

Cabinet

Minutes



Monday 13 May 2024

NOTE: A recording of the meeting can be watched at on YouTube at: YouTube, <https://youtube.com/live/AbxsZ5VQqa4?feature=sh>

PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Council
Councillor Ben Coleman, Deputy Leader
Councillor Wesley Harcourt, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Ecology
Councillor Sharon Holder, Cabinet Member for Public Realm
Councillor Rebecca Harvey, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Community Safety
Councillor Bora Kwon, Cabinet Member for Civic Renewal
Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform
Councillor Alex Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Children and Education
Councillor Frances Umeh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Adronie Alford
Councillor Max Schmid

1. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2024

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 April 2024 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings, and that the outstanding actions be noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Andrew Jones.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

4. OLD LAUNDRY YARD SITE REGENERATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF 40 AFFORDABLE HOMES

In the absence of Councillor Andrew Jones, the Cabinet Member for the Economy, the Leader introduced the report. It requested approval of a range of recommendations to provide new affordable housing across the borough, improve the Shepherd's Bush Market and contribute towards the wider regeneration of Shepherds Bush. The Leader stressed that it was of the upmost importance to the Council to develop the local economy and to provide homes where people could live and become part of the community.

In response to a question from Councillor Adronie Alford, Matt Rumble, Strategic Head of Area Regeneration, replied that there would be two separate access routes on the site.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CABINET MEMBERS:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes that Appendices 2, 3 and 4 are not for publication on the basis that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. Approves the terms of the acquisition and disposal of the Developer's Land based on the heads of terms attached at Exempt Appendix 2 ("Heads of Terms"). This constitutes an agreement to:
 - (i) enter into the Heads of Terms and Land Swap and Development Agreement and any associated agreements with YCSBL or any subsidiary company guaranteed by YCSBL, which are required to facilitate the delivery of the transaction envisaged in the Heads of Terms;
 - (ii) approve the procurement strategy for the award of the Land Swap and Development agreement to YCSBL by way of an award under the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice;
 - (iii) approve the award of the Land Swap and Development agreement to YCSBL;
 - (iv) delegate authority to the Strategic Head of Regeneration and Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy and the Arts and the Assistant Director of Legal Services, to finalise and complete negotiations with YCSBL in order to give effect to the decision in (ii and iii) above;

3. Authorises the Assistant Director of Legal Services, or an authorised delegate on their behalf, to settle and execute on behalf of the Council all the necessary documents and public notifications required to implement the recommendations in this report.
4. Approves an additional £755,000 capital budget required to cover the remaining professional fees and Stamp Duty Land Tax. This budget will be financed by HRA borrowing, unless S106 or other external funding is available to fund these costs.

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.

5. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Key Decision List was noted.

6. DISCUSSION OF EXEMPT ELEMENTS (ONLY IF REQUIRED)

There was no discussion of exempt elements.

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 7.07 pm

Chair