

**RENEWAL AND RECREATION
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 24 January 2018

Present:

Councillor Michael Rutherford (Chairman)
Councillor Julian Benington (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Nicholas Bennett J.P., Alan Collins,
Robert Evans, Alexa Michael, Sarah Phillips, Teresa Te
and Michael Tickner

Also Present:

Councillor Peter Morgan, Councillor Hannah Gray and
Councillor William Huntington-Thresher

**42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF
 SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Vanessa Allen, Councillor Douglas Auld (who was replaced by Councillor Robert Evans), Councillor Michael Tickner (who was replaced by Councillor Alan Collins) and Nicolas Weaks. Councillor Sarah Phillips apologised for her late arrival.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nicholas Bennett declared that he was a member of the Mytime Board and an annual season ticket holder.

Councillor Alexa Michael declared that she was an annual season ticket holder with Mytime.

Councillor Robert Evans declared that he was a member of the Mytime Board.

**44 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE
 PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MEETING**

One question for written reply had been received from Councillor Simon Fawthrop – the question and reply are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

**45 MINUTES OF THE RENEWAL AND RECREATION PDS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2017**

It was noted that in minute 33 it was stated that the market operators would be invited to the next meeting of the Committee. Officers advised that it would be more appropriate for them to attend the meeting in March.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**46 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER
2017/18**
Report FSD18006

On 6 December 2017, the Executive received the 2nd quarterly capital monitoring report for 2017/18 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

Members also considered changes agreed by the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio.

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder be recommended to confirm the changes agreed by the Executive on 6 December 2017.

47 DRAFT 2018/19 BUDGET
Report FSD18009

The report outlined the Portfolio Holder's draft 2017/18 Budget incorporating the full year effect of savings agreed as part of the 2017/18 Council Tax report and any further savings approved during the year which had resulted in reductions in the Council's medium term 'budget gap'. Members were requested to consider the initial draft budget savings proposed and identify any further action that might be taken to reduce cost pressures facing the next four years.

The Executive had requested each PDS Committee to consider the proposed initial draft budget savings and cost pressures for their Portfolio and for comments to be submitted to the Executive meeting on 7th February.

Members noted there were still outstanding issues and areas of uncertainty. Any further updates would be included in the 2018/19 Council Tax report to be considered by Members of the Executive in February.

It was noted that savings would be achieved over the term of the GLL libraries contract, but the same number of books would still be purchased by the Library Service each year. GLL were able to procure the same number of books for slightly less cost than the Council. There was also investment in new PCs and other IT infrastructure for the libraries.

Councillor Robert Evans requested details of the contracts referred to in the table at paragraph 6.1 of the report “Savings from recommissioning/retendering of various contracts.”

The report (paragraph 7.5) advised Members of a risk in not collecting the full amount of CIL contributions, 96% of which were passed on to the Mayor of London to support the Crossrail project. A range of measures had been agreed to address this, and officers confirmed that the Mayor could not demand that any shortfall be paid by the Council even if the money was not received. Officers agreed to inform Members of the sums involved.

The Committee noted that planning fees were set nationally, including the provisions for free applications after a refusal, and had just gone up by 20% after a gap of several years. However, the money received was ring-fenced to planning.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The update on the financial forecast for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted;**
- (2) The initial draft 2018/19 Budget be used as a basis for setting the 2018/19 Budget; and**
- (3) Member comments on the initial draft 2018/19 Budget be made available to the meeting of the Executive on 7 February 2018.**

**48 CONTRACT REGISTER
Report DRR18/004**

Consideration was given to the current status of all Renewal and Recreation Portfolio contracts with a Total Contract Value greater than £50k. A more detailed Contracts Register containing additional, potentially commercially sensitive information on each contract, was considered under Part 2 of the published agenda.

Members questioned why the Idox contract was flagged in the Register. It was confirmed that this was a maintenance contract renewed on an annual basis, and a review of the contract was being carried out.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the Contracts Register for all Renewal and Recreation Portfolio contracts with a Total Contract Value greater than £50k be noted; and**
- (2) the Part 2 Contract Register, containing additional, potentially commercially sensitive information be noted.**

49 BROMLEY MARKET REORGANISATION AND OPERATION
Report DRR18/006

In March 2017, the Executive had approved the designs and costings for the next phase of the Bromley Town Centre improvement and plans to reorganise, rebrand and relocate the existing market as part of those improvement works. In November 2017, the Executive agreed funding for capital costs in regard to the original kiosk and pop-up stall design.

In November 2017, the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee agreed that the Bromley Market Consultative Panel should be further engaged to feed into the market redesign.

This report provided Members with an update on progress achieved following feedback from the market traders and outlined alternative costed options together with a recommendation on the revised number of stalls and semi-permanent kiosks. Quarterbridge had been commissioned to develop the Bromley Market brand and set up a new website. The existing traders would be able to use the new kiosks; eleven expressions of interest had been received for the permanent kiosks, but there had been only four firm commitments. Careful thought would need to be given to the positioning of food stalls in view of the potential impact on other retailers.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had spoken to a number of the traders and they considered that the Council's consultation was more effective.

