

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 2024** at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET PRESENT

Councillors Pat Callaghan (in the Chair), Sagal Abdi-Wali, Marcus Boyland, Sabrina Francis, Adam Harrison, Richard Olszewski and Nadia Shah

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ABSENT

Councillors Georgia Gould (Chair), Danny Beales and Anna Wright

ALSO PRESENT

Councillors Steve Adams, Camron Aref-Adib and Sharon Hardwick

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beales, Gould and Wright.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcasting of the meeting

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was being broadcast live by the Council to the internet and could be viewed for twelve months thereafter and then archived and made available on request. Anyone who had asked to address the meeting was deemed to be consenting to having their contribution recorded and broadcast and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

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

No representations were received about exempt matters on the agenda being heard in public.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM A COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no matters referred.

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. RESPONSE TO THE CABINET ADVISER REPORT ON CHILD HUNGER AND EXPANDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS (CS/2024/11)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Adviser on Child Hunger and Expanding Free School Meals, which was introduced by Councillor Hardwick, and the response of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families, which was introduced by Councillor Boyland.

The Cabinet Member thanked Councillor Hardwick for her work and summarised his responses to her recommendations as set out in the report, adding that he looked forward to continuing to work with her in order to implement her recommendations.

Members of the Cabinet welcomed the report and the value that it added in this important area.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the recommendations made by the Cabinet Adviser on Child Hunger and Free School Meals be noted;
- (ii) THAT the response from the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families be noted; and
- (iii) THAT the actions outlined in the report after each Cabinet Adviser recommendation be agreed.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

10. FOOD MISSION - FUTURE SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION (SP/2024/07)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families.

RESOLVED –

THAT, having considered the results of the equalities impact assessment at Appendix A of the report, and having had due regard to the obligations set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

- (i) The procurement strategy, which includes a price/quality split of 50/50 and contract term of 3 years, plus 2 extensions of 1 year, for an estimated aggregate value (including extensions) of £24.0 million, be agreed;
- (ii) Authority to agree the contract award be delegated to the Executive Director Children and Learning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families; and
- (ii) The opportunity, set out in paragraphs 1.5-1.16, to insource the Council's school meals service in future, and the work underway to develop a medium-term insourcing proposition, be noted.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

11. RESPONSE TO THE CABINET ADVISER REPORT ON OPENING UP ACCESS TO SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (CS/2024/10)

Consideration was given to the report of the Cabinet Adviser on Opening Up Access to Sport for Young People, which was introduced by Councillor Aref-Adib, and to the response of the Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture, which was introduced by Councillor Francis.

In response to a question regarding the possibility of a sports pitch on Parliament Hill, Councillor Aref-Adib remarked that there were challenges relating to the poor drainage in that area but there were options to be explored.

Councillor Francis thanked Councillor Aref-Adib for his work and summarised her responses to his recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the recommendations made by the Cabinet Adviser on Opening up Access to Sport for Young People in his report be noted;
- (ii) THAT the responses from the Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture set out against each of the Cabinet Adviser's recommendations in Section 3 (paragraphs 3.1 to 3.68 of the report) be noted; and
- (iii) THAT the action to be taken forward, as summarised in Section 4 of the report, be agreed.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

12. RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE CABINET ADVISER ON REDUCING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (CS/2024/12)

Consideration was given to the report of the Cabinet Adviser on Reducing Violence and Abuse Against Women and Girls, and to the response of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, which was introduced by Councillor Callaghan.

The Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families remarked that he looked forward to working with Councillor Callaghan on taking forward to recommendation about self-defence classes in schools.

It was suggested that the ward walkabouts should be open not just to women and girls, but also to allies, and that youth services should be looped in on initiatives such as self-defence classes and expanding the Positive Masculinity project. The

Executive Director Children and Learning responded that he would connect with both the Youth Service and Camden Learning on these initiatives.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the recommendations made by the Cabinet Adviser on Reducing Violence and Abuse for Women and Girls be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the responses to the recommendations set out in the schedule at paragraph 2.45 of the report be agreed.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**13. HEALTH VISITING COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2025/26 TO 2029/30
(PH/2024/01)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families and the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

RESOLVED –

THAT, having considered the results of the consultation set out in Appendix A of the report, and having had due regard to the obligations set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

- (i) The strategy for the provision of health visiting by way of a partnership agreement between Camden Council and Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) under Section 75 (S75) of the National Health Service Act 2006 for a term of five years, from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2030, with a total budget across five years of £22,065,000 (£4.413m per annum), be agreed;
- (ii) The S75 arrangements be made via Direct Award (Route C) under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 which came into force on 1st January 2024; and
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Director of Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Best Start in Life and the Cabinet Member for Health Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, to agree and finalise the terms of the Section 75 agreement, including the service specification for the integrated service.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

14. THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF MORTIMER TERRACE NATURE RESERVE

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living.

RESOLVED –

THAT, subject to compliance with all statutory requirements and having had due regard to the obligations in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and the EqIA contained at Appendix 2, in order to enable the preservation of the Mortimer Terrace Nature Reserve for the future benefit of the people of Camden it be agreed:

- (i) That the Council will, at the end of the current lease, begin the process of declaring Mortimer Terrace Nature Reserve as a Local Nature Reserve (pursuant to Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act) and authority be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities to take all necessary steps to achieve this goal.
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities to take all necessary steps to transfer the freehold to community ownership (envisaged to be through the Camden Makers Community Land Trust) at zero cost on terms which safeguard its use as a nature reserve at all times going forward.
- (iii) To note the application to maintain the Nature Reserve's status as an Asset of Community Value and the Council, as landowner, support of this application.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

15. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND PLAY SERVICE COMMISSIONING STRATEGY (SC/2024/17)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden.

RESOLVED –

THAT, having considered the results of the consultation set out in section 5 of the report and the results of the equalities impact assessment at Appendix 2 of the

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report, and having had due regard to the obligations set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

- (i) The procurement strategy, which includes a price/quality (Including social value) split of 60/40 and contract term of 5 years plus further extension/s up to a total of 3 years (including a break clause after the initial 3 years) for an estimated aggregate value (including extensions) of £34,296,000, be agreed;
- (ii) Insourcing the provision of the Horticultural Service for an estimated aggregate value of £7,440,000 be agreed;
- (iii) Authority be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden, to make the contract award decision; and
- (iv) Contract Standing Order C3.1 be waived in order to extend the current contract with Idverde Limited from 1st April 2025 for twelve months for an estimated aggregate value of £3,396,153.60 (in line with Contract Standing Order F3.4).

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.49pm.

CHAIR

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