

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2023** at 7.00 pm in The Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

### **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET PRESENT**

Councillors Georgia Gould (Chair), Danny Beales, Marcus Boyland, Pat Callaghan, Sabrina Francis, Adam Harrison and Anna Wright

### **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ABSENT**

Councillors Meric Apak, Richard Olszewski and Nadia Shah

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Richard Cotton

**The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the Cabinet and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. GUIDANCE ON HYBRID MEETINGS**

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the guidance on hybrid meetings be agreed.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Apak, Olszewski and Shah.

### **3. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA**

In relation to Item 10, Determination of Statutory Notice concerning St Dominic's Catholic Primary School, Councillor Boyland declared that he was Chair of Governors at Fleet Primary School, which was located close to St Dominic's School.

He would not therefore take part in consideration of Item 5 Deputations or Item 10 and would leave the room for consideration of those items.

In relation to Item 10, Determination of Statutory Notice concerning St Dominic's Catholic Primary School, Councillor Callaghan declared that she had a close relation who was headteacher of a Camden primary school. She would not therefore take part in consideration of Item 5 Deputations or Item 10 and would leave the room for consideration of those items.

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Broadcast of the meeting**

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet and could be viewed for twelve months thereafter and then archived and made available on request. Anyone who had asked to address the meeting was deemed to be consenting to having their contribution recorded and broadcast and to the use of sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.

#### **5. DEPUTATIONS**

A deputation was heard from Margaret Harvey, Chair of Governors of St Dominic's Catholic Primary School, in relation to Item 10 on the agenda.

#### **6. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There was no notification of urgent business.

#### **7. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ABOUT WHY THE MEETING SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no information that was exempt from publication on the agenda.

#### **8. MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**9. MATTERS REFERRED FROM A COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no matters referred.

**Please note that there were no alternative options considered or rejected by the Cabinet for the following items, unless indicated, although Cabinet Members duly considered, where applicable, options listed within the reports.**

**10. DETERMINATION OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE CONCERNING ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SP/2023/05)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families, which was introduced by the Executive Director Supporting People.

In response to the deputation, the Leader of the Council remarked that the school was much loved in the community and its loss was very sad but, as the depute had set out, the falling number of pupils meant that the school was no longer viable. She acknowledged the importance of preserving the diversity of the educational offer in the borough and remarked that the Council was committed to preserving that diversity through deeper collaboration and partnership working. The report did highlight the broader challenge in terms of school numbers in Camden, which had the lowest birth rate in country, and she highlighted some of the work taking place to make the borough more affordable and family friendly.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, having considered the representations made to the statutory notice, the equalities impact assessment (Appendix 3 of the report), and having due regard to the obligations in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and relevant school organisation statutory guidance, the statutory proposal to close St Dominic's Catholic Primary School from 31 August 2023 be approved.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**11. SUPPORTING ROUGH SLEEPERS IN CAMDEN: RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE CABINET ADVISER FOR SUPPORTING ROUGH SLEEPERS (CS/2023/05)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Cabinet Adviser for Rough Sleeping, which was introduced by Councillor Cotton, and the response from the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, which was introduced by Councillor Callaghan.

Members of the Cabinet thanked Councillor Cotton for a very thorough and valuable piece of work. It was noted that the move to a population health approach to services was a timely and positive development which would assist in moving this work forward.

In response to a question, Councillor Cotton emphasised the importance of making the public more aware of what they could do to assist rough sleepers, and he added that almost all the organisations he had spoken to during the course of his work had been very complimentary about Camden's work in this area in comparison to that of other authorities.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the recommendations made by the Cabinet Adviser for Rough Sleeping be noted;
- (ii) THAT the response of both the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Housing Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (iii) THAT the response from the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities to the recommendations made be noted;
- (iv) THAT all recommendations at points 2.2 to 2.9, 2.12 and 2.13 be endorsed;
- (v) THAT, in relation to the recommendation at 2.10, proposals to continue to work with voluntary and community sector partners to make use of the Routes Off the Streets (RTS) Hub be endorsed, because for the reasons set out in the paragraph a further hub is not necessary; and
- (vi) THAT, in relation to the recommendation at 2.11, the response set out in that paragraph be noted.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**12. AWARD OF GRANT FOR THE NAVIGATOR TEAM COMMISSIONED SERVICE FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS (SC/2023/20)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities.

In response to a question, the Cabinet Member remarked that the service had not gone out to tender as this was a specialist area of work and the Single Homeless Project had extensive experience and was already embedded in the borough with existing relationships with clients.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, having considered the results of the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 1 of the report, and having had due regard to the obligation set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the award of grant funding from the Rough Sleeping Initiative to Single Homeless Project (SHP) for a period of 36 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at the total value of £811,104.00 be approved.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**13. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY  
2022/23 - 2024/25 (SC/2023/17)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden.

A Member remarked that it was unfortunate that there was a lack of ambition nationally in relation to providing a network of charge points.

In response to questions, the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden commented that the accessibility of the charging points was key and work was ongoing to ensure that the infrastructure was placed in appropriate locations. The Transport and Travel Planning Team Manager added that accessibility guidance was being followed in order to ensure that all users could access the charge points, and most would be in dedicated charging bays. In relation to the cost of charging, price was one of the elements considered during the procurement process in order to incentivise providers to provide their services at reasonable cost to users.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, having considered the results of the equalities impact assessment at Appendix A of the report, and having had due regard to the needs set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the procurement strategy to conduct mini-competitions under the Crown Commercial Services Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Solutions Framework to award contracts commencing in 2023 to supply, install, operate, maintain and decommission: 280 fast charge points, for an estimated total value of £3.64 million for a period of 8-10 years; 9 rapid charge points, for an estimated total value of £990,000 for a period of up to 15 years; and dense numbers of charging points along single/clusters of streets (with a minimum of 120 fast charge points across those locations) that also result in the electrification of a minimum of 15 car club bays, for an estimated total value of £1.2m, for a period of 8-10 years, be approved.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**14. ESTATE AND OFF-STREET PARKING STRATEGY (SC/2023/03)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden.

Members welcomed the report and the work that had gone into responding to residents' concerns about uncontrolled parking.

In response to questions, the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden confirmed that there were no proposals within the report to take away parking permits from residents, and added that the situation on Maiden Lane would be revisited to ensure that those who had permits and blue badges were able to park on their estate.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, having considered the results of the consultation set out at appendix A of the report and having had due regard to the duties set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, and subject to compliance with all further statutory requirements:

- (i) Subject to (iii) below, the phased introduction of new parking controls to Camden's estates using a Traffic Management Order (TMO), replacing the current system of contract law in order to improve parking management, be approved;
- (ii) Subject to (iii) below, the removal of numbered and allocated parking spaces from estates under the TMO implementation (unless there is a specific need, such as for Blue Badge holders), as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report, be approved; and
- (iii) Authority be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities, in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Services, the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and the Cabinet Member for a Sustainable Camden, for the selection and phasing of estates, the precise area to be enforced, further consultation, consideration of equalities issues and the final design and delivery of specific schemes to implement (i) and (ii) above onto those specified estates, as detailed in paragraph 2.9 and section 9 of the report.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 8.03pm.

**CHAIR**

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**MINUTES END**