

Cabinet

Minutes



Monday 2 December 2019

PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council
Councillor Sue Fennimore, Deputy Leader
Councillor Ben Coleman, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Councillor Adam Connell, Cabinet Member for Public Services Reform
Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for the Environment
Councillor Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for the Economy
Councillor Lisa Homan, Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Sue Macmillan, Cabinet Member for Strategy
Councillor Max Schmid, Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services

76. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED:

The Leader welcomed all present to the last Cabinet meeting of 2019 and gave a brief overview of the Council's achievement during the year. He stated that the Council had signed the contract on the previous Friday to terminate the CLSA and buy back West Kensington and Gibbs Green Estates and the Gibbs Green School Site. This would support the residents wishes who worked with the Council to save their homes and their community from the threat of redevelopment.

The Council also had worked with schools in the borough to introduce free breakfast to all children in local schools. Finally, the Leader thanked the residents who supported the Council to save Charing Cross Hospital from closure.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4 November 2019 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Larry Culhane.

78. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

79. CORPORATE REVENUE MONITOR 2019/20 MONTH 5 - 31 AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED:

1. That Directors and Cabinet members urgently identify and deliver actions that offset the forecast General Fund overspend of £9.2m.
2. To note the HRA forecast overspend.
3. To approve the virement set out in Appendix 9.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

80. SAFER CYCLE PATHWAY ROUTE ALONG KING STREET & HAMMERSMITH ROAD AND A4 CYCLE HIGHWAY

RESOLVED:

With the permission of the Leader, five speakers addressed the Cabinet for 5 minutes each, having submitted valid deputation requests.

The first deputation speaker, David Tarsh, stated that, according to the Cabinet report, the design of the Safer Cycle Pathway route would be delegated to the Chief Officer for Public Realm. He strongly disagreed with approving this scheme without having a final design. It was premature as he believed that residents would have no saying on the final scheme, and it was even possible that residents would prefer the scheme not to be built at all.

Edmond Sixsmith, the second speaker, expressed his concerns in relation to the two-way cycle path, as it could potentially cause serious accidents between bikes coming from opposite directions. He recommended that the design of the final scheme should create separate cycle lanes on both sides of the road for cyclists to ride on the left. He was also concerned that the cycle path might be passing in front of Latymer court bus stop, forcing passengers to cross it to get to the stop, which would become difficult and hazardous to access. In addition, the bi-

directional cycle route would increase congestion on the busy junction between Wolverton Gardens and Hammersmith Road junction.

The third deputation speaker, John Griffiths, stated that the cycle pathway would pass the busy North End Road junction. There was already limited space and time for pedestrian and cyclist to cross at this junction and it also appeared that there was no time for a further phase in the signals. Therefore, he could not envisage how a high-speed cycle route through there would work. There was also the potential increase in collisions between pedestrian and cyclist at the main crossing at Hammersmith Gyratory. He also believed that with the Olympia Development going ahead the cycle pathway would impose severe traffic congestion on the area, which would also affect emergency and bus services.

Leo Murray, the fourth speaker representing W6 Safe Cycling Families, stated that currently their children were not safe cycling on the borough streets. If the Safer Cycle Pathway went ahead, his family and the other thirty plus families in the W6 safe cycling family group would use this route every day to travel between home, school, clubs and work. This would support the borough's Climate Emergency programme. He also noted that pedestrians should always be given priority over cyclists. He stressed that for this new protected cycleway to serve the mobility needs of local families it was vital that the route should incorporate the gates of every school in the borough.

George Abaraunye, the 14-year-old speaker representing H&F Cyclists, stated that in June 2019 on his way cycling home from football training he was struck and almost killed by a person driving a car, while cycling in a bus, taxi and cycle lane. He requested that the Council committed to deliver this safer segregated cycling infrastructure in 2020, as part of a network of safety improvements and segregated lanes for the benefit of people like him, who were not yet of voting or driving age; those who may be afraid to cycle on the roads as they were now; and others who might be encouraged to cycle or just enjoy the freedom to do so without it being a life and death question. He added that there was a place for cyclists, cars and pedestrians on the roads, but one should not be allowed to endanger the other.

The Leader stated that he was pleased to hear a young person's voice and thanked George for his representation.

The Leader allowed a further request from a resident to address the Cabinet. He said that at the Community Safety and Environment PAC in September it was agreed that disabled people would be consulted to incorporate their accessibility needs on the design of the scheme. So far no one had been consulted. He was particularly concerned on the impact on visually impaired people having to cross the cycle path to get to the bus stops.

