ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018 AT 6.30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members:
Councillors Danny Thorpe (Chair), David Gardner (Vice-Chair), Denise Hyland, Sizwe James, Chris Kirby, Averil Lekau, Denise Scott-McDonald, Jackie Smith and Miranda Williams

Officers
Chief Executive, Head of Legal Services, Assistant Director Corporate Finance & Deputy s151 Officer (Finance), Director of Communities and Environment, Director of Finance, Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Director of Children's Services, Assistant Director Transformation and Change (Health and Adult Services) and Assistant Director (Repairs & Investment)

Other People in Attendance
Mark Godfrey (Independent Chair of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board)
Nicky Pace (Independent Chair of Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board)

Item
No.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was presented on behalf of Councillor Christine Grice

2 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.
3 **Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved** -

That the list of Councillors’ Membership, as Council appointed representatives, on outside bodies, joint committees and School Governing bodies be noted.

4 **Minutes**

**Resolved** -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 September be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 **Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report**

The report was presented by Mark Godfrey Independent Chair, Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board (GSAB) who highlighted the illustrations and the inclusion of a summary report. He advised Members of the Joint Safeguarding Conference, held in conjunction with Greenwich Safeguarding Children’s Board, which focused on modern slavery.

The Independent Chair (GSAB) informed Members of the 3 Safeguarding Adults Reviews which were due to be completed in 2018-19, The Joint Communication and Engagement Sub-Group which ensured that the voice of service users was truly represented on the Board and The adults week/month events which provided learning for both staff and the local community.

In response to a question, the Independent Chair (GSAB) confirmed that the monitoring of the Universal Credit roll-out was not in the strategic plan however, this would likely be a topic on the Joint Adults and Children’s Board meeting in January 2019.

Councillor Danny Thorpe, The Leader of the Council thanked the independent Chair (GSAB) for his presentation and advised that the Council was signing the charter against modern slavery in October 2018.
Resolved –

That the 2017/18 Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report be noted.

Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report

The report was presented by Nicky Pace, the independent chair, Greenwich Safeguarding Children’s Board (GSCB) who stated the format of the report was complex as they were required to include statutory information. She advised members of the significant upcoming changes to safeguarding arrangement as a result of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 confirming that a plan would be agreed by next June with the current arrangement being abolished by 2019. She added that a Cabinet report would still be part of the new arrangements and there would also be more combined work between local authorities, health services and the Police.

The Independent Chair (GSCB) advised that the Board had received a grant from the Department for Education to become one of the early adopters of the new arrangements in partnership with Lewisham and Bexley boroughs. She continued by highlighting the statutory areas of the report and the activities of the sub-groups which included joint work with the NSPCC on the “Neglect Matters” campaign to raise awareness.

In addressing the meeting, Councillor Jackie Smith Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Integrated Enforcement highlighted the suicide rates for young people attributed to mental health and suggested the key was to tackle this at an early age. The independent Chair (GSCB) highlighted the joint case review with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services which led to the production of documents to support professionals in identifying cases.

In addressing the meeting, Councillor David Gardner Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Schools highlighted the positive Ofsted inspections confirming that Greenwich was a safe place for children to grow adding that independent oversight was valuable in ensuring this.

Councillor Danny Thorpe, The Leader of the Council advised Members of the new Directorate workshops before each Full Council beginning with the Children’s Services Directorate – Early Help contribution.
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Resolved –

That the 2017/18 Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report be noted.

7 Corporate Plan

The report was presented by the Director of Communities and Environment who confirmed that the previous Council (Corporate) Business Plan 2014-2018 was agreed by Cabinet in July 2015 and the new Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022, reflected the vision and high-level objectives of the current Administration and its Manifesto commitments.

Councillor Danny Thorpe, The Leader of the Council advised Members that the high level objectives were already being implemented as exampled by the School Street Scheme which was at the final design stage.

Cabinet

Resolved –

1. That the content of the Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022, as set out at Appendix 1, be agreed.

2. That the arrangements for monitoring the delivery of the Corporate Plan, as set out in section 4 of this report, be noted.
8  Housing Delivery Proposals

The report was presented by the Cabinet Member for Housing who summarised each of the decisions to be taken.

Councillor Danny Thorpe, The Leader of the Council confirmed the Authority was awaiting details of the upcoming government decision on the Housing Revenue Account cap however, in any case would still proceed with the Greater London Authority bid process.

Cabinet

Resolved –

1. That it be agreed to pursue a bid with the GLA under the Building Council Homes for Londoners programme that aims to secure housing grant and lifting of the HRA borrowing cap to deliver a target c.750 new homes for social rent (start on site by 2022).

2. That it be noted the Council is already pursuing off site modular construction for the current round of LA New Build and will be seeking to extend this to support the accelerated delivery programme and potentially achieve a reduction in unit cost.

3. That it be agreed to proceed with the specialist housing delivery at Royal Hill site, Langton Way (agreed by Cabinet) and continue discussions with Hatcliffe almshouses. That it be noted that other proposals will be brought forward in discussion with the Cabinet Members with responsibility for Adults & Older People and Children Services and where required further decision reports will be brought forward for consideration.

4. That it be agreed to explore the possibility of establishing two pilot sites for the Community Land Trust model subject to the community forming a trust.

5. That it be agreed to allocate officer resource to deliver on the commitments adopted by Council in March 2018 in relation to Cooperative Housing.

6. That it be agreed to identify a future supply of sites that enable Meridian to deliver an additional 300 units.
7. That it be noted that officers will continue to investigate these models with a view to understanding if there is potential for further delivery through these routes.

8. That it be agreed to create a dedicated multi disciplinary team and recognise the need to scale up the resources to successfully deliver these proposals.

9. That it be agreed to undertake exemplary consultation.

10. That it be noted the Council, will through this expanded delivery programme, seek to maximise the social value benefits from this programme.

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm

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Chair