

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2024** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET PRESENT

Councillors Richard Olszewski, Sagal Abdi-Wali, Camron Aref-Adib, Marcus Boyland, Pat Callaghan, Nasrine Djemai, Sabrina Francis, Adam Harrison, Nadia Shah and Anna Wright

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Steve Adams

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

There were no apologies.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcast of the meeting

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 those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.

Councillor Olszewski remarked that he would welcome contributions from the leaders of the opposition groups and the Green Party Councillor to discussions at Cabinet meetings.

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

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

There was no notification.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2024 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. RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE CABINET ADVISER FOR IMPROVING SERVICES TO CAMDEN LEASEHOLDERS AND ADVOCATING FOR LEASEHOLDERS (CS/2024/09)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Better Homes.

Councillor Slater spoke about the work that had been undertaken in his role as the Cabinet Adviser for Improving Services to Camden Leaseholders and how the information provided by leaseholders had formed the basis for the recommendations in his report.

The Cabinet Member thanked Councillor Slater for his work and summarised the response to the recommendations in the Cabinet Adviser's report.

Members of the Cabinet welcomed all the work being done and commented that the wider transformation of services would benefit both leaseholders and tenants.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the 8 recommendations made by the Cabinet Adviser for Improving Services to Camden Leaseholders and Advocating for Leaseholders be noted;
- (ii) THAT the response of the Housing Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (iii) THAT the response from the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and officers to the recommendations be noted and
- (iv) THAT the recommendations set out in section 3 of the report be agreed.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

9. COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CARERS' SUPPORT SERVICES IN CAMDEN (SP/2024/06)

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

Members welcomed the support that would be provided to carers in Camden and the Cabinet Member expressed confidence in the continued improvement in the services being offered.

RESOLVED –

THAT, having considered the results of the equalities impact assessment at Appendix 1, and having due regard to the obligations set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

- (i) The procurement strategy as set out in the report for a Carers Service contract with an initial contract term of four (4) years, plus an additional three (3) year extension for an estimated aggregate value (including extensions) of £6,314,798, be agreed; and
- (ii) That the award of the contract decision be delegated to the Executive Director Adults and Health.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

10. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES (SC/2024/22)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Better Homes.

Members commented on the consultation and the potential for tenant and lease holders engagement in response to the consultation on contracts.

In response to questions the Cabinet Member remarked that the performance of each of the contracts would be monitored and measured to ensure that they provided value for money. Councillor Abdi-Wali also indicated that the length of the contracts would be kept under review as part of the assessment process.

RESOLVED –

1. THAT having due regard to the equalities impact assessment (Appendix 1 of the report), and the obligations in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 that the procurement strategies for leaseholder consultation for 6 (six) contracts be approved:
 - (i) for the provision of Communal Heating North,
 - (ii) for the provision of Communal Heating South,
 - (iii) for the provision of Bulk Gas Maintenance,
 - (iv) for the provision of Electrical Services
 - (v) for the provision of Lift service and maintenance and
 - (vi) for the provision of Ancillary Services.

Each contract will have an initial fixed term (as set out in Table 1 of the report) with an option to extend in 1-year increments. And the procurement will be through a single-stage tender process using the Open Procedure pursuant to procurement regulations, based on an evaluation weighting of 60% price and 40% service delivery and quality assessment (including 10% social value).

2. THAT authority be delegated to the Director of Property Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and the Executive Director Corporate Services to approve the procurement strategy having regard to the outcome of Section 20 leaseholder consultation and taking into account the Council's equalities duties (including the Equality Impact Assessment and any updates thereto);
3. THAT the authority to make award decisions on each contract be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND MID-YEAR STRATEGY (CS/2024/15)

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

In response to a question, the Cabinet Member noted the comments that had been made during a recent Prime Minister's Question Time about the commitment to multi-year funding to local authorities. Councillor Aref-Adib welcomed the opportunities for strategic planning and decision making that a move away from single year funding would enable.

RESOLVED –

THAT, the Treasury Management Annual Report (paragraphs 3.3-3.18) and the Mid-Year Strategy (paragraphs 3.19-3.46) as set out in the report, be noted and be recommended to the Council for approval.

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.34 pm.

CHAIR

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