

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 AT 4.00 PM

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors Councillor Anthony Okereke (Chair), Ann-Marie Cousins, Denise Hyland, Matthew Morrow, Denise Scott-McDonald, Pat Slattery and Aidan Smith

Officers:

Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Interim Director of Legal Services, Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Director of Health and Adult Services, Director of Housing and Safer Communities, Director of Children's Services, Director of Communities and Environment and Central and Director Adult Social Care

Item No.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adel Khaireh, Averil Lekau and Mariam Lolavar

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

3 Declarations of Interest

Resolved -

That the list of Councillors' memberships as Council appointed representatives on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies is noted.

4 Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration outlined the purpose and scope of the programme. The Cabinet Member thanked Officers for securing the funding.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Homelessness and the Leader of the Council welcomed the proposal as a contribution to help with addressing rough sleeping and homelessness.

Resolved -

1. That it be agreed to enter into revenue and capital grant funding agreements (appendix 1 and 2), following a successful bid to the Greater London Authority (GLA) for the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme, to deliver accommodation and support to vulnerable clients at risk of homelessness.
2. That a budget of £4,348,731 be approved for the delivery of the grant programme, comprised of:
 - Revenue Grant: £636,231
 - Capital Grant: £2,325,000
 - Housing Revenue Account Borrowing: £1,387,500
3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills to approve the purchase of each property under the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme.

5 Report on the Morris Walk North Management Company

Resolved -

1. That the transfer of the Morris Walk North Management Company (ManCo), currently owned by Lovell Director Limited (Lovells), to RBG and Paragon Asra (PA) Housing, in order to provide estate management services to the communal area of Morris Walk North and energy management services be agreed.
2. That the ManCo will be jointly owned by RBG and PA Housing, with a share ownership structure of 50/50, and that the Articles of Association for the ManCo will be amended accordingly, be agreed.

3. That PA Housing and RBG may agree a Management/Shareholder Agreement with deadlock clauses for the ManCo in order to protect the interests of both parties' residents be agreed.
4. That the responsibilities of the ManCo listed in 4.2.3 below be noted, and that, once appointed, the Directors of the ManCo will procure estate services to deliver best value for RBG and PA Housing residents be agreed.
5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Housing and Safer Communities to agree to the changes to the Articles of Association and to the creation of the Management/Shareholder Agreement through a Decision Report.
6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Housing and Safer Communities to nominate the RBG Director of the ManCo.

6 Contract Standing Orders - Exemptions / Variations (1 July 2023- 31 December 2023)

Resolved -

That the summary of Waivers to Contract Standing Orders and Variations to Contracts reported for the period 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2023, detailed in Paragraph 4 of the report be noted.

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The Chair thanked Cabinet Members and Chief Officers for their work over the municipal year.

The Chair on behalf of Cabinet paid respect to former Councillor John Hills.

The meeting closed at 4.07 pm

Chair

