

Report for: Special Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Item number:

Title: Call-in of Cabinet's decision on the Youth Zone development – Confirmation of the site proposed for a Youth Zone and the approval of capital and revenue funding towards the project.

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Ward(s) affected: Woodside / All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 On March 14th 2017 Cabinet agreed to form a partnership with OnSide to take forward proposals for a Youth Zone in Haringey, providing accessible facilities and programmed activities for young people in Haringey. The proposal was agreed as part of a wider vision to improve youth outcomes through participation, health and wellbeing and greater use of formal and informal recreation. The decision in March 2017 was taken subject to identifying a site that was agreeable to both parties, to planning permission and to agreement of final terms. This was to be followed by planning preapplication discussions and a planning application alongside local engagement.
- 1.2 In March 2018, the Leader approved, at a Leader signing, a second report approving a site for the facility and the capital and revenue contributions required from the Council for taking forward the scheme. These contributions amounted to £3m of capital and £250,000 of revenue per annum for the first three years of the operation of the facility by OnSide, subject to final terms and documentation being agreed.
- 1.3 Following two call-ins of that decision made in accordance with Council procedures, this report provides further information to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the issues raised in the two call-ins.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1 My introduction to the original report considered by the Leader on 19th March 2018 set out the case as I see it for that decision. This report deals with the specific points raised in the call-in, and would simply and clearly confirm my view that nothing raised in the call-in or set out in this report changes my view that the decision taken on 19th March 2018 was the right one.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee take into account the information in this report when considering its decision on this matter.

4. Background

The decision and the call-in

- 4.1 On 19th March 2018, the Leader approved the recommendations set out in the report entitled “*Confirmation of the site proposed for a Youth Zone and approval of capital and revenue funding towards the project.*” The decision and the report are available on the Council’s website, at the link given in section 10 below.
- 4.2 Following the issuing of the draft minutes from the Leaders signing, two call-ins of that decision were received and validated, in line with agreed Council procedures. Accordingly, the matter is now to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.3 Section 5 of this report describes and responds to each of the reasons given for the two call-ins, and the variations of action proposed.

5. Call in 1. Cllr Bob Hare

Reasons for the Call-in

a. Outside the budget framework

- i. *There is no explicit allocation in the MTFs to the Youth Zone project of the £3m capital required.*

The Council at its budget setting meeting of 26th February 2018 agreed to the establishment of a Responsiveness Fund within the capital programme. The fund is there to allow timely responses to be made to in-year requests for funding and is primarily intended to support in-year match funding requests. The March 2018 report approved the use of the Responsiveness Fund to provide the capital funding for the Youth Zone project, subject to the final terms and documentation being agreed with OnSide.

- ii. *There is no source identified for the annual revenue cost of the Youth Zone.*

The March 2018 report made clear the source for the annual revenue funding required for the Youth Zone and that there may be other financial implications arising from the entering into of the contractual arrangements to create the Youth Zone, dependent upon what would have to be foregone to meet this commitment. This reflected the March 2017 Cabinet report in which it was noted that there was a three year £250k per annum commitment to the scheme and that in order to meet this commitment existing budgets in the service area would be used to leverage additional third-party contributions.

Currently the service budget is £596k (excluding corporate overheads) and the commitment to provide £250k per annum of funding from existing budgets would represent a significant proportion (42%) of the current service budget.

With regard to revenue funding, OnSide has raised the first three years of revenue funding prior to opening each Youth Zone (c£3m in total), with local authorities generally contributed 30-40% of this total revenue funding. Whilst other charities are able to support our direct youth work in Haringey, we are not aware of any other charity working in the youth sector which has a similar track record of delivering this level of match funding for both capital and revenue investment.

OnSide has an excellent track record of raising external investment into youth services with £19.2m capital and £5.6m revenue raised towards its first three Youth Zones in London which are still over a year from opening, and with a £1m capital donation already confirmed for a Youth Zone in Haringey. Procurement have completed a credit check to assess the financial health of organisation which is positive. This clearly demonstrates the attraction that improving outcomes for young people in inner city areas holds for potential funders, including major trusts/foundations, businesses and philanthropists. OnSide's financial model for the Youth Zone builds a sustainable approach by ensuring that the first three years of operating costs are already committed before opening and by spreading this funding across a large number of 'Founder Patrons' (donors who give £25k p.a. for at least three years). The experience of all other Youth Zones across the OnSide network demonstrates that this is only the starting point, with each Youth Zone going on to increase its annual income after opening, built on the platform of a thriving, successful centre for young people. Should the Haringey Youth Zone charity prove unable to deliver the core purpose for young people, OnSide would then have the opportunity to step in and correct the issues, something it would be heavily incentivised to do in order to maintain the strength and reputation of the network.

