

CABINET Agenda

Place To Be Held Remotely

Date Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Time 6:30 PM

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Councillors

Danny Thorpe (Chair)	Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Communications and Corporate Services
Denise Scott-McDonald (Vice-Chair)	Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills
Sizwe James	Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport
Adel Khaireh	Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities
Chris Kirby	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Sarah Merrill	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth
Matthew Morrow	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Anthony Okereke	Cabinet Member for Housing
Jackie Smith	Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement
Miranda Williams	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult's Social Care

Members are reminded that officer contacts are shown at the end of each report and they are welcome to raise questions in advance with the appropriate officer. This does not prevent further questioning at the meeting.

If you require further information about this meeting please contact the Corporate Governance Officer:

Nassir Ali

Email: corporate-governance@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies from Members of the Committee
- 2 Urgent business**
The Chair to announce any items of urgent business circulated separately from the main agenda.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any personal and financial interests in items on the agenda. Attention is drawn to the Council's constitution, the Council's Code of Conduct and associated advice.
- 4 Minutes**
Members are requested to confirm as an accurate record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020.
No motion or discussion may take place upon the Minutes except as to their accuracy, and any question on this point will be determined by a majority of the Members of the body attending who were present when the matter in question was decided. Once confirmed, with or without amendment, the person presiding will sign the Minutes.
- 5 Disposal of Borough Halls, Royal Hill SE10 8RD**
To approve the freehold or leasehold disposal of Borough Halls and agree to delegate the process for disposal and the terms of any disposal to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills.
- 6 High Streets Heritage Action Zone – Woolwich Town Centre**
To agree to the Council entering into a grant funding agreement with Historic England and to setting aside the required match funding to progress with the High Streets Heritage Action Zone Scheme.
- 7 Future expenditure of Right to Buy Receipts and Out of Borough Property Acquisitions for Temporary Accommodation**

To approve the expenditure of £25,194,801 of RTB receipts, and £58,787,868 of General Fund borrowing, to be spent on the acquisition of existing properties to be used as temporary accommodation for households that have been accepted as homeless.

8 Children and Young People Plan

To note and approve the new Children and Young People's Plan 2020-24.

9 Adoption of Equality and Equity Charter and Equalities Objectives 2020-2024

To agree the Equality and Equity Charter and the new Equality Objectives and associated actions including the establishment of a councillor working group and the Race Equality Advisory Board.

10 £1m Park Improvement Fund

To approve the initial allocation of investment from the £1m parks improvement fund, that takes account of feedback from residents following a public consultation exercise.

Date of Issue
Tuesday, 13
October 2020

Debbie Warren
Chief Executive

Remote Meetings

This meeting will be conducted remotely in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020 and related regulations.

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Those who have agreed to participate in the meeting have deemed to have consented to being recorded, and to the public use of the recording.

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Public Information

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The Cabinet

The Cabinet is a meeting of the executive of the Council and is responsible for most decisions. The Cabinet consists of the Leader and 9 other Councillors who are appointed annually by the Council.

Notice of decisions to be discussed at Cabinet are published in advance in the Council's [Forward Plan](#).

Meetings of the Cabinet are open for the public to view, except where personal or confidential matters are being discussed.

The Cabinet has to make decisions that are in line with the Council's overall policies and budget. If it wishes to make a decision that is outside the budget or policy framework, this must be referred to the Council as a whole to decide.

Meetings of the Cabinet

Meetings of the Cabinet take place each calendar month (excluding August). Additional meetings are sometimes arranged. A list of meetings and their dates can be found on the [Council's website](#). Alternatively, you can contact the Corporate Governance Officer (details on the front of the agenda).

Outline of the Proceedings

The Leader chairs the meeting (or the Deputy Leader in his/her absence). The Leader oversees the meeting and controls the debate. All Members discuss the business on the agenda by addressing the Leader; this helps to keep the debate in an orderly manner. The Leader takes each item in turn and when he/she considers there has been sufficient debate, calls for a decision to be made or for the information to be noted. The Cabinet may consider agenda items in a different order than they appear on the agenda.

Council Officers (a Chief Officer from each Directorate) attend to present reports if required, and/or answer any questions Cabinet Members may have, but they do not take part in making the decisions.

The Agenda

The Agenda is made up of the items of business to be considered at the meeting. It includes reports that ask the Cabinet to make decisions and items for information.

Sometimes the agenda may include information which is not available to the public. If the Cabinet wishes to discuss such confidential information it will do so in private.

Declarations of interest

Members of the Council are required to declare any interests that they might have in an item on the agenda. In some cases the Councillor who has declared an interest may not take part in consideration of the item concerned, and must leave the meeting whilst it is considered. However, depending on the nature of the interest, a Councillor may in certain circumstances, having declared an interest, speak and vote on an item.

Provision for Public Involvement

Members of the public may request to speak at a Cabinet meeting on an item that appears on the agenda. If a member of the public wishes to do this they must notify the Corporate Governance Officer at least two working days prior to the meeting. It is at the Leader's discretion whether to allow members of the public to address the Cabinet.

Decisions and Call-in

Except in cases of urgency any decision taken by the Cabinet may be called-in by other non-Cabinet Councillors for reconsideration. The rules relating to call-in are detailed in the [Council's Constitution](#).

All decisions of the Cabinet are implemented on the fifth working day after the record of decisions is published.

Copies of Agenda and Minutes

The Royal Borough of Greenwich seeks to be 'paperless'. All agenda material is published on the [Council's website](#).

A copy of the Agenda is available for public use upon request from the Corporate Governance Officer.

The Council will make every effort to provide a translated, Braille, audio or large print copy of an agenda item(s) if you request this from the Corporate Governance Officer named below, but this will take some time to prepare and may not be available in advance of the meeting.

Background Papers

Background Papers are listed at the end of each item. They are documents such as letters, memoranda, reports and previous items that the author has used to write the report. Members of the public can inspect and copy these documents by requesting a copy from the report author.

Your Views

The Chief Executive is responsible for the arrangements and presentation of agendas for meetings of the Cabinet and other Member-Level Bodies. If you have any comments, complaints or questions about the meeting please contact:

Gurdeep Sehmi, Corporate Governance Manager
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PUBLIC INFORMATION ON REMOTELY HELD ('VIRTUAL') MEETINGS

The meeting will be streamed live on the Council's [YouTube Channel](#) and a recording of the meeting will be available to view for one year after this meeting.

New Regulations have been introduced to enable local authorities to hold meetings remotely. To ensure the smooth running of these virtual meetings, procedures have been amended in accordance with emergency powers.

The Chair of Cabinet will have complete discretion of the procedure to be adopted for the meeting.

During the meeting, all Members will be in control of their own microphone on Zoom.

The microphone should be set to mute at all times until the Chair invites the Member to address Cabinet.

Any member of the Cabinet who wishes to speak should do so by using the 'raise hand' function on Zoom.

The meeting 'chat' function on Zoom will be disabled in the interests of transparency.

Any member of the Cabinet who loses visual or audio connection during the virtual meeting should notify the designated Officer before any voting takes place and this will be recorded within the minutes of the meeting.