

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.34 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

**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)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)
Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Peter Golds
Councillor James King

Officers Present:

Kevin Bartle	(Divisional Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit)
Stephen Bramah	(Deputy Head of the Mayor's office)
Claudia Brown	(Divisional Director of Adults Social Care)
Vicky Clark	(Divisional Director for Growth and Economic Development)
Thorsten Dreyer	(Head of Intelligence and Performance)
Sharon Godman	(Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance)
Asmat Hussain	(Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer)
Debbie Jones	(Corporate Director, Children and Culture)
Neville Murton	(Corporate Director, Resources)
Denise Radley	(Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Will Tuckley	(Chief Executive)
Matthew Mannion	(Head of Democratic Services, Governance)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Ann Sutcliffe (Corporate Director, Place) for whom Vicky Clark (Divisional Director, Growth and Economic Development) deputised.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**RESOLVED**

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 31 July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR

The **Mayor** reported that the Council had won six awards at the recent London in Bloom ceremony which had been held in the borough. He congratulated the 'green fingered' staff and local residents involved.

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions**

Councillor James King, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), addressed Cabinet to provide an update on the work of his Committee. He reported on a number of issues that had been discussed, including:

- A report looking at the Council's performance in regards to complaints to the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman where improvements in overall performance were welcomed but issues with delays to responses were noted.
- A useful discussion had been held on the results of the last Residents Survey with a particular focus on whether investment to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour was having an impact given the continuing concerns from residents.
- The Committee had concerns that the way the performance report was presented provided an overly positive view on the results shown in respect of 'amber' targets. They also hoped to have a session with the Mayor on performance as soon as possible.
- There had been an interesting discussion on the budget monitoring report and a look at how to ensure budget holders took full responsibility for their areas. The Committee also considered that more could be done to make use of parking income.
- Whilst the Committee welcomed the work the Council had undertaken to mitigate issues with the Local Community Fund, they still had concerns that there were equalities gaps, with a particular reference to

support for smaller BAME groups. The Committee also asked to see a report on support for 'play' activities as soon as possible.

The **Mayor** thanked Councillor James King for his update.

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

Nil items.

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Section 75 Partnership Agreement for the provision of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Services in Tower Hamlets

Councillor Amina Ali, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report. She explained that the Council currently provided mental health and learning disability services with health partners and that the purpose of this report was to create a formal Section 75 Partnership to allow for a more joined up approach which would strengthen management of the services. There were no proposals in the report to change the services themselves.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and stated he considered this to be good practice to formalise the arrangements. He **agreed** the recommendation as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To approve a Section 75 Partnership Agreement (National Health Services Act 2006) for the delivery of Adult and Older Persons' Mental Health and Adult Learning Disability Services by the Council and the East London (NHS) Foundation Trust within Tower Hamlets.

6.2 Aldgate Business Improvement District

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth, introduced the report. He explained that the Council had received a proposal from The Aldgate Partnership (TAP) to hold a ballot to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) in the Aldgate area with the boundary set out in the report.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report. He noted that BT were moving their headquarters into the area which was a good sign of confidence in the support available to business within the borough. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Aldgate BID proposal to go to ballot in January 2020.
2. To agree to support the formation of the Aldgate BID, subject to a successful ballot, in accordance with the BID Regulations.
3. To agree that the City Of London manage the ballot process for the Aldgate BID area for both Tower Hamlets and CofL.
4. To agree that Legal Services are authorised to prepare the legal agreement required for the operation of the BID ballot.
5. To agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director Place following consultation with the S.151 Officer to negotiate and settle agreements in relation to funding for the BID process and, subject to a successful ballot, the creation of the BID.
6. To agree that the Council's cost of supporting the ballot process and the implementing the BID will be recovered over a period of time from the BID levy.

6.3 Capital Schemes and exception records seeking adoption into the current capital programme

The **Mayor** introduced the report. He noted that it contained a number of capital bid proposals for approval. Following questions, officers confirmed that discussions were ongoing as to which schemes would receive priority for funding.

Following a discussion on the scope of a number of specific projects, the **Mayor agreed** the recommendations as set out noting that all Cabinet Members would be taking an interest in the scheme relevant to their portfolios.

RESOLVED

1. To adopt listed pipeline and adjusted schemes as set out in Appendix A to the report into the Council's approved capital programme;
2. To agree that approval to proceed to award contracts for works and services be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place following consultation with the Corporate Director, Governance and Corporate Director, Resources, subject to tenders being within tolerance of the capital estimate amount and scheme PIDs being approved at Capital Strategy Board; and
3. To note and approve costs and scope to advance to contract for Housing schemes in the current capital programme as listed Appendix B to the report.

6.4 Quarterly Performance & Improvement Monitoring – Q1 2019/20

The **Mayor** introduced the quarterly performance monitoring report. He welcomed the good results shown with 15 performance indicators meeting or exceeding their targets with only 7 falling short and 9 meeting minimum expectations. He also welcomed the effort to be ambitious with the targets and the clear improvement journey set out.

He **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To note the Quarter 1 2019/20 summary status as set out at the beginning of the monitoring report attached to the Cabinet cover report;
2. To note the performance of the strategic measures at the end of Quarter 1 2019/20, including those measures where the minimum expectation has been missed; and
3. To note progress in delivering Strategic Plan activities.

6.5 Contracts Forward Plan 2019/20 – Quarter two

Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector, introduced the regular contracts forward plan report. She highlighted that 'Community Value' was an important consideration when evaluating bids for contracts.

The **Mayor** confirmed that all the contracts listed could proceed as planned. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contract summary at Appendix 1 to the report.
2. To confirm that all reports can proceed to contract award after tender.
3. To authorise the Divisional Director, Legal Services to execute all necessary contract documents in respect of the awards of contracts referred to at Recommendation 2 above.
4. To note the procurement forward plan 2019-2022 schedule detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items.

9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.12 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN BIGGS