

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 7 September 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held in the Council Chamber, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on 7 September 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors** KComer-Schwartz, Ward, O'Halloran, Champion, Woolf, Bell-Bradford, Turan and Ngongo

Also: **Councillor:** Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor Roulin Khondoker.

145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

146 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them

147 BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 - QUARTER 1

RESOLVED:

(a) To note the breakdown of the forecast General Fund outturn by variance at Appendix 1 and service area at Appendix 2 of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance.

(b) To note the forecast 2023/24 General Fund position, as detailed in the report.

(c) To agree the latest earmarked reserve allocations and forecast drawdowns for 2023/24.

(d) To note, and where necessary agree, the virements of budgets between directorates.

(e) To note the Collection Fund forecast for council tax and National Non-Domestic Rates.

(f) To note progress on delivering the 2023/24 agreed budget savings, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

(g) To note the HRA forecast.

(h) To note the capital expenditure forecast for Q1.

Reasons for the decision – to ensure the financial resilience of the Council

Other options considered – none
Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

148 FLEXIBLE USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS

RESOLVED:

- (a) To recommend the “Flexible Use of Capital Receipts strategy”, detailed in the report of the Corporate Director of Resources, for approval at Council.
- (b) To delegate approval to the Section 151 Officer to make appropriate funding decisions in consideration of the Council’s overall financial position.

Reasons for the decision – To reduce the burden on the Council’s earmarked reserves and consequently support the financial resilience of the Council
Other options considered – none
Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

149 MAKING CHILDREN VISIBLE - REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Executive noted that Councillor Chapman had intended to attend this meeting to introduce the Children’s Scrutiny Committee report, but had had to extend apologies, due to personal reasons.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To note the contents of the report of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee and that the Executive Member’s response would be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations.
- (b) That the Committee be thanked for their work on this report.

Reasons for the decision – As part of the process to improve the visibility of vulnerable children and ensure that there were equitable processes and inclusive practices that enabled the voice of these children and young people to influence the support and services for them to thrive.
Other options considered – none
Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

150 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR FILM SERVICE - WITHDRAWN
WITHDRAWN.

151 REDESIGNATION OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the summary of responses to the consultation on the application for the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum, detailed in Appendix 3 of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance, be noted.
- (b) To approve the re-designation of the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum pursuant to Section 61F(5) and (7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as set out in the report.

Reasons for the decision – An application for the re-designation of the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum had been made to both Islington and Camden Councils. No objections had been received to the consultation proposals.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

152

ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLAN - PLEASE NOTE THAT THE APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT ARE LENGTHY AND THEREFORE HAVE NOT BEEN REPRODUCED AS PART OF THE AGENDA PACK. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE RELEVANT WEB PAGE FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

RESOLVED:

(a) To note that the Local Plan, attached as Appendices 5-7 to the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance, had been subject to further amendments (known as Modifications), as part of the Examination process as detailed in the Inspectors' report and appendices 1-4 of the report, as well as additional minor Modifications.

(b) To recommend to Council the adoption of the Local Plan, attached as Appendices 5-7, and the new Local Plan Policies Map attached as Appendix 8 to the report.

(c) To recommend Council to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Community Wealth Building to make any typographical amendments and other minor corrections as required, prior to publishing the final Local Plan, following consultation with Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance.

(d) To note that the current Local Plan, which consisted of the Core Strategy (2011), Development Management Policies (2013), Site Allocations (2013) and Finsbury Local Plan (Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan (2013), would be superseded in its entirety by the new Local Plan.

(e) To note that a consolidated version of the Integrated Impact Assessment which included the Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Impact Assessment had been created and updated to consider the Inspectors' final modifications.

(f) That thanks be extended to the Planning Team and Councillor Ward for their work on the Plan.

Reasons for the decision – To ensure that the Council had an up-to-date Local Plan

Other options considered – a wide range of matters were considered.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

153

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - STREET DRINKING AND DOG CONTROL

RESOLVED:

To approve the extension to the borough-wide Public Space Protection Order which was in place for dog control and alcohol related anti-social behaviour, as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Safety, for a further period of three years.

Reasons for the decision – the current borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order was due to expire on 19 October 2023 and the Council wished to ensure that it retained its powers to deal with alcohol related anti-social behaviour and issues around dogs in children's play parks etc.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

154 **CARE UK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS**

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance and the Executive Member for Health and Social Care, updating Members on the three care homes in the Borough at which care services were being provided by Care UK Community Partnerships Limited. (“Care UK”) and to agree the recommendations detailed in exempt appendix F2.

Reasons for the decision – to update members on the position with services provided by Care UK

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

155 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR MICROSOFT WINDOWS SOFTWARE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED:

(a) To approve the procurement strategy for Microsoft Windows Software Enterprise Agreement, using the Crown Commercial Service Technology Products and Associated Services 68 – RM6068 – Lot 3 Software and Associated Services, via an aggregated call-off competition.

(b) That the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised to approve the contract award, following consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance.

Reasons for the decision – The Council’s current 3-year Microsoft Windows Software Enterprise Agreement was due to expire on the 30 April 2024. To enable the Council to continue using this software, a new Microsoft Windows Software Enterprise Agreement had to be in place, with effect from 1 May 2024.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

156 **CLOSURE OF ICO (ISLINGTON LTD)**

RESOLVED:

(a) To note the steps required for members’ voluntary liquidation and dissolution of iCo, as detailed in the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance.

(b) That the Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance, be authorised to sign a special resolution of the members of iCo and to appoint a liquidator.

(c) To appoint Dave Hodgkinson and Jed Young as directors to the board of iCo.

(d) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Resources to hold a final meeting of the members of iCo and to take any other administrative steps required to close the company.

(e) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Resources to make whatever budget adjustments were required by the Council to accommodate the closure of the company.

(f) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing to establish a new commercial governance structure for the operation of the Memorials Service.

Reasons for the decision – It was considered that the trading company was no longer required. Only two of the original five services still traded through iCo and both services were in the process of exiting iCo.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

157 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR FILM SERVICE - EXEMPT APPENDIX - WITHDRAWN

WITHDRAWN.

158 CARE UK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS - EXEMPT APPENDIX RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance and Executive Member for Health and Social Care, updating Members on an ongoing matter relating to three care homes in the Borough at which care services were being provided by Care UK Community Partnerships Limited (“Care UK”) and to approve the recommendations in paragraph 2 of that report.

Reasons for the decision – to update members on matters relating to Care UK

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

159 BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 - QUARTER 1 - EXEMPT APPENDIX

Noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25 pm