

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2017** at 7.00 pm in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET PRESENT

Councillors Georgia Gould, Danny Beales, Patricia Callaghan, Abdul Hai, Adam Harrison, Angela Mason, Richard Olszewski, Nadia Shah and Jonathan Simpson

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ABSENT

Councillors Meric Apak

ALSO PRESENT

Councillors Oliver Cooper, Lorraine Revah and Paul Tomlinson

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the Cabinet and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Apak. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Harrison.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. DEPUTATIONS

One deputation was heard in relation to Item 13 Community Investment Programme – Update on Delivery Strategy of Future Projects, from James Waite on behalf of Queens Crescent Community Centre and Gospel Oak Action Link.

The Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities responded to the deputation, thanking all those in the community who had worked so hard towards obtaining the right outcomes for Gospel Oak and assuring them of the Council's continued commitment to investment in Gospel Oak and Haverstock wards.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Webcasting

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Gould reminded those present that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet and that anyone who did not wish to appear on the webcast should take a seat in one of the galleries. She also reminded those present of the public's right to film, record and report.

5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

There was no notification.

6. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ABOUT WHY THE MEETING SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no representations received.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM A COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were none.

Please note that there were no alternative options considered or rejected by the Cabinet for the following items, unless indicated, although Cabinet Members duly considered, where applicable, options listed within the reports.

**9. REVIEW OF CAMDEN MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY
(CS/2017/11)**

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

In response to a question regarding business rates appeals, the Director of Finance remarked that the Valuation Office Agency had produced a draft list of business

rates and business were being encouraged to engage with this at an early stage in order to decrease the likelihood of appeals once bills had been issued.

Members commented on the continued strain on public sector finances and the additional pressures that may result from issues such as Brexit and the government's failure to reimburse Council's for caring for unaccompanied asylum seeker children.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the latest developments regarding the Council's funding outlook as set out in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 of the report be noted;
- (ii) THAT the progress towards implementing the current financial strategy as set out in paragraphs 4.8 – 4.19 of the report, including the 2018/19 budget reductions in Adult Social Care as set out in the *Delivering strengths based and sustainable Adult Social Care: phase two Medium Term Financial Strategy savings proposals (2018/19)* paper also on the agenda and referred to in paragraphs 4.16 – 4.18 of the report be noted;
- (iii) THAT the projected medium-term deficit following the completion of the current financial strategy and the new framework to deliver the required budget reductions, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 – 4.7 of the report, be noted;
- (iv) THAT the recent developments regarding a London-wide business rates pilot pool for 2018/19 be noted and the designation of a pool by the Secretary of State as set out in paragraphs 4.24 – 4.29 of the report be agreed in principle, but it be noted that the final decision will rest with the Leader in accordance with paragraph 4.28 of the report;
- (v) THAT the current estimates of 2018/19 pressures as presented in paragraphs 4.35 – 4.37 of the report be noted;
- (vi) THAT authority be delegated to Executive Directors to decide increases to existing fees and charges up to a maximum of 5%, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders;
- (vii) THAT the particular content in Appendix B of the report setting out supporting information for the new fees and charges and the fees and charges where the proposed increase is over 5% be noted;
- (viii) THAT the new fees and charges shown in Appendix C of the report be agreed;
- (ix) THAT the increase in fees and charges where the proposed increase is over 5% as shown in Appendix D of the report be agreed;

- (x) THAT the outcomes of the review of earmarked reserves and the balances available for reallocation as set out in paragraphs 4.56 – 4.57 be noted; and
- (xi) THAT the forecast financial outturn position for 2017/18 discussed in section 4.58 – 4.59 (revenue) and section 4.65 – 4.67 (capital) be noted.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Corporate Services

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

10. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2018-19 (CS/2017/23)

Consideration was given to a report which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

Members welcomed the continuation of this discretionary policy in times of financial pressure.

RESOLVED –

THAT it be recommended to Council that no change be made to the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the financial year 2018/19.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Corporate Services

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

11. POLICY FOR AWARDING REDUCTIONS IN COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES (CS/2017/39)

Consideration was given to a report which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

Members welcomed the introduction of this measure to assist care leavers to remain in the borough.

RESOLVED –

THAT the revised council tax and business rates discretionary reductions policy as set out in Appendix A of the report, which reflects the recommended change to exempt care leavers from council tax up to age 25, be approved, with effect from 1 April 2018.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Corporate Services

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

12. DELIVERING STRENGTHS BASED AND SUSTAINABLE ADULT SOCIAL CARE: PHASE TWO MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY SAVINGS PROPOSALS (SP/2017/25)

Consideration was given to the report which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Tackling Health Inequality of Promoting Independence.

