

## **CABINET**

**Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2013 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.**

### **MINUTES - PART A**

**Present:** Councillors Mike Fisher (Leader of the Council),  
Councillor Dudley Mead (Statutory Deputy Leader)  
Councillor Tim Pollard (Deputy Leader);  
Councillors Sara Bashford, Simon Hoar, Margaret Mead,  
Vidhi Mohan, Steve O'Connell, Jason Perry and Phil Thomas.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance: Councillors Arram, Buttinger, Chatterjee, Cummings, Hollands, Kellett, Lenton, Neal, Parker, Pearson, Speakman and Wright.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance: Councillors Avis, Butler, Collins, Hall, Letts, Newman, Watson and Woodley.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance: Councillors Fitzsimons, Kyeremeh, Lawlor, Mansell and P Ryan.

**Absent:** Cabinet: none

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kathy Bee and Tim Godfrey.

#### **A95/13 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 30 September 2013**

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30 September 2013 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a correct record.

#### **A96/13 Disclosures of Interest**

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made during the meeting.

At 6.32pm, Councillor Dudley Mead declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 as a director of Fairfield (Croydon) Ltd

At 6.32pm, Councillor Margaret Mead declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 as her spouse is a director of Fairfield (Croydon) Ltd.

At 6.58pm, Councillor Margaret Mead declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 as a governor of Courtwood Primary School.

At 6.58pm Councillor Dudley Mead declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 as his spouse is a governor of Courtwood Primary School.

At 8.05pm Councillor Sara Bashford declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a governor of a school mentioned in phase 2 of the programme.

At 8.05pm Councillor Mike Fisher declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a governor of a school mentioned in phase 2 of the programme.

At 8.07pm Councillor Simon Hall declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a governor of a school mentioned in phase 2 of the programme.

At 8.08pm Councillor Simon Hoar declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 as a governor of a school mentioned in phase 3 of the programme.

### **A97/13 Urgent Business**

There was one item of urgent business which should, in the opinion of the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency:

#### **Plans for the Expansion of Gatwick Airport**

The Leader of the Council informed the Cabinet that he had today met with the corporate director of Gatwick Airport who outlined their plans for the second runway. The government is considering the options for London airports expansion to meet future demand. A decision on the potential options will be made in the next few weeks and the Council understands today that the announcement of the shortlist will be made on 17 December 2013.

Gatwick's case is compelling. A second runway at Gatwick can be achieved at a fraction of the cost of a third runway at Heathrow, with significantly less impact on the environment and on the costs of travel for air passengers. Gatwick airport recognise the importance of Croydon to its plans and has agreed to work with the Council and the local enterprise partnerships to build the case for expansion and to develop a strategic plan for the Gatwick diamond to ensure the maximum level of economic benefits to Croydon and the M23 corridor.

In light of the timetable referred to above, the Leader of the Council sought Cabinet Members' endorsement in principle to the Council's support for Gatwick Airport in their representations to government and for the second runway. The Chief Executive has been asked to prepare a full report for the next meeting of the Cabinet on 16

December 2013.

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decision set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

to endorse in principle the Council's support for Gatwick Airport in their representations to government and for the second runway.

**A98/13 Exempt Items**

**RESOLVED** that the allocation of business in the agenda be confirmed, as printed.

**A99/13 Croydon Heart Town**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decision set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. to approve the strategic partnership approach to improving heart health in the Borough.

2. to support the use of the Heart Town brand to connect a range of existing and new council initiatives, encompassing the promotion of healthy eating, sport and physical activity, stop smoking and tobacco control.

3. to extend the duration of Croydon's Heart Town programme from two to five years to enable the programme to demonstrate measurable improvements in health and wellbeing.

## **A100/13 Education Estates Strategy update**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. To note:

1) the demand update and the Council's 100% success in its bid for Targeted Basic Need Funding, securing £ 47m from the DfE towards the school estates programme;

2) the Secretary of State's approval of Harris Federation as the education provider of a new 2FE primary school at Haling Road and Oasis Community Trust as the provider of a new 6FE secondary school at Arena;

3) progress in relation to the previously agreed sites for 3 new schools, a 2FE primary school on Aberdeen Road, a 3FE primary school in central Croydon and a 3FE primary school at Westways House;

4) the further increase in expected demand for school places.

2. To delegate to the Executive Director of CFL the decision on the location of fixed term 'bulge' classes for the 2014/15 education year, for which a budget was agreed at Cabinet, January 2013, minute reference A6/13.

3. To agree the proposals for further improving value for money in funding school capital programmes and for maximising the funding secured from government, as set out in section 3.5, and to delegate to the Cabinet Member for Children Families and Learning and Executive Director of Children, Families and Learning authority to take any decisions necessary to take forward these arrangements.

