

## **PRESENT**

### **Members of the Committee**

### **Members of the Cabinet**

Councillor Merrick Cockell - Leader (Chairman)

Councillor Daniel Moylan, Deputy Leader, Planning Policy, Housing Policy and Transportation

Councillor Fiona Buxton - Housing Services, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Environmental Health

Councillor David Campion, B.A. (Arch.), Dip.T.P., F.R.I.B.A., M.B.C.S. - Corporate Services

Councillor Thomas Fairhead - Finance and Property

Councillor Warwick Lightfoot - Community Safety

Councillor Nicholas Paget-Brown - Regeneration, Environmental Management and Leisure

Councillor Shireen Ritchie - Family and Children's Services

Councillor Paul Warrick - Service Improvement

### **Others in Attendance**

Councillor Christopher Buckmaster, Chairman of the OSC on Health

Councillor John Corbet-Singleton, Lead Member

Councillor Dr Iain Hanham, Lead Member

Councillor David Lindsay, Lead Member

## **PART A (PUBLIC) MINUTES**

### **A1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Taylor (Lead Member).

### **A2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992**

There were none.

### **A3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2007**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **A4 BUDGET MONITORING 2006/07 - FOURTH QUARTER**

This was the final budget monitoring report for 2006/07 reporting the position up to the end of February. With regard to the Annual Efficiency Statement, it also reported information on progress made in 2006/07 to deliver planned cashable efficiency savings, together with the Forward Look Statement for 2007/08.

Councillor Fairhead commended officers for the extent and quality of work carried out by Business Groups to bring their budgets into line without any detrimental effect to services provided to the borough's residents.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

*Action by: EDFISP*

#### **A5 CHOOSING GOOD HEALTH - TOGETHER**

This report, which presented a draft of the public health and well being strategy for Kensington and Chelsea, sought Cabinet's comments prior to its adoption under key decision by the Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Environmental Health and approval by the Primary Care Trust.

Councillor Buxton introduced the strategy, outlining the joint working between the Council and the PCT to redress the imbalance in life expectancy across the borough and to address the wider agenda in achieving good public health.

Councillor Paget-Brown expressed concern that some GPs were unaware of the provision of cardiac rehabilitation specialists at the Kensington Leisure Centre. Members noted that the priority team would be analysing the scheme and this gap would be addressed in the activity section of the action plan.

Councillor Fairhead stated that he would have preferred to see local rather than national data in the section relating to alcohol and drugs. The strategy also omitted reference to the enormous amount of preventative work carried out in the borough against the misuse of alcohol and drugs and he would have liked to have seen a greater link between community safety and health.

Members discussed the disparity in life expectancy between residents in the north and the south of the borough and Councillor Fairhead was particularly interested to see a comparison of the medical priority need necessary for tenants to be eligible for rehousing, against improvements in their condition once they were rehoused.

Councillor Moylan commented on the lack of illustrative costs to demonstrate the effectiveness of the programmes outlined in the strategy and officers undertook to provide some data in the appendix.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the strategy be approved for adoption by the Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Environmental Health, taking into account the comments above; and
- (ii) that the appendix to the strategy include illustrative costs to demonstrate the effectiveness of the programmes outlined within it.

*Action by: DEH*

#### **A6 ROYAL BOROUGH REVIEW FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS - FINAL REPORT AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

This report advised Cabinet of the work carried out under the Royal Borough Review of Environmental Health and Trading Standards and presented a Service Improvement Plan.

Councillor Buxton introduced the report, outlining the savings it produced and the very positive consultation responses received throughout.

Cabinet considered a tabled submission from Unison together with Councillor Buxton's response.

Members raised concerns with the way that the review had been conducted as the final report had not been written from a zero base with a range of options for Members to consider. As a consequence, the review did not outline the reasons justifying the high cost of the service and would not remove criticism that the service was expensive.

Councillor Paget-Brown sought more information about the charges levied by other authorities and suggested that a mini business plan on income generation could be added.

RESOLVED -

That the review be redrafted to include a menu of options and referred back to Cabinet for comments.

*Action by: DEH*

#### **A7 REPORT BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON CABINET AND CORPORATE SERVICES - CORPORATE GRANTS**

This report sought an in-principle agreement to longer-term funding for some voluntary organisations.

RESOLVED -

That approval be granted in-principle to the awarding of longer-term grants to voluntary organisations where there is a case for doing so.

**Action by: DSSI**

## **A8 DISPOSAL OF CHELSEA CREEK**

This report and the exempt appendix sought Cabinet approval to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in part of the tidal part of Chelsea Creek on the terms that have been provisionally agreed.

Cabinet considered a tabled letter from solicitors representing Lady Berkeley, objecting to the proposed disposal.

Lady Berkeley and Mr Gall addressed the meeting and outlined the reasons for their objection to the proposed disposal and requesting a deferral of any decision to the next meeting, to allow for further consultation.

The Director of Law and Administration informed Members that as Chelsea Creek was not an open space, the Council was under no legal obligation to consult or advertise its intention to dispose of the Creek. The disposal would not affect any navigation rights and there would therefore be no detriment to the public as a result of its disposal. Members were in a position to make a decision on the disposal at this meeting, if they so wished.

Members noted that a pre-existing agreement binding the existing owners was in place and that mooring rights would rest with the owners. Members considered the operation of the bridge and were advised that any variation to the shape of the bridge would be a matter of a planning application.

As it was necessary to consider the information set out in the exempt appendix, Cabinet agreed to move the resolution to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the discussion.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the press and public be excluded from this discussion by virtue of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information); and
- (ii) that the recommendation to approve the sale of the Council's freehold interest in Chelsea Creek be not agreed on the grounds that this was not the appropriate time to make this decision.

**Action by: EDFISP**

**A9 FUNDING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SYSTEM**

This report sought approval to complete the project to develop an electronic social care recording system for Family and Children's Services.

RESOLVED -

That work proceed to complete the in-house development of the Integrated Children's System for Family Services, estimated to cost £750,000 and that the continued development of the Integrated Children's System be funded by accepting the additional specific grant of £140,000 and by assigning £300,000 of unallocated government grants to the project budget.

*Action by: EDFCS*

**A10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no further matters requiring the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.43pm

**CHAIRMAN**