

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

**18 April 2024 at 2.00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

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| <b>Chair:</b>           | Councillor Grace Williams  | Leader of the Council   |
| <b>Cabinet Members:</b> | Councillor Clyde Loakes    | Deputy Leader (Climate and Air Quality)                       |
|                         | Councillor Naheed Asghar   | Portfolio Lead Member - Health and Wellbeing                  |
|                         | Councillor Vicky Ashworth  | Portfolio Lead Member - Jobs, Social Inclusion and Equalities |
|                         | Councillor Paul Douglas    | Portfolio Lead Member - Finance and Resources                 |
|                         | Councillor Kizzy Gardiner  | Portfolio Lead Member - Children and Young People             |
|                         | Councillor Ahsan Khan      | Deputy Leader (Housing and Regeneration)                      |
|                         | Councillor Khevyn Limbajee | Portfolio Lead Member - Community Safety                      |
|                         | Councillor Louise Mitchell | Portfolio Lead Member - Adults                                |

(Cabinet Commissioners are appointed by the Leader to assist Cabinet in leading engagement with our community on four key priorities for the Council and to support our borough to recover from the pandemic. These Councillors are not Members of the Cabinet and do not have any voting rights nor decision-making powers.)

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| Councillor Elizabeth Baptiste | Cabinet Commissioner - Renters       |
| Councillor Catherine Deakin   | Cabinet Commissioner - Health Equity |
| Councillor Rosalind Doré      | Cabinet Commissioner - Destinations  |

**Officers in Attendance:**

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| Ian Buckle          | Head of Electoral and Democratic Services          |
| Joe Garrod          | Acting Strategic Director, Place                   |
| Shazia Hussain      | Deputy Chief Executive                             |
| Mark Hynes          | Director of Governance and Law                     |
| Anthony Jackson     | Democratic Services Officer                        |
| Rob Manning         | Strategic Director, Resources                      |
| Debbie Porter       | Strategic Director, Neighbourhoods and Environment |
| Lisa Redfern        | Interim Strategic Director, Adult Services         |
| Christopher Spencer | Interim Strategic Director, Children Services      |

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

## **3. MINUTES OF CABINET**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 March 2024, were approved and signed as a correct record.

## **4. ENERGY PROCUREMENT 2024-28**

Councillor Khan introduced the report and, in doing so, gave thanks to Craig Egglestone – Director of Capital Strategy and Portfolio Management; and Chris Owen – Senior Energy and Utilities Manager, for their hard work.

The Leader echoed Councillor Khan's words of thanks to officers and also thanked him for his leadership.

### **Decision**

Cabinet:

- (1) agreed to enter a bridging contract for 6 months for all gas supplies to align the current contract to financial years. This covers the period October 2024 to March 2025, through FTS compliant flexible frameworks Y22008 and Y22009, procured by Kent County Council (LASER);
- (2) agreed that the Council then enters into rolling 2-year (2025-27 and 2027-29) contracts for the flexible purchasing of energy (gas and electricity) for the qualifying supplies over the 4-year period from April 2025 to March 2029 through FTS compliant flexible frameworks Y22008 and Y22009 procured by Kent County Council (LASER); and
- (3) delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Place (or their nominee), in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration and the Strategic Director of Resources, to purchase gas and electricity from the number one ranked suppliers on each respective framework for the duration of the period 2024-29.

**The meeting closed at 2.04 pm**

**Chair's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

