

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors: Charles Wright (Chair), Pippa Connor (Vice-Chair), Makbule Gunes, Kirsten Hearn and Emine Ibrahim

Co-opted Members: Yvonne Denny

1. **FILMING AT MEETINGS**

Noted.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

5. **DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS**

None.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

7. **MINUTES OF SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel held on 18 January 2016 and the Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 1 February 2016 be noted.

Clerks note – the Chair varied the order of the agenda to allow Councillor Jogee to speak to agenda items 14 & 15. The minutes follow the order of the agenda.

8. **LEADER'S REPORT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The Chair welcomed the Leader of the Council, Councillor Claire Kober, and Nick Walkley, Chief Executive of the Council, to the meeting.

The Leader and Chief Executive provided an outline of the priorities for the Council for the forthcoming year, and responded to questions from the Committee. NOTED:

- There was a change in context with the new London Mayor which would provide a number of opportunities, particularly in terms of the devolution deal. Labour boroughs have had initial meetings with the Mayor, but more would be to come in terms of developing the deal. London had been offered the opportunity to trial business rates devolution.
- Finances were a challenge, not just for Local Government but for the wider public sector also.
- There were concerns over performance issues within the Health Sector, particularly at North Middlesex Hospital. The Leader (as the Chair of the Haringey Health and Wellbeing Board) was meeting with the North Middlesex Hospital on a six weekly basis, along with the Chair of the Enfield Health and Wellbeing Board. It was important that Haringey continued to work with the hospital to ensure that residents of the borough received the care that they deserved.
- The London Academy of Excellence Tottenham had started their consultation, which would run until 29 June 2016. The LAET would provide pathways to good universities, high level apprenticeships and direct employment – something which had not previously been available to young people in the area. The LAET were looking to create good partnership working with schools, to provide a teaching academy to help teachers navigate the changes to GCSE and A Level curriculums, and to provide a strong pastoral system to pupils.
- Regeneration – the Spurs planning application had been approved in December. The Employment and Skills Board were looking at how the Council can work with employers and agencies to encourage local employment. Consultation had been carried out on the Wood Green regeneration, an options appraisal had been carried out, and master-planning work was emerging. It was noted that it was important that local people were involved, and the Leader assured the Committee that people were engaged with the process.
- Further information would be provided with regards to the re-provision of services for day care centre users following the closures.

The Chair thanked the Leader and the Chief Executive for attending the meeting.

9. CAPITAL STRATEGY

Anna D'Alessandro, Deputy s151 Head of Finance, introduced the report as set out and responded to questions from the Committee. NOTED:

- The report was an overview of the Capital Strategy as approved by Cabinet in December 2015. This was a 10 year programme of capital programmes – section 8 of the report outlined the criteria for programmes to meet the 'green list'.
- There were three appendices – green, amber and red lists. The green list had programmes which met the criteria, the amber list had programmes which needed a little work to meet the criteria, and the red list showed those which did not meet the criteria at all.

- The current plan was affordable, and would be reviewed on an ongoing basis and was in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy. In order to fund this ambition, the Council would look to external borrowing
- This report would be on the agenda for Cabinet in June to seek recommendation for approval at Council in July. An updates would be provided to Cabinet on a quarterly basis, and programmes over £500k would be reported individually.
- Long term planning would provide a smart infrastructure to manage the delivery of priorities for the Council. The strategy was not set in stone for the next ten years, but it provided a profound shift in the way that the authority thought about its long term financial strategy.
- The biggest risk was mismanagement of projects, and the authority had invested heavily in the development of business and programme managers within the authority.

ACTION: that a meeting would be arranged with the Corporate Committee to ensure that both Committees' work programmes were aligned in terms of monitoring the programmes on the Capital Strategy, so as to avoid duplication.

RESOLVED that

- i) The 10 year capital programme be noted;**
- ii) The programme of schemes being developed for future Business Case approval through the Capital Board, and rejected schemes, be noted;**
- iii) The affordability position and proposed capital financing arrangements be noted; and**
- iv) The proposed Governance and role of Capital Board in developing, scrutinising and challenging the programme be noted.**

10. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Christian Scade, Scrutiny Officer, introduced the report as set out.

Part of the recommendations of the report required the nomination of two representatives for the North Central London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Connor nominated Councillor Wright, Councillor Wright nominated Councillor Connor, and this was seconded by the Committee.

RESOLVED that

- i) the terms of reference and protocol for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;**
- ii) the Scrutiny Panels for 2016/17 be established as follows:**
Adults and Health
Children and Young People
Environment and Community Safety
Housing and Regeneration;

- iii) **the terms of reference / policy areas and membership for each Scrutiny Panel for 2016/17 be approved;**
- iv) **Councillor Wright and Councillor Connor be appointed as the Haringey representatives for the North Central London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2016/17.**

11. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT 2016/17

Christian Scade, Scrutiny Officer, introduced the report as set out.

RESOLVED that

- i) **the timeframe for the development of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2016/17 be agreed; and**
- ii) **the scoping document for the Disproportionality in the Youth Justice System Scrutiny Project be approved.**

12. ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL - UPDATE ON PROJECT WORK

Councillor Connor provided an update on project work of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel as set out in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13. SOCIAL INCLUSION SCRUTINY PROJECT

Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer, introduced the report as set out. This was an interim report, and it highlighted the emerging themes from the case studies carried out.

RESOLVED that

- i) **the interim report be noted, and:**
 - **the key conclusions arising so far from the review (as set out in section 7.1-7.36) be confirmed;**
 - **the suggestions for further areas of evidence gathering (as set out in sections: 7.4, 7.11, 7.22, 7.28 and 7.35) be noted;**
 - **the suggested proposals relating to planned engagement with residents in the case study area (as set out in section 8.10) be agreed; and**
 - **the suggested outline programme for the completion of the third and final stage of this work (as set out in section 8.4) be agreed.**

14. CYCLING SCRUTINY PROJECT

Councillor Jogee introduced the report as set out, and responded to questions from the Committee:

- Older people and those with disabilities had been consulted as part of the project work - it was accepted that local disability groups had not been worked with specifically – however, these groups had been considered throughout the whole project.
- After the report had been considered by Cabinet, it would be the responsibility of the new Panel Chair to take the recommendations forward. Councillor Jogee hoped that this report would be considered as part of the Council’s Cycling Strategy.

RESOLVED that

- i) The report and recommendations be approved; and**
- ii) The report be submitted to Cabinet for response.**

15. VERBAL UPDATE ON SCRUTINY PROJECTS

- i) Councillor Jogee provided an update on the Community Safety in Parks scrutiny project. Consultation had been carried out with parks groups, and the panel would be meeting to collate responses.
- ii) Martin Bradford provided an update on the Housing Viability scrutiny project. A day session had been held with other local authorities and expert advisors. The recommendations would be presented at the first meeting of the Housing and Regeneration Panel for agreement.

RESOLVED to note the updates to the scrutiny projects.

16. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted.

CHAIR: Councillor Charles Wright

Signed by Chair

Date