

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY, 2023** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.

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

Councillors Georgia Gould (Chair), Meric Apak, Marcus Boyland, Pat Callaghan, Sabrina Francis, Richard Olszewski and Nadia Shah.

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

Councillors Danny Beales, Adam Harrison and Anna Wright.

**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. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Beales, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Wright.

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

Councillor Boyland declared himself to be a Board member of Camden Learning and would therefore leave the meeting during consideration of item 8, Award of the Camden Learning Commission.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was being broadcast live by the Council 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 the sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.

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As there was only one deputation to be heard, it was agreed that item 10 would be considered after item 7, followed by the remaining agenda items in numerical order.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

A deputation was heard from Hayel Wartemberg, Co-founder and Managing Director of Word on the Curb, in relation to Item 10 on the agenda.

Cabinet Members then asked questions of the deputation.

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

There was no notification of urgent business.

**6. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**7. 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.**

**8. AWARD OF THE CAMDEN LEARNING COMMISSION (SP/2023/12)**

Consideration was given to a report of Leader of the Council.

Members welcomed the contribution that Camden Learning had made to schools, education and the lives of children and young people in the borough and officers were thanked for their role in that work.

**RESOLVED –**

- i) THAT the recommission of Camden Learning to undertake School Improvement and wider education services for Camden Council from September 2023 until August 2026 be agreed.

- ii) THAT authority be delegated to the Director of Education Commissioning and Inclusion to negotiate and agree the terms of the contract and thereafter to enter into the contract on behalf of Camden Council.

**9. COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR EXTRA CARE SERVICES AT MORA BURNET HOUSE (SP/2023/14)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

In response to questions, Members received a brief explanation of the eligibility criteria for residents of Mora Burnett House. Members also received confirmation of the consultation that would take place with residents, families and staff about the transition to the new care arrangements.

**RESOLVED –**

- i) THAT the insource of care provision for Mora Burnet House for an estimated value of £1.031m per annum be agreed.
- ii) THAT authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Adults and Health to take all procedural steps and make any necessary decisions to action (i) above.

**10. CREATING A CAMDEN COMMUNITY WEALTH FUND (SC/2023/26)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Leader of the Council.

During her introduction of the report Councillor Gould thanked the deputation for their contribution. She commented on the importance of a community wealth fund including: the investment that the fund would provide for Camden's young people; the access to capital investment and the opportunities that the fund would provide for communities that had been affected by inequalities and traditional approaches in finance and business. There was much work to be done in order to develop the fund and build the trust of those that had been let down by previous initiatives.

In response to questions, the Leader remarked that social outcomes would be a key element in the development of the fund. There would be investment in community input, with a diversity mission to understand the barriers experienced by underrepresented groups and ensure their engagement. There had been a great deal of analysis of similar wealth funds, that had demonstrated how expertise and community aspiration had led to good investments. There would be ongoing support and expertise provided from an investment team for those receiving funding. It was stressed that there was no financial risk to the Council's finances or medium term financial strategy.

**RESOLVED –**

1. THAT the Camden Community Wealth Fund as set out in section 2 of this report be established.
2. THAT authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Corporate Services) to take all appropriate actions required to implement the first stage of the Camden Community Wealth Fund (CWF) including:
  - (i) In consultation with the Leader, and the Executive Director (Supporting Communities) approval of the CWF Business Plan and Investment Strategy (as referred to in section 2 of the report and in the indicative CWF Business Plan at Appendix 1).
  - (ii) In consultation with the Leader, and the Executive Director (Supporting Communities) allocating the source funding for the CWF as referred to in para 2.42 to para 2.43 of the report.
  - (iii) The budget for set up and operation of the CWF including commissioning necessary business support, Fund advisory services and Fund management.
  - (iv) In consultation with the Leader, the Borough Solicitor, and the Executive Director (Supporting Communities) approval of the Governance Arrangements for the CWF including arrangements for citizen participation and the Scheme of Delegation setting out a hierarchy of decision making as referred to in paras 2.24 to 2.32 of the report.
  - (v) In consultation with the Leader and the Executive Director (Supporting Communities) authority to invest up to £5m in individual schemes.
  - (vi) Procurement of professional advisers to support the implementation and operation of the CWF.
3. THAT it be noted that there will be a subsequent report presented to Cabinet on the CWF Interim Review, as referred to in paragraph 2.47 of the report.

**11. 2023/24 UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL POSITION (CS/2023/11)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cost of Living.

Members noted the significant financial challenges faced by the Council following the global pandemic and the current cost of living emergency. The report provided an updated overview of the Council's financial provision as it sought to support Camden's residents, communities and businesses.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) THAT the update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Council's medium term financial position summarised in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.7 of the report be noted.
- (b) THAT the impact of inflation and the cost-of-living emergency on the borough and the steps being taken to help support residents detailed in paragraphs 2.16 to 2.23 of the report be noted.
- (c) THAT the 2022/23 General Fund & Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital outturn positions set out in paragraphs 2.39 to 2.46 and 2.69 to 2.76. of the report be noted.
- (d) THAT the allocations to and from earmarked reserves as set out in sections 2.47 to 2.53 and Appendix A for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts be agreed.
- (e) THAT the revised Capital Programme, funding and capital receipts targets summarised and presented in paragraphs 2.77 to 2.81 of the report, and Appendix B be agreed.
- (f) THAT the additions to the capital programme in paragraph 2.59 to 2.68 of the report be agreed.
- (g) THAT the risks associated with our financial position outlined in section four of the report be noted.

**12. AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S WORK TO TACKLE THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS (CS/2023/12)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cost of Living.

Following the introduction of the report by Councillor Olszewski, Members commented that this was a comprehensive report that set out the work of the Council to tackle the cost of living crisis, including how funds and resources could be allocated to support the ongoing emergency response aligned with the Council's strategic mission.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. THAT the work of the Council, with input and oversight from the Cost-of-Living Members Group, to tackle the cost of living crisis in Camden be noted;
- 2. THAT it be agreed that, following the announcement made at Full Council in March 2023, the Council will fund the costs associated with supporting

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universal free school meals in Primary Schools following the end of the funding provided by the Mayor of London, as set out in section 1 of the report;

3. THAT the allocation of funding for the Family Crisis Fund for the year 2023/24 to the projects as outlined in section 3 of the report be agreed.

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

There was no such urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.57 pm.

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**MINUTES END**