An independent study carried out by Manchester University into the impact of Youth Zones on local charities in areas where Youth Zones are operating concluded that Youth Zone had no detrimental impact on the viability of local organisations who saw Youth Zone as a welcome addition to the youth offer in the area.

b) Outside the policy framework

i. General Exception Notice

The General Exception Notice was appropriate given the need to secure capital and revenue funding to support the establishment of a Youth Zone in Haringey.

ii. Existing strategies

The decision to move forward with work with OnSide falls within the policy framework set out in the Council's Constitution.

- a. The policy framework highlights two specific documents of relevance to the Youth Zone decision. The first is the Community Safety Strategy which has as one of its principles (in s. 5 Vision) an approach of early intervention and prevention. Of the six outcomes in the current Strategy, (set out in full in s. 6 Priorities, Outcomes and Activities) there are three with a focus on prevention and minimisation of gang related activity and victimisation, reduction of re-offending for young people and prevention and reduction of acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour. The Strategy makes specific reference to the need to develop projects designed to prevent young people becoming involved in gangs and other anti-social behaviour and criminal activities. It also underlines the challenge of working with young people who are already involved in the criminal justice system to prevent re-offending. Extending activities in areas such as leisure including sports, health and wellbeing and support into education, employment and training are core business for a Youth Zone and will become part of the Youth Zone offer in Haringey. The second is the Youth Justice Plan, which also frequently references the importance of an early help and early intervention approach to youth offending and demonstrates that early intervention from agencies across the partnership is required if we are to prevent offending, protect the public and young people in the future. As set out in the Foreword to the Plan and in the accompanying Improvement Plan enhancing partnership working, both strategically and operationally, in order to reduce levels of vulnerability amongst young people and protect the public from the risk of harm is a priority. Again, Youth Zone has a clear role to play in this regard being able to ensure that a safe space for prevention through diversionary activities is delivered.
- b. The partnership to develop a Haringey Youth Zone is in line with Priority 1 of the current Corporate Plan to enable all children and young people to have the best start in life and with the current Young People's Strategy. A Youth Zone will provide an additionality of offer to young people in the Borough and enhance the range of sporting facilities available locally which will in itself contribute to the aspirations to improve the health and wellbeing of young people set out in the Corporate Plan. The Youth Zone offer will be developed with young people and local communities so as to be responsive to local need. It will provide an affordable, high quality and accessible offer to young people. (£5 membership and 50p per session entry fee).

iii. Three way arrangement

Cabinet in March 2017 approved the partnership with OnSide including delegating the authority to make the final decisions once a site had been identified. The site at Woodside School was subsequently identified and whilst the Council owns the

freehold of the site it is subject to a 125 year lease held by the school from 2011. Therefore the site will be subject to a lease between Woodside School and OnSide subject to the Council's consent as Landlord through which the Council can exert a number of controls. A legal agreement will be agreed between the three parties and will cover the funding, use and management arrangements as well as ensuring the building is completed and warranties available. The agreement for these documents form part of the delegated authority agreed at March 2017 Cabinet.

All councillors were invited to the youth services briefing at the Civic Centre on 12th February 2018.

iv. Draft contract

At this stage there are no documents available. The finalisation of the documentation has been delegated in terms of agreeing the final details of the project and the terms in respect of the grant funding agreement, lease, facility mix and operational detail and any further related agreements. Consultation with the Cabinet Member is required as part of this process of delegation.

v. No tender for the service and strategy

The procurement of goods and services is regulated by both internal Contract Standing Orders (CSO) and statute, The Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015.

OnSide's proposal falls under PCR 2015, a concession contract, as the main operating risk lies with the contractor. The PCR requires that concession contracts need not be advertised if the value is below the set threshold of £4.55m.

Under CSO 9.0.1, contracts with an estimated value between £160k and contracts under the Light Touch Regime valued up to £500k must be let following a tender process.

However, CSO 10.01 does allow for the requirement to tender to be waived by Cabinet for values of £500k and over, providing Cabinet agrees that the parameters contained in CSOs for a waiver are met. The requirement to waive CSOs was therefore instituted under CSO 10.01 2 a) and d) and duly approved.

The Council, therefore, was not required to undertake a competitive process. Whilst the Council could have chosen to advertise the opportunity, the view from Officers and Procurement was that there was a paucity of suppliers who would be able to match-fund the investment and secure additional funding of some £750k p.a.. Moreover, OnSide already has a considerable track record of delivering these services elsewhere with the infrastructure, resources and experience to assume the operational risk.

vi. Location

The location on a school site and near to a local sports centre indicates that young people will be able to travel easily to the Youth Zone. It is well situated for several local schools including Riverside which will increase the accessibility of a strong youth offer for young people with disabilities as well as a number of primary and secondary schools. The vicinity is also well served by tube and bus services and close to the transport crossroads of Wood Green. The evidence from existing Youth

Zones is that the strength and quality of their offer generates huge interest and a willingness to travel to access the wide range of provision. OnSide have committed to monitor membership and attendance and support initiatives which stimulate greater access by under-represented wards.

From a borough perspective, it is also worth noting that a central location has been sought to ensure that youth activities are accessible for young people across Haringey. Whilst it is recognised that there is significant need and demand for provision in the east of the borough, it is increasingly acknowledged that areas around Wood Green and to the west of the borough need additional activities and support, particularly as part of a wider preventative approach.

vii. Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

Section 4(a) of the EqIA states that consultation with residents has not taken place to date, not for lack of time, but so as to not unduly raise expectations that a Youth Zone would be forthcoming. This is because such a consultation would not be possible prior to identification of a suitable site. However, there has been engagement with young people, through the Youth Council for example, which highlighted as far back as October 2016 that one of the three priorities for young people in the borough was Youth Clubs and Activities for young people.

Section 2 of the EqIA notes that the site is considered sufficiently accessible for young people in Haringey due to its proximity to bus stops at Wolves Lane, Wood Green High Road, and Lordship Lane as well as Wood Green underground station. However, accessibility is included as a further consideration in the assessments of impact in Section 5 on young people specifically, people with disabilities, pregnant young women, and those with young children. These assessments note that the Youth Zone operating model will include per ward engagement targets, cross-borough outreach, and the possibility of dedicated transport for young people from particular areas. Indeed, in the event of insufficient take-up among particular groups, Section 6(b) specifies that a mitigating action will be for the Youth Zone to take corrective action, including appropriate travel arrangements.

With regard to issues of safety, the EqIA sets out in Section 5 that the Youth Zone can be reasonably expected to have a positive impact on the safety of young people and those from BME communities. Moreover, the mitigating actions set out in Section 6(b) include provision for travel arrangements for those who may experience difficulty accessing the Youth Zone due to safety concerns.

viii. Lack of police support

Discussions with the police about youth provision in the borough have indicated their support in principle for the development of a Youth Zone in Haringey. Police will be a key partner in the forthcoming consultation and engagement activity to ensure that any concerns are identified and addressed/mitigated. Evidence from existing Youth Zones shows a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour around the site.

6. Call-in 2. Cllr Mark Blake

Reasons for the Call-in

a. Objections to process.

Cabinet made a decision in relation to a partnership with OnSide in March 2017 for the provision of a Youth Zone. The report requested that a report be brought to Cabinet once a site had been identified. The Woodside School site was only recently identified and discussed and a report taken for Leader signing.

The project has been in existence for some years and once a site was identified it was agreed that it should move forward immediately in order to maintain impetus. This is on the basis of moving in a timely fashion to improve provision for young people in the borough, whilst guarding against building cost inflation and building up confidence in the project in order to support funding and consultation as part of the planning and design process.

The original Cabinet report identified Council owned sites only. The Woodside School site is owned freehold by the Council but is subject to a long lease of 125 years from 2011 to the school. The school will grant a sub lease to OnSide subject to the Council's consent as landlord and through which the Council can exert a number of controls. A legal agreement will be prepared between the Council, Woodside School and OnSide in order to protect the Council's interest and investment in the building. This will cover the capital funding and revenue funding, management arrangements including schools and community use of the facility. It will also ensure the building is completed and warranties available.

The documents will be agreed and finalised subject to delegated authority as set out in the March 2017 Cabinet decision and Leader's signing on 19th March 2018. The head lease between the Council and Woodside School will not need to be varied. A new sub lease will be created between the school and OnSide and will be subject to Landlord's consent (the Council).

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services elsewhere with the infrastructure, resources and experience to assume the operational risk.

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) accompanied the report at the Cabinet Member signing on Monday 19th March. The minutes for the signing state that “The Leader was satisfied with the content of the equalities impact assessment attached.” It assesses the impact of the decision on individuals and groups that share characteristics protected under the Equality Act 2010, including young people, in compliance with the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty. The EqIA is publicly available on the Council website.

The EqIA does not address the impact of the decision on Bruce Grove Youth Space. Any future decision related to service delivery at Bruce Grove Youth Space will be accompanied by a separate EqIA.

The delegated authority is to the Director of Children’s Services in consultation with others, including the Cabinet Member.

b. Objections to the OnSide Model and lack of Needs analysis

Cabinet on 14th March 2017 decided that this model for youth provision for all young people in Haringey was appropriate and agreed to OnSide as a partner subject to site selection. OnSide are committed to work collaboratively with local young people, providers and communities to ensure that the offer is equitable and accessible to all Haringey young people and delivers high quality provision that meets local need. Evidence from Youth Zones elsewhere has shown that this offer contributes to reducing anti-social behaviour and building confidence in young people.

The decision to progress with Youth Zone was made in March 2017 by Cabinet. There is a significant amount of data to support the need for provision of this type and which forms part of the Early Help Needs Assessment, the latest information on young people, crime and gangs and the particular focus on serious youth violence referenced in the call-in. The needs assessments carried out in a number of areas of activity, support the need for approaches which focus on prevention and early intervention. Further needs assessment to support the design of the Youth Zone and its core priorities for Haringey, will be one output from the ongoing engagement and development work to be initiated by OnSide together with all stakeholders. This will help to ensure that the offer responds to local needs in order to improve outcomes for local young people.

One of the anticipated impacts of having a Youth Zone will be the reduction in demand against more specialist council provision over time, which will drive efficiency in the system and could reduce costs to the council overall. For example, a benefit of the Youth Zone approach is to identify needs earlier and to enable an appropriate response sooner, in a non-stigmatising and accessible environment. This will reduce demand on targeted support and other more specialist services, with potential impact on referrals into children’s social care also. As a borough wide provision, Youth Zone will also enable impact to be demonstrated across a range of non-Council provision also, including policing and health provision.

The EqIA is primarily concerned with the impact on individuals and groups with protected characteristics of the change in the youth services offer. It notes that the offer will be responsive to local need which will be finalised through comprehensive engagement activity. The assessment was made on the basis of what is known about a localised offer delivered within the Youth Zone model. It is not possible to infer the impact of a particular organisation's service provision on individuals and groups with protected characteristics based on the racial or gender composition of its board of trustees. A conclusion regarding the impact on individuals or groups with protected characteristics made on these grounds would expose the Council to legal challenge.

c. Objections to the Finances

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The building will be leased to OnSide by Woodside School on a long lease (over 100 years to run with the head lease) subject to the consent of the Council as landlord and through which the Council can exert a number of controls. The length of the lease will provide sufficient security to OnSide in order to offer confidence to potential funders regarding the long term commitment to the Youth Zone from stakeholders. The lease will restrict the building to a use reflecting the focus on youth provision for the term of the lease.

d. Objections to total lack of any consultation.

In order to avoid unduly raising expectations the Council has not yet consulted formally with residents including young people on youth service delivery in Haringey. Engagement activity is now planned to commence across all stakeholder groups to shape the Youth Zone provision to be responsive to local needs. There will be a positive impact for young people in developing the Youth Zone using a participation and co-design approach – which will get underway immediately and help to build the capability and confidence of young people in the borough.

Discussions with the police about youth provision in the borough have indicated their support in principle for the development of a Youth Zone in Haringey. Police will be a key partner in the forthcoming consultation and engagement activity to ensure that any concerns are identified and addressed/mitigated. Evidence from existing Youth Zones shows a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour around the site. It was not appropriate to take the proposal to the Community Safety Partnership prior to site identification, however they will be a key contributor during the engagement activity.

Headteachers, governors and schools, as well as other partners in the statutory and voluntary and community sectors, will be key stakeholders in the engagement going forward. Access to the Youth Zone during the day is not exclusive to Woodside school although there will be some pre-agreed and limited useage, the facilities will be made available to local voluntary and community groups as a matter of proven operation across the OnSide network.

Neither the Leader of the Council, nor any Council officer, has received any correspondence from either Catherine West MP or David Lammy MP regarding Youth Zone.

e. Objections to timing and current context

The March 2018 Cabinet decision was made in line with the March 2017 Cabinet decision which set out the proposed model in some detail and advised that should a suitable site be identified it would be considered for a Youth Zone at the appropriate time.

f. Objections to use of MOL

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the following on Green Belt and the London Plan sets out that in London Green Belt policy relates to Metropolitan Open Land (MOL):

‘When considering any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt. ‘Very special circumstances’ will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations. A local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in Green Belt.’

‘Very Special Circumstances’ are not defined.

In this case the MOL in this location will be extended to compensate for the area that will be built on and consequently there will be no loss of MOL. The designation of an area that is a Multi Use Games Area as MOL is acceptable given that the use of the area of land for sport is an activity which is compatible with MOL. As such it may be possible to argue that there is no harm to the MOL.

Whether there is any harm to the MOL, by virtue of the proposed inappropriate development, and whether any potential harm is outweighed by the benefits of the current Youth Zone proposal will need to be assessed at the time of formal pre-application discussions and through the determination of the application. Current preliminary discussions suggest that it will.

London Plan policy 7.17 sets out that MOL should be protected from development having an adverse impact on its openness. This impact will need to be assessed at the time of formal pre-application discussions and through the determination of the application. Currently preliminary discussions suggest that there will not be an adverse impact.

The application will be referable to the Mayor under his planning powers. Pre-application discussion with the GLA are due to commence shortly. When the planning application is submitted it will be referred to the Mayor at Stage 1 when an application is submitted and a statement from the Mayor setting out of the application complies with London Plan policy and any changes required will be sent to the Council within 6 weeks. If the Council subsequently makes a resolution to grant planning permission then the application will be referred to the Mayor at Stage II, for him to make a decision as to whether to allow the Council’s decision to stand, to direct the Council to refuse the application or take over the application for his own determination.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1 The contribution of the decision in question to strategic outcomes was set out in the report to Cabinet on 14th March 2017 and is incorporated into the body of this report.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

Finance

8.1 The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.1.1 With regard to the capital cost of the scheme, the 19 March 2018 report says:

The exact details of the contractual relationship with OnSide and the associated construction contract have yet to be agreed and these matters are as recommended to be delegated to the Director of Children & Young People Services after consultation with the Strategic Director of Regeneration, Planning and Development, the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet member for Corporate Resources.

The Council at its budget setting meeting of the 26th February 2018 agreed to the establishment of a Responsiveness Fund within the capital programme. The fund is there to allow timely responses to be made to in-year requests for funding and is primarily intended to support in-year match funding requests. The report is recommending that the Responsiveness Fund is used to provide the capital funding for the Youth Zone project, subject to the final terms and documentation being agreed with OnSide.

8.1.2 This is consistent with the Budget and MTFs Report presented to Cabinet in February 2018 that dealt with the proposed capital programme:

Priority X

This priority now contains a Responsiveness Fund of £3.5m per annum for two years. The fund is there to allow timely responses to be made to in year requests and new initiatives. It is primarily to support in-year bids for match funding requests. The allocation of funds from the Responsiveness Fund will be undertaken by Capital Board (in line with the current authority levels contained within Standing Orders).

This capital budget head was subsequently approved as part of the capital programme by Full Council on 26th February 2018.

8.1.3 With regard to the revenue cost of the scheme, the 19 March 2018 report says:

The report is also recommending approval of revenue funding of £250,000 per annum for the first three years that the facility is operated by OnSide, subject to final terms and documentation being agreed.

In the Cabinet report of the 14th March 2017, it was noted that there was a three year £250k per annum commitment to the scheme and that in order to meet this commitment that existing

budgets in this service area would be used to leverage additional third-party contributions.

Currently the service budget is £596k (excluding corporate overheads) and the commitment to provide £250k per annum of funding from existing budgets would represent a significant proportion (42%) of the current service budget. Dependent upon what would have to be foregone to meet this commitment, there may well be other financial implications arising from the entering into of the contractual arrangements to create the Youth Zone.

The revenue consequences of Council's contribution to the scheme, within the existing service budget are clearly laid out

Procurement

- 8.2 The Head of Procurement has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Legal

- 8.3 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated into the report.

Equality

- 8.4 N/A.

9 Use of Appendices

- 9.1 N/A

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Previous decisions of Cabinet relevant to the decision in question were set out in the report to 14th March 2017. They include:

- 19th March 2018 Report to leader signing.