



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE CABINET Monday 9 December 2019 at 10.00 am

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

4. **Matters Arising (if any)**

5. **Petitions (if any)**

None.

6. **Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)**

None.

7. **Housing - New Council Homes Development Programme - Mixed Sites Approval**

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, Councillor Eleanor Southwood, introduced the report providing an update on progress made towards delivering against the Council's housing target of 1,000 new affordable homes over the next five years (2019 - 2024) through the New Council Homes Programme (NCHP). Councillor Southwood indicated that examples of Landscaping Project Design and New Council Homes Programme were detailed in the Appendices A, B and C of the report respectively.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Muhammed But, welcomed the report.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the contents of the report and progress to date in delivering both the New Council Homes Programme (NCHP) and other programmes and projects in place to deliver a total of 5,000 new affordable homes in the borough by 2024.
- (2) Approve the following 5 development sites, as detailed within the report:
 - Dudden Hill Community Centre (Brent Indian Community Centre);
 - Honeypot Lane;
 - London Road;
 - Learie Constantine; and
 - Stonebridge (3 individual sites).
- (3) Agrees to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, to award development / construction contracts with developers / contractors in respect of the sites listed in (2) above using the procurement approach set out within section 7 of report.
- (4) Note the steps being taken as set out principally in Sections 4 and 8 of the report, to add value to the programme, specifically in relation to stakeholder engagement, quality management, landscaping and communications.
- (5) For the reasons detailed in paragraph 6.6 of the report, agrees to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, to award development / construction contracts with developers / contractors in respect of any sites listed in Section 6 should these be classified as High Value Contracts on receipt of tenders.

8. John Barker Court - Title Restriction

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, Councillor Eleanor Southwood, introduced the item stating that the report ensured compliance with due process by specifically seeking approval of the removal of the restriction on the title of John Barker Court to enable affordable rented and shared ownership housing to be made available to those in need regardless of their age. The official copies of 'Transfer' and 'Register' were enclosed with the report as Appendix A and B respectively.

It was noted that the recommendations at paragraph 2 of the report were subject to any necessary prior approval of the Secretary of State in accordance with the terms of the Transfer dated 2nd October 2000 between the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Brent (1) and Willow Housing Limited (2).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Note that the change to the Section 106 legal agreement associated with the planning consent can be approved under delegated authority, as it does not materially change the consented development.

- (2) Approves the removal on the title of John Barker Court so that the existing properties on the land can be sold or rented to people of any age and that the land can be used for the development of affordable housing.

9. **St Raphael's Masterplanning**

Councillor Muhammed Butt, Leader of the Council, welcomed Mr Asif Zamir, Chair of St Raphael's Voice. Mr Zamir stated that St Raphael's Voice was the resident representative group for the estate.

Mr Zamir addressed the Cabinet on the purpose and work of the Board along with their commitment to working with the Council to engage residents on the estate in the development of future proposals. Mr Zamir stated that St Raphael's Voice would play its part in making this happen and continue to be a key part of shaping the future of St Raphael's Estate.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, Councillor Eleanor Southwood, introduced the report providing an update on the progress of establishing community-led masterplans, along with a summary of this work and recommendations arising from it. It was noted that as a part of the standard masterplanning process, the area under consideration, known as the 'red line', had been evaluated in order to provide an early indication of deliverability.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the project progress as detailed in Section 4 of the report.
- (2) Acknowledges the work and commitment of the Resident Board, St Raphael's Voice having noted the deputation received at the meeting.
- (3) Note the masterplanning timeline as detailed at Appendix A of the report.
- (4) Note the community design priorities as detailed in Section 4.13 of the report.
- (5) Approves the adjustment of the red line masterplanning area to focus the masterplan only on the area known as St Raphael's Estate (Area A) as shown in the map at Appendix B of the report.
- (6) Subject to redevelopment being progressed, and in line with the Council's Allocations Scheme, to approve the proposal for the council to consult on establishing a Local Lettings Policy for all council tenants living on St Raphael's (Area A, B and C as shown in the map at Appendix B of the report).
- (7) Approves the additional project budget of £300k in order to deliver the extended community led masterplanning through to ballot in autumn 2020.

10. **Inclusive Growth Strategy 2019-2040**

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning, Councillor Shama Tatler, introduced the report - following its consideration by Full Council on 25 November 2019 - presenting the Brent Council's Inclusive Growth Strategy, for

approval prior to its publication. The Full Council report and Equality Analysis were appended to the report.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the Inclusive Growth Strategy 2019-2040.
- (2) Approves the Inclusive Growth Strategy research base, strategy documents and video prior to publishing the strategy documents on the Council's website, and disseminating the same to key partners and stakeholders.

11. **Park Royal Liveable Neighbourhoods Match Funding Bid**

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning, Councillor Shama Tatler, introduced the report. She stated that the report highlighted that Transport for London (TfL) had an annual discretionary fund for Boroughs to bid for up to £10m to deliver transformational schemes to improve neighbourhoods for walking, cycling and public transport. Brent had collaborated with Ealing Council and Old Oak Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to improve the Park Royal industrial area. This report sought agreement to commit up to £1.1m as Brent's contribution towards the scheme submitted, should any bid be successful.

In addition to the above it was noted that the report contained the following: Appendix A – Project Timeline, Appendix B – Red Line Boundary, Appendix C – Building Typologies, Appendix D – Summary of Community, Engagement and Design Events, Appendix E – Local Area Constraints and Appendix F – Equalities Analysis.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Muhammed Butt, welcomed the comprehensive nature of the report presented to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Agrees that if the bid is successful, Brent will contribute £1.1m Strategic CIL towards the cost of implementing the proposed works.
- (2) Agrees to delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment to undertake the publication and consultation procedure in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and to consider any representations made in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, Property and Planning.

12. **Borough Plan update**

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Margaret McLennan, introduced the report providing a summary of the mid-year update on delivery of the Borough Plan for 2019-20.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet notes and approves the update report.

13. **Q2 Corporate Performance Report**

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Margaret McLennan, introduced the report providing the performance scorecard, attached as Appendix A to the report, together with an update on the Council's performance in the second quarter of 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Note the performance information contained in this report.
- (2) Having considered the current and future strategic risks associated with the information provided in the report, agrees to the remedial actions on strategic risks.

14. Brent Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Project

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning - Councillor Shama Tatler, introduced the report which sought Cabinet approval in relation to the allocation of Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL) funds to one further community project from round one of the 2019/20 NCIL programme.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approve the NCIL allocation of £190,000 to support the improvement of Leybourne Open Space to be delivered by Brent Council.

15. Equality Strategy 2019-23

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Margaret McLennan, introduced the report providing a summary of the findings from the recent Equality Matters consultation and presented the draft Equality Strategy 2019-23 together with an Action Plan for 2019/20.

RESOLVED that Cabinet, having considered the headline findings of the consultation, approves the draft Equality Strategy 2019-23 at set out in Appendix 1 of the report and the Action Plan as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

16. Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items that required exclusion of the press or public.

17. Any other urgent business

None.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Muhammed Butt, took the opportunity at the end of the meeting to wish residents, staff and colleagues a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He extended thanks to Council staff for their hard work and dedication throughout 2019.

The meeting ended at 10.36 am

COUNCILLOR MUHAMMED BUTT
Chair