The Leader assured that an extensive consultation with disabled people would be carried out early in the new year, prior to finalising the design for the scheme. This was a priority to the Council and would also meet the Equality Act.

The Strategic Director for Environment, Sharon Lea, and the Chief Officer for Public Realm, Bram Kainth, stated that this Council had an excellent track

record of consulting disabled people. They assured that all issues raised at this Cabinet meeting would be taken into consideration into the design of the cycle path, which would be done with the input of residents.

The Leader stated that the CS9 would not be going ahead as it was very fast and large. However, the current situation was unsustainable with an enormous increase in population and congestion on the roads. Safer Cycle Pathway was a great way forward to encourage cycling safely.

The Leader stated that the Council would soon announce the creation of a Residents Working Party to take the lead on designing this scheme, to ensure that every concern was taken into account and to gain the approval of the vast majority of residents.

RESOLVED:

- 1 Approve the principle of a proposed Safer Cycle Pathway route along Hammersmith Road & King Street from Olympia to Goldhawk Road and the proposed Cycle Highway route along the A4 from British Grove to Warwick Road.
- 2 Delegate authority to the Chief Officer for Public Realm to progress to detailed design and carry out any remaining statutory consultation on the scheme proposals.
- 3 Delegate authority to the Chief Officer for Public Realm to incorporate into the final design, where possible, feedback from the Residents Commission made up of local residents, business and disabled groups.
- 4 Delegate authority to the Chief Officer to commit the capital expenditure for the highway improvements works. The main construction works are to be carried out by the Council's Principal Highways Contractor, F.M Conway Limited, under the existing Term Contract and the scheme will be fully funded by Transport for London (TfL).
- 5 Authorise the Chief Officer for Public Realm to enter into a Section 278 agreement under the Highways Act 1980, with Transport for London for the highway works.
- 6 Authorise the Chief Officer for Public Realm to enter into a section 8 agreement under the Highways Act 1980, with neighbouring highway authorities for the highway works as required, with the Council as the highway authority, carrying out the works.
- 7 Note that the Cabinet Member for the Environment will be kept updated via regular briefing notes during the scheme development.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

81. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY TO DEVELOP A DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM (UNDER THE LIGHT TOUCH REGIME) WITH THE WEST LONDON ALLIANCE FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVER PLACEMENTS

RESOLVED:

Is it recommended that the Cabinet:

1. Approves the procurement strategy found at Appendix 1 of this report which recommends the development of a Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle for semi-independent living arrangements for Looked After Children and Care Leavers for a period of eight (8) years on a 5+1+1+1 structure with a six (6) month break clause at any point during this term;
2. Approves Hammersmith & Fulham Council becoming the lead borough, on behalf of the West London Alliance ("WLA") and its core partner boroughs, for the development of the Dynamic Purchasing Vehicle, as detailed within this report.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

82. TOWN HALL CAMPUS CIVIC PROGRAMME: APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COMMERCIAL UNITS AND JOINT VENTURE UPDATE

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approves

- 1.1. Subject to receiving a satisfactory external valuation advice, that the Council enter into a conditional sale agreement, and any other legal agreements which are required, with the King Street Joint Venture for the purchase of:

- 6,011sqm NIA of B1 office space.
 - 523sqm NIA for office start-up units.
 - 649sqm NIA commercial uses in A1–A3 use class.
 - A new four-screen cinema totalling 1,283sqm NIA and 335sqm NIA restaurant.
- 1.2. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy, to finalise and complete negotiations with the Joint Venture company and enter into all necessary legal agreement/s in order to give effect to the decision in 1.1 above.
- 1.3. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and the Cabinet Member for the Economy, to agree onward pre-sales and lettings to appropriate occupiers for each of the buildings following external property advice on commercial terms and values.

That Cabinet recommends to Full Council

- 1.4. To approve a capital budget of £64m for the purchase of the office space, start up units, commercial units, restaurant and cinema as set out in this report and the associated professional fees and Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT). The total budget will be funded by general fund borrowing, represented by an increase in the Council's capital financing requirement, supplemented by capital receipts, or developer contributions when available, with final confirmation of funding delegated to the Strategic Director, Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services.
- 1.5. To approve an additional capital budget of £25m to purchase a 50% stake in the joint venture limited liability partnership with A2 Dominion at the point at which the new town hall extension is handed over to the Council, funded by general fund borrowing, represented by an increase in the Council's capital financing requirement.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As outlined in the report.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None.

Note of dispensation in respect of any declared conflict of interest:

None.

83. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Key Decision List was noted.

84. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 8.25 pm

Chair