

## UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET

MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2020

<b>Chair</b>	Mayor Phillip Glanville in the Chair
<b>Councillors Present:</b>	<p>Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for education, young people and children's social care</p> <p>Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Finance, housing needs and supply</p> <p>Cllr Jon Burke, Energy, waste, transport and public realm</p> <p>Cllr Chris Kennedy, Health, adult social care and leisure</p> <p>Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Housing services</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Woodley, Families, early years and play</p> <p>Cllr Carole Williams, Employment, skills and Human Resources</p> <p><b>Mayoral Advisors:</b> Cllr Yvonne Maxwell, Older people</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Cllr Guy Nicholson, Planning, culture and inclusive economy</p> <p>Cllr Sem Moema, Private renting and housing affordability</p>
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	<p>Tim Shields – Chief Executive</p> <p>Ian Williams - Finance &amp; Resources Group Director,</p> <p>Ajman Ali - Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing Group Director,</p> <p>Dawn Carter Mcdonald– Director of Law and Governance</p> <p>Jessica Feeney – Governance Services Officer – Legal &amp; Governance</p>

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Nicolson

**NOTED**

**2 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**NOTED**

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Members to declare as appropriate**

All Cabinet Members declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 10, due to having worked with or currently working with voluntary organisations.

**NOTED**

**4 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN PRIVATE, ANY REPRESENTATION RECEIVED AND THE RESPONSE TO ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS**

There were no representations.

**NOTED**

**5. TO CONSIDER ANY DEPUTATIONS, QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS REFERRED TO THE CABINET BY THE COUNCIL'S MONITORING OFFICER**

There were none received.

**6. 2020/21 Overall Financial Position, Property Disposals And Acquisitions Report That Take Account of the Estimated Financial Impact of Covid19 and the On-going Emergency - Key Decision No. FCR R.19**

Deputy Mayor Rennison introduced the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Cabinet noted the update on the overall financial position for October, with particular regard to the cyberattack.**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

To facilitate financial management and control of the Council's finances

### **7. CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT KEY DECISION NO - FRC R20**

The Mayor introduced the report.

Councillor Burke thanked all of the Cabinet Members and Officers who had worked hard on this piece of work, he highlighted that the investments leave a fantastic legacy and demonstrate Hackney Council's clear commitments to the future.

Councillor Woodley highlighted that she was happy with the investment that had been agreed for the Adventure Playground, and that the workers at the Adventure Playground were also really pleased that the work they had put in had been recognised with a gesture like this.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Woodley for her hard work on this.

Deputy Mayor Bramble supported what her colleagues had said, she added that area was really appreciated by its users.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the schemes for Children, Adults and Community Health as set out in section 9.2 be were approved as follows:**

- I. Lifecycle Early Failure (Reactive Works): Spend approval of £250k in 2020/21 is requested to increase the existing budget to fund the additional reactive works and remedial works across 9 schools in the borough.**
- II. Shoreditch Adventure Playground and Play Hut: Resource and spend approval of £350k (£9k in 2020/21 and £341k in 2021/22) is requested for refurbishment works to the adventure playground and play hut.**

**That the schemes for Finance and Corporate Resources as set out in section 9.3 be were approved as follows:**

- III. 2 Hillman Street Compliance Works: Spend approval of £150k in 2020/21 is requested to fund the compliance works to the site following the passive fire protection (PFP) and fire door (FD) survey commissioned in May 2019.**

**That the schemes for Neighbourhoods and Housing (Non) as set out in section 9.4 be were approved as follows:**

- IV. **Essential Maintenance to Leisure Centres: Spend approval of £900k (£300k in 2020/21 and £600k in 2021/22) is requested for urgent works to two facilities at Clissold Leisure Centre. The replacement of the wet side floor tiles and replacement of the sports hall floor.**
- V. **That the Section 20 consultation process with leaseholders is waived for the Seaton Point project (section 9.5), in favour of claiming the cost of EWI works apportioned to leasehold properties from the Government's Building Safety Fund.**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

The decisions required are necessary in order that the schemes within the Council's approved Capital programme can be delivered as set out in this report.

In most cases, resources have already been allocated to the schemes as part of the budget setting exercise but spending approval is required in order for the scheme to proceed. Where however resources have not previously been allocated, resource approval is requested in this report.

## **8 Abandoned, Untaxed and Obstructive Parking Vehicle Policies- Key Decision No. NH Q47**

Councillor Burke introduced the report to members.

### **RESOLVED:**

- I. **That the Cabinet Approved the proposed untaxed vehicle policy set out in appendix one and summarised in section 4.4 of this report. 3.1.2. The proposed parking removals policy set out in appendix two and summarised in section 4.5 of this report. 3.1.3. The proposed abandoned vehicle policy as set out in appendix three and summarised in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.13 of this report.**
- II. **The Cabinet delegated the authority to the Director of Public Realm and Head of Parking and Markets/Street Trading Service to amend the policies listed in 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 to accommodate new challenges that may arise in future and incorporate any changes to legislation in line with the objectives set out in this report.**

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

Abandoned vehicle removal and disposal is a statutory duty of local authorities. Hackney Council has been given devolved powers from the DVLA and is

responsible for dealing with untaxed vehicles in the borough. Computer network links between the DVLA and local authorities have made it easier to trace vehicle owners and registered keepers of vehicles. By removing abandoned and untaxed vehicles, the borough's streets will look less neglected, are less likely to attract other anti-social behaviour and crime as well as providing a safer environment for the whole community as these vehicles will be removed. The Parking Removal Policy will help to ensure that parking spaces are available to residents, visitors and businesses - this will prevent unauthorised parking and dealing with other abuses such as blue badge fraud and cloned vehicles.

