

## **PRESENT**

### **Committee Members**

Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Chair)  
Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Sarah Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Communities & Community Safety  
Cllr Catherine Faulks, Lead Member for Family & Children's Services  
Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning & Public Realm  
Cllr Sof McVeigh, Lead Member for Housing Management, Housing Safety & Building New Homes  
Cllr Josh Rendall, Lead Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health  
Cllr Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Finance, Customer Services & Net Zero Council  
Cllr. Emma Will - Property, Parks and Leisure

### **Others Present**

Cllr Mary Weale, (Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

### **Council Officers**

Amanda Anerville, Head of Financial Management  
Douglas Campbell, Governance Manager  
Mike Curtis, Executive Director for Resources  
Sophie Evans, Director of Customer Delivery  
Doug Goldring, Director of Housing Management (Grenfell)  
Maxine Holdsworth, Chief Executive  
David Hughes, Director of Audit Risk and Fraud  
Dan Hawthorn, Executive Director for Housing and Social Investment  
LeVerne Parker, Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer  
Joe Philp, Assistant Director of Grenfell Partnerships, Strategy and Transformation  
Toyin Shobowale, Senior Governance Co-Ordinator  
Lisa Taylor, Director of Financial Management

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Sarah Addenbrooke declared an interest in a property opposite Lot's Road and stated that she would not be present for Agenda item 7: Variations to Development Agreement relating to Lots Road South and taking a long lease of new affordable homes at Lots Road South KD1000257.

### **3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 November 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **4 FUTURE GRENFELL SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY NEAR GRENFELL TOWER KD1010306**

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council (Chair), introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. She summarised the progress made on the transition of support for the bereaved and survivors, as well as the work with bereaved, survivors, and residents on the implementation of immediate community support, Education and Training support, and the final recommendation from the External Scrutiny team.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 (i-viii) be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Approved the final changes to the community model made in light of the views of the group and the wider community, summarised at paragraph 5.19.
- (ii) Approved the plans for the appointment of an organisation (or organisations) to fulfil the independent scrutiny function role and delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Grenfell Partnerships, Communities and Transformation to award a contract of up to £700k over 4 years to an organisation following the process set out at paragraphs 6.6-6.9. This will be paid for separately by the defendants in the civil claims process so the full £42m is reserved for delivery of the support.
- (iii) Agreed the Council's response to the External Scrutiny Team's recommendations for the wider Council as outlined in Appendix 4.
- (iv) Noted the progress made on the transition of the support for bereaved and survivors as outlined in paragraphs 5.1- 5.5.
- (v) Noted the work made with the Implementation Steering Group (ISG) and wider residents to refine the immediate community support programme, now called Grenfell Community Support, and the way the Council has responded to the External Scrutiny Team's recommendations on our implementation plans as set out in paragraphs 5.8-5.14.
- (vi) Noted the work with implementation groups that involve bereaved and survivors, residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the area, children and young people and key stakeholders, and agree the proposals to refine the Education and Training support model for bereaved, survivors and the immediate community, as outlined in paragraphs 5.23-5.34.
- (vii) Noted the final recommendations made by the External Scrutiny Team on the ongoing arrangements for the monitoring and scrutiny of the programme as set out in Section 6 and Appendix 2.

- (viii) Reviewed the External Scrutiny Team's final judgement on the response to the recommendations for the wide Council as outlined in Appendix 6.6

**Action by:** Strategic Director of Grenfell Partnerships, Communities and Transformation

## **5 ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2023/2024 KD1010504**

Cllr. Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Finance, Customer Services, and Net Zero, introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. He informed Members that the report provided an overview of the Council's performance in handling complaints and summarised the findings from decisions made by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and the Housing Ombudsman Service (HOS). He noted that, overall, the Council's complaint handling showed progress but added a caution that more work is still needed.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1 to 3.5 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 (i-ii) be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Reviewed the Council's performance in handling complaints, consider the learning opportunities identified, and endorsed the priorities set for 2024/2025 in the report.
- (ii) Agreed to report the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman findings to Full Council.

**Action by:** Executive Director of Resources

## **6. UPDATING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONTRACTORS AND PRODUCTS KD1010591**

Cllr. Sof McVeigh, Lead Member for Housing Management, Housing Safety & Building New Homes, introduced the report which outlined the background to the proposed decision. She advised that, following the publication of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report, a review of the 2021 decision was conducted. This decision had adopted a policy to prohibit named companies from tendering for any Council contracts, and no other company would be permitted to name those companies as subcontractors or use any of their products in any contract with the Council.

The Leadership team welcomed the continuation of the current Policy and the widening of its scope to other companies criticised in the Phase 2 report.

