

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 9 June 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 9 June 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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

Also Present: **Councillors:** Russell and Hamdache

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

901 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

902 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

903 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 April 2022 be agreed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

904 APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED:

(i) That Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair), Councillor Una O'Halloran, Councillor Roulin Khondoker and Councillor Nurullah Turan be appointed as members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee and Councillors Champion, Ward, Woolf, Ngongo and Bell-Bradford as substitutes, for the municipal year 2022/2023, or until successors are appointed.

(ii) That Councillor Anjna Khurana, Councillor Ilkay Conko-Oner, Councillor Claire Zammit and Councillor Jason Jackson be appointed as observers of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, for the municipal year 2022/2023, or until successors are appointed.

(iii) That Councillor Una O'Halloran be appointed to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors

Khondoker, Woolf and Turan as deputies, for the municipal year 2022/23, or until successors are appointed.

- (iv) That Councillor Paul Convery be appointed as the Council's representative at shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited), for the municipal year 2022/23, or until a successor is appointed.

Reasons for decision – to appoint members to various committees and organisations

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

905 **REVISED PROCUREMENT SPEND FOR THE COUNCIL'S 2020-2024 ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACT**

Councillor Champion introduced the report.

Councillor Russell asked about the council's plans for supporting council tenants and leaseholders with rising energy bills, and any plans for reducing energy usage in residential buildings. In response, Councillor Champion advised that this important work was ongoing as part of the council's Net Zero Carbon programme, with the Homes and Neighbourhoods department targeting support to the most vulnerable residents. The current situation was very challenging and government intervention was required in order to fully address fuel poverty and the climate emergency.

Councillor Hamdache asked if the council had carried out any modelling on the potential financial benefits of retrofitting council estates with energy saving measures. In response, it was advised that the Council was working with University College London to better understand how best to retrofit properties and to model the costs associated with that. It was acknowledged that the council had limited resources to retrofit properties, however it was important to take action in the most effective way possible.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the increase in energy costs to the council and other organisations the council purchases on behalf of be noted.
- (ii) That the publication of a contract modification notice regarding the increase in value of the energy supply contracts be approved.
- (iii) That the budget mitigation measures set out in section 8 for dealing with the cost increase be noted.
- (iv) That the proposal to review heating and electricity charges for tenants and leaseholders in section 8.2 of the report be noted.

- (v) That the risks related to the energy price increases and demand reduction measures set out in section 9 for mitigating the cost increases be noted.
- (vi) To support officers to commence commercial discussions and explore options for the existing contact, as set out in exempt appendix 1 to the report, be agreed.

Reasons for decision – to respond to the significantly increased market prices for electricity and gas

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, demand reduction measures are also being implemented. Procurement options are set out in detail in the exempt appendix.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

906 **EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS & ECONOMY AND THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION POST COVID-19 - REPORT OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee be received.
- (ii) That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reasons for decision – to receive the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

907 **STAFF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT - REPORT OF THE POLICY & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee be received.
- (ii) That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reasons for decision – to receive the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

908 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR NIGHTLY PURCHASED ACCOMMODATION**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the procurement strategy for the procurement and management of nightly purchased temporary accommodation be approved as outlined in this report.
- (ii) That the Executive delegate authority to award any contract from the framework agreement to the Corporate Director of Homes and Neighbourhoods following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development

Reasons for decision – to ensure that accommodation is in place for homeless families

Other options considered – other options included a dynamic purchasing system and in-sourcing

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

909 **HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND COVID-19 - REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee be received.
- (ii) That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reasons for decision – to receive the report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

910 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S NURSING PROVISION**

Councillor Turan introduced the report.

Councillor Hamdache asked if care home staff were required to take part in dementia training and Parkinson's awareness training. In response, it was advised that these were key skills for those working in care homes and Islington procured from providers with a CQC rating of 'Good' or better.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the procurement strategy for older people's nursing home provision be approved as outlined in the report.
- (ii) That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Social Care.

Reasons for decision – to maintain nursing bed capacity in the borough
Other options considered – other options considered were 'do nothing' and deliver in-house

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

911 NEW LEASE FOR SUBSTATION IN RELATION TO NEW BUILD SCHEME AT HATHERSAGE AND BESANT COURT

RESOLVED:

To grant a lease for a substation to London Power Networks plc for 99 years at peppercorn rent, as detailed in the report submitted.

Reasons for decision – to facilitate the new build scheme and ensure continued power supply to the area

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

912 EXEMPT APPENDIX - REVISED PROCUREMENT SPEND FOR THE COUNCIL'S 2020-2024 ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACT

Noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:20pm.