

PRESENT

Lead Members

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell (Leader of the Council), Chairman
Cllr. Kim Taylor-Smith (Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Grenfell Recovery, Housing and Property)
Cllr. David Lindsay (Lead Member for Finance and Corporate Services)
Cllr. Will Pascall (Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Environmental Health, Leisure and Residents' Services)
Cllr. Mary Weale (Lead Member for Communities)
Cllr. Emma Will (Lead Member for Family and Children's Services)
Cllr. Charles Williams (Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health)

Officers

Ray Brown (Director of Customer Access)
Helen Farrell (Assistant Director for Looked After Children and Care Leavers)
Anna Geenty (Governance Administrator)
Doug Goldring (Director of Housing Management)
Sue Harris (Executive Director of Environment, Leisure and Residents Services)
Megan Hession (Strategic Head of Performance and Transformation, ELRS)
Paul May (Capital Accountant)
Jacqueline McIntosh (Group Finance Manager)
LeVerne Parker (Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer)
Barry Quirk (Chief Executive)
Annabel Saunders (Interim Director of Commissioning, Children's Services)
Tasnim Shawkat (Director of Law)
Robert Sheppard (Head of Governance Services)
Etiène Steyn (Head of Commissioning, Children's Services)

PART A (PUBLIC) MINUTES

A1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gerard Hargreaves.

A2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That the press and public be excluded on the grounds of the private nature of the matters to be discussed (relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

CAPITAL FUNDING AND CONTRACT AWARD FOR DIGITAL PLATFORM

Leadership Team Members had no questions on the Part B appendix.

No decision was taken in the private part of the meeting and there are no separate Part B (private) minutes.

Following conclusion of the private session, the press and public were readmitted to the meeting room at 6.40pm and the webcast of the proceedings commenced.

A3. MINUTES OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING – BUDGET AND SERVICE PROSPECTS, INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX BASE AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE FORECASTS (Key Decision ref: 05165)

The Leadership Team noted that work was being done to clarify costs following the Grenfell tragedy, but some uncertainty would remain as costs depended on individual cases and on decisions by others regarding the site. Members welcomed the CIPFA review of the Council's reserves.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraph 3.1 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendations at paragraph 2.1- 2.3 be adopted.

Action by: Chris Buss (Director of Finance)

A5. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2018-19 (Key Decision ref: 05166)

The Leadership Team heard that the Council needed to review its processes for considering capital projects to take account of changes to the CIPFA code. This set out the methodology for a more rigorous process, addressing technical aspects of evaluation, which would improve consistency across the authority.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraph 3.1 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1(i)-(ii) be adopted.

Action by: Chris Buss (Director of Finance)

A6. LOCAL DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEME FOR 2017-18 (Key Decision ref: KD05179)

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraph 3.1 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendation at paragraph 2.1 be adopted.

Action by: Ray Brown (Director of Customer Access)

A7. COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA'S CARE LEAVERS (Key Decision ref: KD05176)

The Leadership Team welcomed the practical support that this exemption would provide for Care Leavers in the first years of independence.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraphs 3.1 – 3.8 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendation at paragraph 2 be adopted.

Action by: Ray Brown (Director of Customer Access)

A8. BI-BOROUGH PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICE RE-PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS (Key Decision ref: KD05146)

The Leadership Team noted the extensive, multi-channelled consultation that had taken place in relation to the service and the support of the parent representatives for this approach. They further noted that lessons had been learnt from the previous procurement for the service and that best practice was enshrined in the new contract arrangements.

In response to questions, officers explained the key role of the Travel Care and Support Team (TCST) in managing quality assurance.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraphs 3.1 – 3.5 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 be adopted.

*Action by: Annabel Saunders
(Interim Director of Commissioning, Children's Services)*

A9. CAPITAL FUNDING AND CONTRACT AWARD FOR DIGITAL PLATFORM (Key Decision ref: KD05000)

The Leadership Team commented that not everyone wanted to interact online and that their needs should be taken into account.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1 – 3.3 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 - 2.3 be adopted.

Action by: Ray Brown (Director of Customer Access)

A10. FREE PUBLIC WIFI IN PORTOBELLO MARKET (Key Decision ref: KD05182)

The Leadership Team asked questions about the security of the network and the risk to users. Officers responded that that this was a private system which worked well in Edinburgh. Only Wi-Fi was involved at this stage and further work would be done before cashless payments were considered.

RESOLVED, on the basis of the reasons set out at paragraphs 3.1-3.3 and elsewhere within the report –

That the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 be adopted.

Action by: Sue Harris (Executive Director of Environment, Leisure and Residents Services)

A11. THE DECISION OF THE KCTMO TO HAND BACK HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THE COUNCIL

Doug Goldring introduced the report. He outlined the KCTMO's decision to hand back housing management services to the Council and explained that the Council had no option but to agree, in order to ensure continuity of services. However, the KCTMO's proposed handover date of 31 January 2018 was not feasible. Discussions on timing and issues raised would continue and a further report would be brought to the Leadership Team at its meeting on 6 February.

The report was received and noted.

A12. ANY OTHER ORAL OR WRITTEN ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

No further matters were considered under the public or private parts of the agenda.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Chairman