Prior to reaching its decision, the Leadership Team RESOLVED to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraphs 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider and discuss information contained in the Part B appendix relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and by Virtue of Paragraph 5, Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be

maintained in legal proceedings. The Leadership Team duly went into private session before returning to public session to take its decision.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1 to 3.2 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 (i-ii) be adopted.

The Leadership Team approved:

- (i) That Rydon Maintenance Ltd and its holding company Rydon Group Ltd will not be permitted to tender for any contracts with the Council;
- (ii) That all contractors and consultants of the Council engaged on Council construction or maintenance projects will be prohibited from:
  - naming any of the companies listed in paragraph 4.13 as a sub-contractor or sub-consultant, or allowing their own subcontractors or sub-consultants to do so;
  - allowing the on-site use or specification of any products, supplied by Celotex Ltd, Kingspan Insulation Ltd, Arconic Architectural Products SAS, Siderise Insulation Ltd, or CEP Architectural Facades Ltd, or branded as Celotex, Kingspan, Arconic, Siderise or CEP Architectural Facades products;
  - using materials that may be regarded as harmful, as further set out in paragraph 9.2 below.
- (iii) That the decisions set out above represent the Council's Policy on this issue.

**Action by:** Executive Director of Housing and Social Investment

## **7. VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO LOTS ROAD SOUTH AND TAKING A LONG LEASE OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES AT LOTS ROAD SOUTH KD1000257**

Cllr. Emma Will, Lead Member for Property, Parks and Leisure, introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. She advised that the Lots Road South project represented the most significant development site in the borough under Council ownership.

The Leadership team was informed that developing the Lots Road site would enable the Council to achieve its objectives, which include the delivery of a new Extra Care facility, new homes (including affordable housing), new employment and community spaces, and outdoor green areas to enhance placemaking in the Lots Road area.

Prior to reaching its decision, the Leadership Team RESOLVED to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraphs 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider and discuss information contained in the Part B appendix relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. The Leadership Team duly went into private session before returning to public session to take its decision.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1 – 3.4 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 (i-vi) to be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Approved the variations to the Lots Road Development Agreement with Mount Anvil New Holdings Ltd as set out in exempt appendix (Part B) of this report.
- (ii) Approved a variation to the percentage of affordable housing which currently assumes a policy compliant tenure mix, to an equivalent level based on all the affordable homes being social rent tenure.
- (iii) Approved a variation to the terms of the pre-emption rights in accordance with the details set out in exempt appendix (Part B) of this report.
- (iv) Approved the variation and exercise of any pre-emption rights in the development agreement for the acquisition by way of taking one or more long leases of the general needs social rent affordable homes in accordance with the financial implications set out in exempt appendix (Part B) of this report.
- (v) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing & Social Investment following consultation with the Lead Member of Property, Parks and Leisure to approve the final terms of the variations to the Development Agreement and associated legal documents.
- (vi) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing & Social Investment following consultation with the Lead Member of Property, Parks and Leisure to approve the final terms of the recommended pre-emption rights and approve the rights being exercised.

**Action by:** Executive Director of Housing and Social Investment

Having made a declaration of interest, Cllr. Sarah Addenbrooke left the room during consideration and determination of this item.

## **8. QUARTER 2 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2024/25 KD1000198**

Cllr. Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Finance, Customer Services & Net Zero, introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. He highlighted the financial position for the second quarter and cautioned that there was still significant uncertainty.

Cllr. Thalassites drew the Leadership Team's attention to the current forecast overspend of £847k against a revised net budget of £222.423m, emphasising the need to closely monitor the Council's finances. He also noted a £4.423m cost pressure from homelessness, with temporary accommodation being the greatest expense.

Cllr. Mary Weale, Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, expressed concern about the impact of virements between directorates and advised that the revised budget should be better documented in the future.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 (i-iv) to be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Agreed the financial position at quarter 2 for the Council and work to mitigate the forecast overspend.
- (ii) Agreed the proposed rephrasing of capital budget slippage to future years set out in section 26, table 19.
- (iii) Agreed the new capital funding requests set out in section 26, table 20.
- (iv) Agreed the proposed capital virements within directorates set out in section 26, table 21, and the corresponding amendment of 2024/25 budgets that will result

**Action by:** Executive Director of Resources

## **9. ANY OTHER ORAL OR WRITTEN PUBLIC ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items considered urgent.

## **10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Leadership Team excluded the press and public for deliberation on the exempt appendices to Agenda Items 6 and 7: Updating restrictions on the use of certain contractors and products KD1010591 and Variations to Development Agreement relating to Lots Road South and taking a long lease of new affordable homes at Lots Road South KD1000257.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm

Chair