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
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)
Dean RiddickMcGregor	(Political Adviser to the Labour Group)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, LPG)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE MEETING

In the absence of the Deputy Mayor, the Clerk to Cabinet sought nominations for a Chair of the meeting. Councillor Gulam Robbani proposed, and Councillor Shahed Ali seconded, a motion that Councillor Ohid Ahmed be elected Chair of the meeting.

DECISION

1. That Councillor Ohid Ahmed be elected to serve as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Aminur Khan (Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance)
- Councillor Rabina Khan (Cabinet Member for Housing and Development)
- Councillor Oliur Rahman (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development)
- Chris Holme (Acting Corporate Director, Resources)

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 April 2015 were noted.

5. PETITIONS

Nil items.

6. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**6.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Unrestricted Business to be Considered**

Nil items.

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

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 had considered two call-in reports in respect of the Procurement Options for the New Civic Centre and also on the Disposal of 296 Bethnal Green Road. He confirmed that the

reference reports from these Call-Ins would be considered by a future Cabinet meeting.

7. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Nil items.

8. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

8.1 Education, Social Care and Wellbeing Capital Programme 2015/16

Councillor Ohid Ahmed introduced the report. He explained that, in accordance with the Concordat signed by all three political groups on the Council, the reports had been reviewed by the Executive and by all political groups and there was agreement on the proposed recommendations. He therefore moved that the Cabinet agree the recommendations as set out.

The recommendations were **agreed** unanimously.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report and specifically the anticipated out-turn for the 2014/15 ESCW Capital Programme (detailed in Appendix A) and proposed allocation of the funding available in 2015/18 (as detailed in Appendix B);
2. To approve the adoption of capital estimates for the 2015/16 capital condition and improvement programme schemes in schools and service premises as shown in Appendix C (Schools and Children's Services) and Appendix D (Adult Services) and authorise expenditure;
3. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £350,000 for the additional dining accommodation at Oaklands School;
4. To note the completed projects within the Primary Capital Programme (PCP) schemes as shown in Appendix D;
5. To note the Primary School Expansion Programme as detailed in Appendix E;
6. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £750,000 to cover the costs of developing proposals to be considered for inclusion in the capital programme and authorise expenditure;
7. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £300,000 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;
8. To note progress with creating early education provision and further consultation with providers as shown in Appendix D;

9. To note the proposed procurement approach for the capital works to provide 6th form accommodation at Stepney Green School (paragraph 3.55);
10. To agree that Council-approved Frameworks be used, where appropriate, to deliver the various projects within the approved programmes;
11. To authorise the Corporate Director of ESCW, in respect of all proposed tenders referred to in this report, to agree tenders for projects within the approved programmes and capital estimate;
12. To authorise the Corporate Director of ESCW to prepare and carry out a Bill of Reductions for any scheme exceeding the approved budget, where relevant to ensure expenditure is contained within the agreed costs.

8.2 Primary School Places Programme

Councillor Ohid Ahmed introduced the report. He explained that, in accordance with the Concordat signed by all three political groups on the Council, the reports had been reviewed by the Executive and by all political groups and there was agreement on the proposed recommendations. He therefore moved that the Cabinet agree the recommendations as set out.

The recommendations were **agreed** unanimously.

DECISION

1. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £9.0m for the proposed works to the former Bromley Hall Special School;
2. To delegate to the Corporate Director, Development & Renewal, the power to appropriate land in Lochnagar Street shown in Appendix A from the HRA to the General Fund for Education purposes, subject to prior consultation with the Service Head – Legal Services, and agree that the land is incorporated into Bromley Hall School site;
3. To approve the proposed procurement of works to the Bromley Hall School by use of a suitable pre-tendered framework;
4. To approve the adoption of a capital estimate of £11m for the proposed works to the former site of Bow Boys' School;
5. To approve the proposed procurement approach for the former Bow Boys' School site of working with Tower Hamlets Schools Ltd ;
6. To authorise the Corporate Director of ESCW to agree tenders for projects referred to in this report within the approved programmes and capital estimate; and

7. To authorise the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal, following consultation with the Service Head – Legal Services, to agree and enter into the contracts required to give effect to the above recommendations.

9. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

10. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

11. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

13. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

13.1 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions

Councillor Ohid Ahmed introduced the report. He proposed that Cabinet agree to note the information contained in the report.

The Cabinet **agreed** unanimously to note the report.

RESOLVED

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

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items.

15. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

16. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

17. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Nil items.

18. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

19. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

20. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

21. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

23. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 5.34 p.m.

John S. Williams
SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES