

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 2017, 15:00

PRESENT:

Councillors: Claire Kober (Chair)

Also Present: Cllr Clive Carter

113. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Leader referred those present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting and asked that those present reviewed and noted the information contained therein.

114. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

116. SALE OF KESTON ROAD SITE - BUDGET TO ACHIEVE VACANT POSSESSION

The Leader noted the report, which sought approval to increase the budget for the Winfield Road Scheme on the Keston Road site, and to include a new scheme, the Relocation of the Goan Community Centre and the West Green Playgroup, within the approved capital programme.

The Leader sought assurances around why the costs had increased significantly. In response, officers advised that it had been difficult to find a suitable building and that the increased costs were a result of a significant amount of work required to upgrade the Winfield building.

RESOLVED

- i. That the budget for the Winfield Road scheme (scheme number 450) be increased by £687,000 to £982,000.
- ii. That a new scheme, The Relocation of the Goan Community Centre and the West Green Playgroup, be included within the approved capital programme with a budget of £542,000

Reasons for decision

The key justification for this decision was to facilitate the completion of the Development Agreement with Pocket Living by no later than end of August 2017, in order not to delay completion of the land sale agreement.

At the time of the original cabinet decision the costs for relocation of the occupiers was not known. Work had now been completed to determine the refurbishment required to Winfield Road and the fit out specification of the new community centre which had determined the budget requirement.

Alternative options considered

The alternative option was not to include a budget to achieve vacant possession in the capital programme. This would frustrate completion of the Development Agreement and delay completion of the sale to Pocket Living, putting the sale consideration at risk with the possible loss of a capital receipt for the Council as well as delaying the relocation of existing occupiers.

117. NON-KEY DECISION - HARINGEY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF THE HARINGEY DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE

The Leader noted the report, which sought agreement for the nomination of three HDV Board members from Haringey Council. The decision to appoint HDV Board Member was required following Cabinet's decision to establish the HDV at Cabinet in July. Officers advised that this was a non-key decision.

Cllr Clive Carter enquired whether there were any qualifications required or criteria used to determine who was nominated to the HDV Board. In response, it was noted that there were no formal criteria or qualifications. The Leader advised that the Strategic Director of Regeneration, Planning and Development was appointed because of her extensive experience across regeneration and commercial areas. The AD for Transformation and Resources was appointed because of the need for someone who had accountability for the Council's resources. Whilst the Cabinet member for Children & Families was appointed because of the importance given to social aspects of the HDV and the overlap with her portfolio.

In response to a question around how often the Board would meet, officers advised that at a minimum this would be quarterly but that additional meetings would likely be held as and when necessary.

RESOLVED

- i. The Leader agreed to nominate the following individuals as the Haringey Council members of the Haringey Development Vehicle Board:
 - The Cabinet Member for Children and Families: Cllr Elin Weston
 - Strategic Director of Regeneration, Planning and Development: Lyn Garner
 - Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources: Richard Grice

- ii. The Leader:
- A) Agreed to nominate the following individuals as a panel of potential substitutes to stand in for the officer members of the Haringey Development Vehicle Board (if required for reasons of absence):
- Director of Regeneration: Helen Fisher
 - Assistant Director for Commissioning: Charlotte Pomery
- B) Noted that she was able to substitute the Cabinet Member for Children and Families for another member of Haringey's Cabinet if the Cabinet Member for Children and Families was unavailable to attend (subject to there being a maximum of one Cabinet Member on the Haringey Development Vehicle Board at any one time).

Reasons for decision

As a consequence of the Cabinet decision to establish the HDV, the Council was required to make nominations to the HDV Board.

In recommending nominations to the Board, the Council sought to avoid conflicts of interest and to balance the managerial capacity and expertise needed by the Council in both its role as a member of the HDV and to ensure it is fulfilling its statutory and regulatory functions as the local authority. It is for these reasons that the Head of Paid Service, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer were not proposed to be nominees to the Board.

Alternative options considered

No alternative options were available.

118. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A.

CHAIR: Councillor Claire Kober

Signed by Chair

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