

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST MINUTES OF THE CABINET

09 June 2022 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT:

Chair:	Councillor Grace Williams	Leader of the Council
Cabinet Members:	Councillor Ahsan Khan	Deputy Leader (Housing and Regeneration)
	Councillor Naheed Asghar	Portfolio Lead Member - Health and Wellbeing
	Councillor Vicky Ashworth	Portfolio Lead Member - Jobs, Social Inclusion and Equalities
	Councillor Paul Douglas	Portfolio Lead Member - Public Service
	Councillor Khevyn Limbajee	Portfolio Lead Member - Community Safety
	Councillor Louise Mitchell	Portfolio Lead Member - Adults
	Councillor Alistair Strathern	Portfolio Lead Member - Children and Young People
	Councillor Elizabeth Baptiste	Cabinet Commissioner - Shaping Places
	Councillor Kizzy Gardiner	Cabinet Commissioner - Youth Hubs and Engagement

(Cabinet Commissioners are appointed by the Leader to assist Cabinet in leading engagement with our community on four key priorities for the Council and to support our borough to recover from the pandemic. These Councillors are not Members of the Cabinet and do not have any voting rights nor decision-making powers.)

Officers in Attendance:

Martin Esom	Chief Executive
John Turnbull	Strategic Director of Finance and Governance
Ian Buckle	Head of Electoral and Democratic Services
Darren Welsh	Deputy Strategic Director, Resident Services
Heather Flinders	Strategic Director, Families
Ian Rae	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clyde Loakes, Rosalind Doré and Sharon Waldron.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES OF CABINET

The minutes of the meeting, held on 9 June 2022, were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. SECTION 75 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Leader welcomed Councillor Mitchell into her new portfolio area.

Councillor Mitchell introduced the report and, in doing so, thanked Councillor Limbajee for his work undertaken while he held the portfolio lead role for Adult Services. She also gave thanks to Ms Flinders and Mr McAughtrie – Director of Adult Care and Quality Standards, for briefing her well on her new portfolio area. Councillor Mitchell explained that the proposal within the report would go some way to preventing isolation and loneliness, which was seen in high levels during the pandemic.

The Leader stated that the proposals in the report were also part of the work being done in relation to the integrated care system, with the intention of better joined up working for the benefit of residents.

Councillor Asghar said that it was important to understand the changing needs of the local population and to assist people who were not known to the integrated care system. She said the proposals in the report would better enable the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to gain knowledge of the local community and was an important tool to develop work on the integrated care system going forward.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (1) agreed that the Council enters into a Section 75 agreement with North East London CCG to manage the Better Care Fund and other funding arrangements for a period of 3 years with an option to extend beyond end of financial year 2024/2025;
- (2) delegated authority to sign and approve the final terms of the s.75 agreement to the Strategic Director of People, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member for Adult Services, the Strategic Director of Finance and Governance, and Director of Governance and Law; and
- (3) delegated authority to agree to extend the proposed s.75 agreement, beyond end of financial year 2024/2025, to the Strategic Director of People, in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member for Adult Services, Strategic Director of Finance and Governance and Director of Governance and Law for a period of up to two years.

5. TYNDALL GARDENS - COMMUNITY HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

The Leader welcomed Councillor Khan into his new role as Deputy Leader and Portfolio Lead for Housing and Regeneration and thanked him for hitting the ground running in his new role by focussing on a fair deal for housing.

Councillor Khan introduced the report and, in doing so, gave thanks to Councillor Mitchell and recently departed Councillor Simon Miller for their work in relation to housing and regeneration in their previous portfolio roles. He also thanked relevant officers for their hard work.

Councillor Khan then explained that Tyndell Gardens was the first of its kind and supported LGBT residents to access affordable community housing. He said that the scheme would also provide support for elderly LGBT residents by allowing them to be open about their sexuality in a comfortable environment.

Councillor Khan gave thanks to Stewart Murray, Dan Stapleton – Director of Major Projects and Meera Kumar – Director of Housing Regeneration for their hard work.

Councillor Ashworth stated that the scheme was a very welcome initiative from an equalities perspective and thanked Councillor Khan for bringing it forward.

Councillor Limbajee gave thanks to Councillors Khan, Mitchell and Miller, described the scheme as ground-breaking and praised members and officers for their vision and foresight.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (1) agreed this community led housing initiative that enables Tyndall Gardens to be delivered by LOLC in the spirit of the Council's approved policy;
- (2) approved in principle, a deed of variation to amend the Stock Transfer Agreement with L&Q to a) enable L&Q to dispose of Tyndall Gardens to London Older Lesbian Cohousing b) remove the Council's nomination rights in respect of Tyndall Gardens and c) require L&Q to provide replacement nomination rights to L&Q properties elsewhere in the borough; and
- (3) delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Housing, in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Housing and Regeneration) and the Corporate Director of Governance and Law, to agree the final terms of the deed of variation and agree to the location and unit mix of the replacement nominations.

6. RETROFIT LONDON: LEAD AUTHORITY ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Khan introduced the report and said that the proposals would mean lower fuel and energy costs for residents as there was a commitment to have all properties on an average B rating in relation to their Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) by 2030. He added that the proposals would also raise the profile of the work undertaken by the Council on climate change.

The Leader stated that the report was a good example of how LBWF was leading the way and referred to the eco-show rooms which showcased LBWF's approach as a leading authority.

Decision

Cabinet:

- (1) authorised Waltham Forest to be appointed as the lead authority for delivery of the Retrofit London programme (subject to a formal agreement by and with London Councils) and for Waltham Forest to receive subscription funds collected by London Councils from borough Housing Directors for this purpose; and
- (2) delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Housing to approve any agreements and other arrangements necessary to facilitate the host borough work.

7. SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE - PHASE 2 CONCLUSION

The Leader introduced the report and, in doing so, said that there was a clear vision based on her manifesto and explained that an appropriate structure needed to be in place to deliver it. She said that much work was being done in this regard with senior officers and stated that staff were LBWF's best asset. The Leader said that the new structure would enable the Council to better support its residents.

The Leader confirmed that a new Deputy Chief Executive would soon be in position to ensure that the Council had the capacity and drive to get necessary tasks done.

Decision

Cabinet noted the Extended Leadership Team structure agreed and implemented from 1st June 2022 at Appendix B to the report.

The meeting closed at 2.17 pm

Chair's Signature _____

Date _____