

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

**HELD AT 5.35 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2017**

**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 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 Peter Golds	(Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor John Pierce	
Councillor Andrew Wood	

**Apologies:**

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

**Others Present:**

**Officers Present:**

Zena Cooke	(Corporate Director, Resources)
Sharon Godman	(Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnerships)
Chris Lovitt	Associate Director of Public Health
Christine McInnes	(Divisional Director, Education and Partnership, Children's)
Matthew Pullen	Infrastructure Planning Team Leader
Denise Radley	(Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Layla Richards	(Service Manager, Policy Programmes and Community Insight)
Peter Robbins	Head of Mayor's office

Andy Scott	(Head of Economic Development, Place)
Graham White	(Acting Corporate Director, Governance)
Fiona Crehan	(High Streets and Town Centres Manager, Place)
Veronica Parker	(Communications Adviser Communications)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Governance)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Asma Begum (Cabinet Member for Culture)
- Councillor Joshua Peck (Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Development)
- Will Tuckley (Chief Executive)
- Aman Dalvi (Corporate Director, Place) for whom Andy Scott (Acting Service Head, Economic Development) was substituting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

## **3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED**

1. That the unrestricted minutes for the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

## **4. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **4.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions**

Councillor John Pierce, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, provided Cabinet with an update on their meeting the previous week, including:

- Thanking the Mayor for attending the Spotlight session.
- That the Committee had a good discussion on the new housing delivery model and its role in tackling the housing crisis. Concerns were expressed that scrutiny had not been brought into the discussions around setting up the new bodies at an early enough stage to help guide the arrangements to ensure transparency and good governance.
- Concern was also expressed about the extent to which the Council will have influence on these new private organisations.
- The Committee reviewed the Council's performance monitoring in particular challenges on affordable housing and wheelchair adaptations.
- There had been a discussion about the Strategic Plan and welcomed the good accessibility of the report.

- Consideration of the quarterly budget monitoring report.
- There was a quick discussion about support for business but the Committee would likely look at this in more detail at a future meeting.

Finally Councillor John Pierce updated Cabinet on some upcoming Scrutiny events and highlighted that all Members were welcome to attend.

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 Local Account 2016**

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Health and Adults Services, introduced the report. She stressed that this was an important document for the Council demonstrating how services were supplied and it set out future plans as well. The document also set out insights from people who used the services and in general the update this year had received much greater involvement from local people in its preparation.

Particular positives noted were high and increasing satisfaction levels and higher spending levels than the London average. Key challenges were on maintaining quality with reducing budgets and the high levels of need in the Borough.

It was noted that the foreword would be altered to include a picture of the Mayor. Officers would also investigate whether information in relation to translation services should be added.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and the superb work it highlighted. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve the Local Account as attached at Appendix A to the report for publication.
2. To endorse the communication plan for the Local Account as attached at Appendix B to the report.

#### **5.2 Public Health GP Enhanced Services**

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Cabinet Member for Health and Adults Services, introduced the report. She explained that as well as the core GP services commissioned by NHS England, the Council also provided some

funding to GPs for specific enhanced services. The report provided details on the services to be provided. There was to be a direct contract award as only GPs could provide these services.

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

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve the recommendation for a direct award to the Tower Hamlets GP Care Group for the delivery of the Public Health NIS services.
2. To authorise the Director of Public Health, after consultation with the Interim Corporate Director, Governance, to execute and enter into all necessary agreements for a three year period.
3. To note that funding for the Public Health NIS Services will be met within the Public Health Grants budgets for the next three years.

#### **5.3 Strategic Plan 2016/19 - Delivery Plan 2017/18**

The **Mayor** introduced the 2017/18 Delivery Plan (Year Two) for the 2016/19 Strategic Plan. He noted that it had been discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cabinet Members had been involved in conversations about their areas of responsibility and the Mayor reminded officers to ensure that the recent minor changes to responsibility areas for Cabinet Members were picked up in the report. He then **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the revised Strategic Plan (appendix 1 to the report);
2. To agree the Delivery Plan (appendix 2 to the report)

#### **5.4 Update on Town Centre Strategy (Business Friendly Tower Hamlets)**

The **Mayor** introduced the report on the Town Centre Strategy setting out a list of town centres and the resources available to them, the approach to managing them over the next few years and also the links to wider regeneration.

During the discussion Councillor John Pierce, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee highlighted that the area around Redchurch street was changing significantly and officers reported that it would be part of the Brick Lane regeneration programme because of that, however they would also look to see if it should be included elsewhere in the strategy.

Councillor Peter Golds, Leader of the Conservative Group, highlighted the additional challenge facing the Borough due to the lack of larger scale town centres. He reported on work undertaken in other Boroughs by residents

looking to develop their own areas. He also noted the problems with fast food outlets and fixed odds betting terminals.

The **Mayor** thanked all Members for their contribution to the debate and also noted the point about the need to be careful on how the Whitechapel area developed. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the progress made to date in developing the Town Centre Strategy for Tower Hamlets.
2. To note the draft Town Centre Strategy included as Appendix 1 to the report.
3. To note the outcomes of the application of the ATCM indicators of a successful town centre across the 10 District Centres as shown at Appendix 2 to the report.
4. To agree to undertake formal consultation with regard to the adoption of the Town Centre Strategy.

#### **5.5 The Infrastructure Delivery Framework: CIL Collection, Allocation and Expenditure Report to 27th January 2017**

Councillor Rachel Blake, Cabinet Member for Strategic Development, introduced the report. She welcomed the increased transparency the report provided.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and highlighted the need to look for additional investment to secure necessary infrastructure improvements beyond the money identified in the report.

During discussion of the report Councillor Andrew Wood, Ward Councillor for Canary Wharf Ward, highlighted the need to be bold in negotiations with developers and to look to adjust agreements where funding for different infrastructure requirements became apparent. Members also looked at other issues such as the balance between spending on large and small projects and the levels of specifically allocated funds.

The **Mayor** thanked all Members for their contributions and stated he was always happy to talk to Councillors on ideas for infrastructure spending. He **agreed** the recommendation as set out.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To note the latest quarterly position of the Council's CIL and S106 income and balance.

**5.6 List of Corporate Directors' Decisions**

The **Mayor** introduced the report and **agreed** the recommendation as set out.

**RESOLVED**

1. To note the Corporate Directors' decision 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 6.31 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN BIGGS