

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 23 May 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held in the Council Chamber, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on 23 May 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors** Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Santiago Bell-Bradford, Rowena Champion, Sheila Chapman, Una O'Halloran, Flora Williamson and John Woolf

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

232 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors Michelline Safi-Ngongo and Diarmaid Ward.

233 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

234 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

235 APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE 2024-2025

RESOLVED:

(a) To appoint Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors Safi-Ngongo, O'Halloran and Woolf as deputies, for the municipal year 2024/25, or until successors are appointed.

(b) To appoint Councillor Paul Convery as the Council's representative at shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited), for the municipal year 2024/25, or until a successor is appointed

Reasons for the decision – to enable the Council's representatives to participate in meetings.

Other options considered – None

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

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GRANT OF LEASE TO SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS

The report was introduced by Councillor Una O'Halloran.

RESOLVED:

(a) To authorise the Director of Law and Governance to advertise the proposed disposal of the land at Sunnyside Garden N19, via a lease of the open space identified in Appendix 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance, in accordance with section 123(2A) Local Government Act 1972.

(b) That, subject to receiving no material objections from the public, to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Community Wealth Building, following consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources, to grant a new lease to Sunnyside Community Garden based on the terms set out in exempt Appendix 2 of the report

Reasons for the decision – To regularise the position by granting a lease to Sunnyside Community Garden which would allow them to manage and look after the land in the Council's ownership forming the gardens. The lease would allow them to secure funding to enable them to develop, manage, maintain and sustain their garden sites and projects, hence removing the financial responsibilities from the Council

Other options considered – None.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – None

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GRANT OF A SUB-LEASE FOR 2-4 OLD STREET YARD, EC1 8AF

The report was introduced by Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford.

RESOLVED:

(a) To approve the granting of an underlease to FareShare for 2-4 Old Street Yard, EC1Y 8AF, in line with the terms agreed in exempt Appendix 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Planning and Performance.

(b) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Community Wealth Building to enter into the lease.

Reasons for the decision - The unexpected termination of an underlease had exposed the Council to significant financial liability. The Council had secured a new tenant, Fareshare, who would both assume all financial liabilities and commit to delivering significant social value across the Borough.

Other options considered – None.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

238 **EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO 2022-23 SCRUTINY REPORT: ADULT SOCIAL CARE TRANSFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

(a) To welcome the findings of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee review of "Transformation in Adult Social Care".

(b) To agree the Executive responses to the recommendations of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in section 4 of the report of the Executive Member for Health and Social Care.

(c) That officers report back on progress to the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, at a time agreed with the Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for the decision – To detail the collective response to recommendations from the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee and highlight key areas for improvement that would demonstrate that the recommendations had been actioned.

Other options considered – None.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

239 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS**

RESOLVED:

(a) To agree to disband the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee with immediate effect and that all future reports be submitted for consideration to the Executive.

(b) To agree to prioritise voluntary and community sector business and related items on future Executive agendas.

Reasons for the decision – The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee no longer had sufficient business to give the sector's work the profile it deserved, or to justify the resources required to support the Committee. The business undertaken by the Committee could be added to future Executive agendas without causing difficulty.

Other options considered – None.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

240 **GRANT OF LEASE TO SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

Noted.

241 **GRANT OF A SUB-LEASE FOR 2-4 OLD STREET YARD, EC1 8AF - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

Noted.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm