

## **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 - Lead Member for Property, Parks and Leisure

### **Others Present**

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

### **Council Officers**

Christine Addison, Director Social Investment and Property  
Andrew Burton, Director of Transport and Regulatory Services  
Douglas Campbell, Governance Manager  
Ray Chitty, Head of TriBorough Insurance Service  
Mike Curtis, Executive Director for Resources  
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  
Toyin Shobowale, Senior Governance Co-Ordinator  
Beau Stanford-Francis, Executive Director for Environment and Neighbourhood  
Lisa Taylor, Director of Financial Management

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record

#### **4 GLOBAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS KD1010917**

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council (Chair), introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. She stated that this negotiated agreement involved contributions from other defendants named in separate civil proceedings, which were developed through an alternative dispute resolution process.

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council (Chair), advised that the global settlement would cover the legal costs incurred in representing the claimants, thereby avoiding lengthy court proceedings that could further traumatize the bereaved and survivors.

The Leadership Team was advised that other cases brought against the Council would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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 exempt (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. 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 3.4 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 to 2.3 be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- i. Approved the Council entering into a global settlement agreement to include a global settlement of the legal costs which will provide full and final settlement of those claims in the current Alternative Dispute Resolution process.
- ii. Approved the expenditure provided for in the negotiated agreement, an explanation of which is set out in the exempt Appendix, which includes: the Council's share of the settlement sum and the Council's share of the associated legal costs which have been claimed on behalf of the claimants by their lawyers.
- iii. Delegated authority to the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader of the Council and following advice from the Monitoring Officer and Executive Director of Resources to agree and sign off the detailed terms of the settlement agreement and an apportionment agreement between defendants in the Alternative Dispute Resolution process.

Action by: Chief Executive

## **5 ACQUISITION OF A PROPERTY TO ENABLE ITS USE AS SUPPORTED HOUSING BY HOUSING, SOCIAL INVESTMENT & PROPERTY KD1010525**

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 report proposed the acquisition of Princess Beatrice House, situated in Earl's Court (Redcliffe ward), to be used for Supported Housing for vulnerable residents in housing need.

The Leadership Team welcomed this report and noted that providing supported housing at Princess Beatrice House would: increase supply to meet the demand and needs of vulnerable residents; reduce the need to accommodate them in costly temporary accommodation or housing that is less suitable for their needs; positively affect homelessness prevention; and increase the provision of accessible housing in the borough.

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 exempt (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 – 3.6 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraph 2.1 to 2.3 be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- i. Approved the proposed purchase of Princess Beatrice House from Look Ahead Care & Support Ltd, subject to satisfactory due diligence and the contractual signing of the GLA grant, on the terms and for the amount identified in the exempt (Part B) and to enter into any legal agreements to facilitate the acquisition.
- ii. From the Capital Programme budget, approve the funding for this project identified in the exempt (Part B) appendix to include the amount identified to cover acquisition, fees, immediate repair requirements and post-acquisition feasibility work which will progress the recommended remodelling option through further due-diligence, detailed design, option analysis and narrowing the decisions about the longer-term investment in supported accommodation at this site.
- iii. Delegated approval to the Executive Director of Housing and Social Investment, following consultation with the Lead Member of Property, Parks and Leisure, to agree any appropriate and necessary amendments to the terms stated within this report (including agreement on any renegotiation of the purchase price, providing it does not exceed the current proposed purchase price) to facilitate the acquisition of the Property.

Action by: Executive Director of Housing & Social Investment

## **6. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - NUISANCE VEHICLES KD1010576**

Cllr. Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning and Public Realm, introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision.

The Leadership Team welcomed this report and noted that the renewal of the Council's Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) – Nuisance Vehicles, for a period of three years, would provide an enforcement mechanism to keep the borough's neighbourhoods peaceful and safe from noisy and disruptive driving.

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

The Leadership Team:

- i. Approved the renewal of the Borough-wide PSPO for Nuisance Vehicles ('Vehicle' includes a pedal cycle, which includes a power assisted pedal cycle, or a pedal cycle in combination with a trailer constructed or adapted for carrying one or more passengers), for three years, expiring January 2028, prohibiting the following activities between the hours of 12 noon and 6am:
  - Revving of engine(s) (as to cause a public nuisance)
  - Sudden and/or rapid acceleration (as to cause a public nuisance)
  - Repeated sudden and/or rapid acceleration (as to cause a public nuisance) • Racing by two or more vehicles
  - Performing stunts (as to cause a public nuisance)
  - Sounding horns (as to cause a public nuisance)
  - Playing music from a vehicle (as to cause a public nuisance) • Using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person
  - Causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary, including driving in convoy
- ii. Noted the analysis of stakeholder engagement report (Appendix One) demonstrating overwhelming support for the renewal of the PSPO for Nuisance Vehicles.

**Action by:** Executive Director for Environment and Neighbourhoods

## **7. THE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE LONDON BOROUGHS GRANT SCHEME 2025/26 KD1011056**

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council (Chair), introduced the report, which outlined the background to the proposed decision. She informed Members of the Council's annual contribution to the London Borough Grants Scheme, administered by London Councils through the Leaders' Committee, and noted that this year's contribution would be £110,628.

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

The Leadership Team:

- i. Agreed to the recommendation of the London Councils' Leaders' Committee that the proposed overall level of expenditure for the London Boroughs Grants Scheme of £6.711m in 2025/26 to be shared by the relevant constituent councils.
- ii. Agreed the Council's contribution to the London Boroughs Grants Scheme for 2025/26 of £110,628

**Action by:** Executive Director of Resources

## **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 rephasing 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 4 and 5: Global settlement of claims KD1010917 and Acquisition of a property to enable its use as Supported Housing by Housing, Social Investment & Property KD1010525.

The meeting ended at 7.14pm

Chair

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