## **9. Ageing Well Strategy - Key Decision No. CE R31**

Councillor Maxwell introduced the report.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Maxwell and Officers for all the hard work which had been carried out.

### **RESOLVED:**

#### **That the Cabinet:**

- I. Adopts the Ageing Well Strategy 2020-2025**
- II. Supports an application to be made for Hackney to join the World Health Organisation's Global Network for age-friendly cities and communities.**

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

The current administration has made a commitment to: develop a new Older People's Strategy, through a process led by older people, ensuring they have a central place in shaping all Council services and the wider priorities of the Council. Prior to this commitment, the Council was set to develop an older people's housing strategy in 2017 and initial consultation and engagement work was undertaken with residents. Feedback from these sessions made it clear that housing could not be considered in isolation from other factors that also impact on a person's quality of life; for instance their health, wellbeing, their sense of independence, how they come to find out about services, how safe they feel both at home and outside and how they feel included and supported in society. With an increasing ageing population, the Council needed to consider how it would meet the needs of this group and how to support residents to live longer in better health and wellbeing. The Council wanted to promote as much independence, dignity and participation, to remove barriers that older people experience but also enable opportunities and conditions in which older people can flourish in Hackney. Part of this aim was to also ensure that older people

themselves are involved in decision making processes around this and that we recognise the important and asset-based contributions that this population make. In an effort to include residents who might not necessarily identify as 'older', and because a preventative approach to active ageing is important, in consultation with the lead cabinet member at the time, the strategy was renamed to 'ageing well'.

**10 A Place for Everyone Hackney Voluntary and Community Sector Grants - Key Decision No. CE R28**

Councillor Kennedy introduced the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Cabinet:**

- I. Agreed that £485,000 (including £93,000 carry forward of 2020/21 repurposed grants) of the Council's grant budget be used to support grants that will be responsive to the needs of communities as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 and that final decisions are delegated to the Strategic Director of Inclusive Economy, Corporate Policy and NewHomes in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure.**
- II. Agreed that £225,000 of the available grant programme budget should be made available in 2021/22 towards the implementation of the priorities for investment as outlined in the VCS Strategy following the review of grants.**
- III. Agreed in principle approval for a second year of funding for some organisations receiving a Main Grant 2021/22, as set out in Appendix**
- IV. Approved the extension of the Specialist Grants and Advice Service Grants for one year both of which will form part of the wider review of the Council's grant programme**
- V. Agreed that as in previous years £262,333 of the grant budget be used to support the commissioning of Adventure Playgrounds in 2021/22**
- VI. Agreed to contribute to the London Council's Grant Scheme administered by London Councils**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The Council was fortunate to have an uncommitted grant budget available to repurpose this year as the needs created by the crisis have placed a considerable additional burden on a sector that was already challenged by years of austerity. However the impact of this resource and other external funding was amplified by the ability of the sector to respond and pivot activity to meet these needs. Playgrounds) Social Welfare Advice Grants £780,328 2nd year of two-year Main Grants £417,175

Funding remains stretched and organisations are reporting that they have exhausted existing budgets or are facing a cliff edge in March when grant periods end. We also know that some organisations' trustees responded to the crisis by using reserves, seeing no alternative to meeting very immediate and pressing needs. Organisations are also reporting fatigue amongst staff and volunteers, especially those involved in the supporting residents that have been made particularly vulnerable by the crisis.

Hackney's communities are facing challenges that are both very immediate and pressing as well as those that are likely to impact longer term as a result of the pandemic. The Council therefore needs to ensure that the grants budget is prioritised to support organisations that can meet the short term needs of very vulnerable residents whilst investing in organisations that will have a critical role in supporting those residents longer term. It is intended therefore to combine an approach next year that ensures funding reaches those organisations that can respond to the crisis whilst developing longer term solutions through the implementation of an approach outlined in the VCS Strategy which ensures investment provides the community infrastructure for our residents to thrive.

#### **11. Appointments to Outside Bodies**

There were none

#### **12. Any Other Unrestricted Business the Chair Considers To Be Urgent**

There were none

#### **13. Dates Of Future Meetings - Meetings of the Cabinet commencing at 6.00pm for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2020/21 as follows:**

**25 January 2021**  
**22 February 2021**  
**22 March 2021**  
**26 April 2021**

The Cabinet Noted The Dates for future meetings

#### **14. Exclusion Of The Public & Press**

The Cabinet did not wish to discuss the exempt appendices, therefore the Cabinet did not move into an exempt session.

**Monday, 14 December 2020**

**End of Meeting**

**Duration of the meeting:** 18:00HRS – 18:45HRS

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