4. To agree in principle the strategy for school expansions for 2016/17, subject to further clarification of funding, affordability and planning permission and to delegate to the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning and Executive Director of Children, Families and Learning the early phases of development work, including commencement of consultation and publication of statutory notices, prior to the final strategy and budgetary issues, being brought to Cabinet in June 2014 for approval.

5. Special Educational Needs:

5.1 Courtwood Primary: To note the proposal to establish an Enhanced Learning Provision at Courtwood Primary school to offer 14 additional places for children with Asperger for September 2014; and having considered the responses to the statutory consultation process (at appendix A to the report) to agree the establishment of an Enhanced Learning Provision at Courtwood Primary school.

5.2 Beckmead Special School: To delegate the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning and the Executive Director for Children, Families and Learning the decision, following statutory consultation, the decision regarding the establishment of the provision.

6. that the second column ('Core New Provision') of the table in paragraph 3.4.3 of the report be amended to read: "2FE & 6th form Expansion of Archbishop Lanfranc through the Priority Schools Building Programme".

**A101/13 Fairfield Halls Capital project position update and capital investment**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. to agree that the Council progresses the planning and design of the 'enhanced project' up to Concept Design stage C to modernise and improve Fairfield Halls and deliver a scheme that will bring real quality and lasting benefits to the borough over the next 50 years subject to the agreement of the Fairfield (Croydon) Ltd to the new lease arrangements and the agreement of the Charity Commission.

2. to agree that in respect of the above, and subject to the sale of items from, the Riesco collection of Chinese ceramics proceeding, the intention is to allocate the proceeds of sale to the Fairfield Halls 'enhanced project' and other cultural provision within Croydon.

3. to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children, Families & Learning, in consultation with the Council Solicitor to finalise and agree the surrender of the current lease and new lease arrangements with Fairfield (Croydon) Ltd.

4. to agree to align the enhanced project with the comprehensive development of the adjoining College Green area in line with the approved Fair Field masterplan and invite potential development partners, to be procured through the London Development Panel, to align their proposals with the modernisation of Fairfield Halls or to incorporate the modernisation of Fairfield Halls within their proposals.

5. to report back to Cabinet by September 2014 at the completion of Concept Design stage C and following the appointment of the College Green development partner to agree how the project will be delivered.

**A102/13 Infrastructure Investment on the A23 corridor: Transport for London Local Infrastructure Agreement**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to

1. welcome Transport for London's commitment to invest £25 million in Croydon and lead feasibility work into assessing improvements along the A23 corridor, as set out in the report.
2. agree that the Council enters into a Local Infrastructure Agreement in respect of 1 above; and makes a contribution of £20 million, to be drawn down from the 2013/14 to the 2017/18 capital programme.
3. agree that the Executive Director of Development and Environment, in consultation with the Council Solicitor, be given delegated authority to negotiate the detailed terms and complete the agreement; and
4. agree that a further report be brought to Cabinet in 12 months when the feasibility work and options appraisal has been completed.

**A103/13 RE:FIT – Invest to Save Energy Efficiency**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. to approve expenditure of up to £6.3m over two years to 2016 to fund an invest-to-save programme to install energy efficiency measures in selected corporate buildings, schools and the communal areas of housing sites through the Greater London Authority's RE:FIT programme;
2. to note that funding from the London Energy Efficiency Fund is in place to deliver these works; and
3. to note the indicative phasing of the programme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

**A104/13 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) – Proposal to extend of additional licensing to cover the whole borough and to include certain blocks of converted self-contained flats**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. To agree to consult on whether or not to extend the existing HMO licensing scheme, to include: -

1) the New Addington, Fieldway, Shirley and Selsdon and Ballards wards; and

2) blocks of self-contained flats converted prior to 1991, which consist of more than two flats and at least 2/3 of the flats are tenanted (not occupied by owners or long leaseholders);

2. for the reasons detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report, delegate considerations of the responses to that consultation and the decision as to whether to proceed with either proposal to the executive director for adult services, health and housing in consultation with the deputy leader (statutory) (capital budget and asset management) and Cabinet Member for Housing.

**A105/13 Homelessness – Update report on measures to expand the supply of accommodation and second phase strategy**

**NOTED:** that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Having considered the further short to medium term options to meet the continued housing needs by securing an additional supply of accommodation,

Cabinet **RESOLVED**

1. to agree that the Director of Finance and Assets, in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Statutory) (Capital Budget and Asset Management) and Cabinet Member for Housing be given delegated authority to take any further steps to implement the options, including entering into agreements on behalf of the authority, to implement these options; and

2. to note the present position in respect of homelessness and the actions delivered by the Council to meet housing needs in Croydon and the approval request detailed in the Part B report on the Cabinet agenda regarding future investment options to secure more temporary accommodation.

**A106/13 Camera Resolution**

Cabinet **RESOLVED** that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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**PART B MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE PROVIDED SEPARATELY**

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*The remainder of the meeting included disclosure of exempt information (as defined by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972: 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)'). The minutes of the discussion are therefore also exempt and not available to the public.*

**The meeting ended at 8.34 pm**