Officers and voluntary and community sector partners were thanked for the hard work that they had undertaken under difficult circumstances.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT, having had due regard to the equality impacts as detailed in Appendix B of the report, the proposed additional savings plan for 2018/19 be agreed in principle, as summarised in table 1 at paragraph 3.4 and set out in full at Appendix A of the report; and
- (ii) THAT authority be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting People for each proposal at Appendix A of the report as follows:
 - i. To decide whether and how to implement the specific savings identified within each proposal together with any related additional savings that flow from the project having had due regard to the Council's general equality duties, any other applicable legal duties and the results of any consultation undertaken in respect of the proposal;
 - ii. To undertake any necessary consultation exercise for the purposes of (i);
 - iii. Where the proposals involve organisation restructures of more than 20 staff, to implement such organisational changes in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting People

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

13. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE OF DELIVERY STRATEGY OF FUTURE PROJECTS (SC/2017/48)

Consideration was given to the report. The Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities remarked on the government's wish to come to bespoke arrangements with authorities that wished to build and noted that Camden had a good case. In response to comments from ward councillors, be reaffirmed the commitment to investment in housing and the maximisation of employment opportunities for Camden residents despite the challenges facing the borough.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the approach to bring forward proposals for regeneration in Gospel Oak and Camley Street with a view to realising a capital receipt from Camley Street that would be reinvested in affordable housing elsewhere in the Borough, most importantly at Gospel Oak, as detailed in sections 3.1 – 3.14 of the report, be agreed;
- (ii) THAT it be agreed to proceed to developing a robust review of opportunities for Community Investment Programme schemes at West Kentish Town and Wendling estates and associated smaller sites, as set out in section 3.5 – 3.8 of the report, and to delegate decisions regarding contract award for consultancy services to the Director of Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities;
- (iii) THAT the proposals to undertake further feasibility work for Camley Street to develop options for a mixed use development, as set out in sections 3.9 - 3.14 of the report, be noted; and
- (iv) THAT the regeneration strategy for Oseney Crescent (Greenwood Annex) to refurbish the existing units for the provision of intermediate rented accommodation, including the submission of a planning application and the proposed disposal of the site to Camden Living, be agreed as set out in paragraphs 3.15 – 3.19 of the report. And:
 - THAT that this project be implemented in accordance with the specific delegations approved as part of the July 2012 Community Investment Programme Cabinet report (CENV/2012/25), which are included in Appendix 1 of the report, to the Executive Director Supporting Communities in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Services.
 - THAT authority be delegated to the Executive Director Corporate Services to agree expenditure budgets for this scheme, subject to appropriate funding being identified, and that the option to undertake prudential borrowing to support the capital funding requirements of the scheme if required be delegated to the Executive Director Corporate Services.

**ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting
Communities/Executive Director Corporate
Services**

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**14. CAMDEN'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2018-2021 UNDER
THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 (SC/2017/47)**

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation who thanked the Cabinet Member for Promoting Culture and Communities for his work on the development of the policy.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the content of the proposed Policy, the Local Area Profile and the Licensing Committee's recommendation to Council be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the Licensing Committee's decision to refer the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2018-2021 and Local Area Profile to full Council for adoption and publication be endorsed.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting Communities

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**15. MARIA FIDELIS SCHOOL, NORTH GOWER STREET - STRATEGY FOR
IMPLEMENTING MEANWHILE USES WHEN THE SITE BECOMES
VACANT IN 2019 (SC/2017/50)**

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Investing in Communities.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommended scheme be endorsed, subject to detailed design and detailed agreement with the co-owners London and Continental Railways Ltd.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting Communities

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

16. TRANSFER OF ADULTS' COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES TO THE CAMDEN CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (SP/2017/25)

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Tackling Health Inequality and Promoting Independence. The Director of Integrated Commissioning also summarised the reasons behind the decision and the arrangements for how the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group would continue to work together in the future.

Members of the Cabinet noted with regret the Clinical Commissioning Group's decision, and the pressures that led NHS bodies to act such a way, but the Leader emphasised that integrated service delivery would continue to be the priority in order to give residents a holistic experience.

RESOLVED –

THAT the decision of the Camden Clinical Commissioning Group that it wishes to assume direct responsibility for the commissioning of adult community health services, and the consequential actions of officers to vary the Section 75 agreements between the Council and the Camden Clinical Commissioning Group and transfer the relevant staff and functions, be noted.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

17. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY: FILM SERVICE (SC/2017/51)

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities.

RESOLVED –

THAT the procurement strategy for the future of the Council's Film Service to manage location filming in the borough, as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report, be agreed.

ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting Communities

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**18. CHALCOTS ESTATE PERMANENT CLADDING SOLUTION UPDATE
(SC/2017/56)**

Consideration was given to the report, which was introduced by the Leader of the Council. She confirmed that there had been no further news from the government with regard to any assistance with costs.

RESOLVED –

THAT the progress in the development of options for replacement cladding be noted.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS
URGENT**

There was no such business.

The meeting ended at 8.37pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END