



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE CABINET Monday 15 April 2019 at 4.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor M Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Agha, Farah, Hirani, Miller, M Patel, Krupa Sheth, Southwood and Tatler

Also present: Councillors Abdi, Chohan, Johnson, Kabir and Long

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: -

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 March 2019 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising (if any)

None

5. Petitions (if any)

None

6. Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees

RESOLVED:

- i. As required under the call-in procedure, Cabinet reconsidered its original decision on the Carlton & Granville Centres Site – South Kilburn.
- ii. Cabinet confirmed the original decision made, enabling it to take immediate effect.
- iii. In confirming its decision, Cabinet supported the following recommendations made by the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee:
 - In terms of the recommended design option, the 23 units of housing be

provided as social housing. In recognising the need to address issues in relation to viability, Cabinet will explore a predominance of three or four bedroom 'family-sized' accommodation.

- Appropriate noise-reduction safeguards be provided for tenants within the new housing units in order to manage the relationship between the mixed residential and community use on the site. Such a provision is to ensure that noise concerns do not limit the use of the facility by the community.
- A minimum level of local social enterprise provision is guaranteed within the Enterprise Hub.
- Community governance options being developed in terms of future management of the site must be based around the Key Stakeholder Group and involve a broader local community membership. Such governance options must have open membership to locals, with democratic processes for the selection of people and positions.

7. Review of Voluntary and Community Sector Needs

RESOLVED:

- i. Cabinet approved the development of a new bespoke voluntary & community sector model as part of the overall strategy of Building a Better Brent
- ii. Cabinet approved conducting an options appraisal to identify the most suitable framework to deliver the VCS model to include:
 - Continue the current arrangement – Further extend the existing conditional grant with CVS Brent or enter into a similar contract with another VCS
 - Commissioned Partnership – Commission a consortium of organisations – similar to the Brent Advice Partnership (BAP) arrangement
 - Cooperative model – Increased collaboration between the council and the VCS including greater involvement of the VCS in strategic decision making and commissioning
 - Community Interest Company (CIC) - Establish a CIC to provide infrastructure support and deliver the VSIF and quality assurance programme
- iii. Cabinet approved an extension of up to one-year year to the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund (VSIF) Infrastructure Grant to CVS Brent in the sum of £120K (pro-rata) for up to 12 months from 22 April 2019-31 March 2020 to provide services during the options appraisal and the transfer of responsibility to the new framework

8. Adopt London - West Regional Adoption Agency

RESOLVED:

- i. Cabinet agreed that Brent enter into regional adoption arrangements as part of Adopt London West with the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith and Fulham, with special guardianship support included in this arrangement from the outset.
- ii. Cabinet noted the intention for the London Borough of Ealing to host Adopt London West.
- iii. Cabinet approved the delegation to the London Borough of Ealing of the adoption arrangements and special guardianship support as set out in the report.
- iv. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Children and Young People in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care, the Chief Finance Officer and the Director of Legal and HR Services to make more detailed decisions around the implementation of this proposal including

agreeing and signing off the Partnership Agreement between Brent and the other boroughs involved in Adopt London West and the finalisation of governance arrangements.

- v. Cabinet approved the creation of a partnership board to manage Adopt London West with senior representatives from all participating councils to be appointed to the partnership board, with Brent Council represented by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People.
- vi. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Children and Young People in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care to agree the admission of up to two additional boroughs into the Adopt London West Regional Adoption Agency.

9. Approval to Establish an Alternative Provision Free School with Integrated Youth Offer from the Roundwood Youth Centre

RESOLVED:

- i. Cabinet approved the establishment of an Alternative Provision Free School with integrated youth provision on the site of Roundwood Youth Centre as set out in the report.
- ii. Cabinet approved the use of the Free School Presumption process to establish the school, as set out in the report, noting that the final decision on the selected provider would be taken by the Secretary of State for Education.
- iii. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Children and Young People, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care, to identify the Council's preferred provider of the Alternative Provision Free School with integrated youth provision.

10. Highways Capital Scheme Programme 2019-20

RESOLVED:

- i. Cabinet approved the proposed highways maintenance programme for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix B.
- ii. Cabinet noted a variation to the current policy for the specification of footway materials for short sections work.
- iii. Cabinet gave approval for Officers to invite tenders for a framework contract primarily to provide for the £20m investment in footways, over the three years (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22).
- iv. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration & Environment to agree relevant pre-tender considerations for the procurement of a suitable contractor(s) and thereafter evaluate tenders on the basis of such pre-tender considerations.
- v. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration & Environment to select contractor(s) and enter into agreement(s) with the contractor(s).

11. Expansion of Elsley Primary School - Termination of Design and Build Contract

RESOLVED:

- i. Cabinet noted the current status and contractual position with Lakehouse Contracts Limited on the design and build contract for Elsley Primary School as set out in the report.
- ii. Cabinet approved the termination of the High Value Works Contract with Lakehouse Contracts Limited for expansion of Elsley Primary School.
- iii. Cabinet noted that subject to Recommendation 2.2 set out in the report, the Strategic Director of Resources would approve the award of one or more Low and/or Medium Value Works Contracts to enable outstanding works to be completed using powers delegated under the Constitution.
- iv. Cabinet noted that the school was and would continue to be operational whilst the steps outlined in the report recommendations be taken.
- v. Cabinet noted that Officers would review options for the recovery of any wasted or additional costs against Lakehouse Contracts Limited as described in Appendix 1.

12. Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no exclusions of Press and Public.

13. Any other urgent business

None.

The meeting ended at 5.05 pm

COUNCILLOR MUHAMMED BUTT
Chair