A Member suggested that some form of decorative metal archway/entrance feature should be considered for the Market. Another Member asked whether there had been any consultation with blind and partially sighted groups. Officers confirmed that they had been consulted by the Design Team; the design was intended to remove clutter and provide a well-defined line of kiosks, a clear fire path and easy access to the shops.

There was not yet a firm date for the completion of the project, but Members suggested that a formal opening by the Mayor should be arranged.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and Members' comments be made available to a meeting of the Executive on 7 February 2018, including the Committee's support for Option C.

50 TOWN CENTRES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE
Report DRR18/005

Members considered the progress achieved in delivering the Town Centres Development and Growth Programme.

Regarding the Beckenham Town Centre Public Realm Improvements, it was noted that a section of the High Street was still not opened and buses were still diverted. This had been discussed the previous week at the Beckenham

Town Centre Working Group. Officers confirmed that re-opening of the road was under active consideration. Members were pleased with the quality of the many designs submitted in the architectural competition for the Beckenham Green Canopy.

The Portfolio Holder reported that he understood that the new development at Bromley South was now expected to open in June.

A planning application had been received for 6-10 Sherman Road next to Bromley North Station, part of Site A. The scheme involved a 23 storey tower.

Cushman and Wakefield, the Council's real estate advisors, had been commissioned to prepare a review of development opportunities in Orpington Town Centre. A report was due to come to the Committee's next meeting, in March. Councillor William Huntington-Thresher, ward Councillor for Orpington, proposed that the review be developed into a supplementary planning document and urged that the Council should be proactive in pursuing a vision for Orpington.

Councillor Nicholas Bennett proposed that a working group be set up by the Committee in the new Council year to drive improvement in West Wickham, the borough's fourth largest town centre. He acknowledged that an improvement scheme for the junction of Red Lodge Road, Station Road, Beckenham Road and Ravenswood Crescent was planned, and that a report on the future of the Leisure Centre and Library was due to be completed on March. Officers reported that proposals for a Business Improvement District (BID) for West Wickham would be considered, subject to resources being agreed to support this work. Councillor William Huntington-Thresher commented that TfL funding was being reduced, though there might be opportunities for funding through the new Liveable Neighbourhoods Scheme.

The Committee noted the Victoria Cross commemorative ceremony for Lieutenant Commander Geoffrey S White at Bromley War Memorial, St Martin's Hill, on 29th January. Some Members commented that they were not aware of any publicity for this event; officers stated that there had been a press release, and the Committee requested that details of the event be circulated to all Members.

Councillor Hannah Gray, Renewal and Recreation Executive Assistant, updated the Committee on her work to improve broadband internet provision across the borough. She intended to provide a more detailed report to the Committee in due course, and she hoped to be able to examine 5G in time. The Mayor of London had established a Night Time Commission to provide him with independent advice on the night time economy in London (meaning all activities across the whole of London between 6pm and 6am.) The Commission was carrying out a consultation to gather evidence and views on six questions related to the night time economy. The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Safety was intending to provide a response from Bromley. The Committee was concerned that the response should not just be about crime and anti-social behaviour, and officers undertook to ensure that

the response addressed positive aspects of the night time economy such as employment and entertainment.

RESOLVED that the progress on the delivery of the Town Centres Development and Growth Programme be noted.

51 PRIVATE SECTOR TALL BUILDINGS UPDATE
Report ES18015

Members were provided with an update on progress achieved with regard to private sector tall buildings cladding and safety. In accordance with DCLG guidance issued to local authorities following the Grenfell Tower fire, the Council had contacted the owners of the 13 tall buildings (over 18m in height) identified in Bromley which might have Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding. Officers reported that the owners of two of these buildings had still not responded to repeated letters. Although the primary responsibility for these buildings lay with the owners and managing agents the Council did have some enforcement powers to intervene under the Housing Act 2004 where problems were identified. The Fire Brigade also had some powers on safety in communal areas and was being contacted.

Members were concerned that the Council should be more proactive; more should be done to contact the owners of the two outstanding buildings, including phoning the owners at senior levels and acting jointly with the Fire Brigade. It was also suggested that more urgent action should be taken to research the Council's microfiche records of the refurbishment of the building in one case, and to contact the private inspector responsible for building control approvals in the other. Members requested an update within two weeks, with the Leader and Chief Executive also being informed of progress at that time.

RESOLVED that

(1) The progress achieved with regard to Private Sector Tall Buildings cladding and safety be noted.

(2) Committee members be informed of progress in contacting the owners of the two outstanding buildings within two weeks.

52 RENEWAL AND RECREATION PDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (FEBRUARY-APRIL 2018)
Report CSD18019

Members reviewed the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee Work Programme for the period February-April 2018.

Officers reported that the report on Chipperfield Road would be delayed until the Inspector's report on the new Local Plan was published. However, the report on options for West Wickham Leisure Centre was intended to be available for the March meeting (now 27th March.) There would also be a

report on the proposed granting of a long lease to Bromley and Blackheath Harriers for the Norman Park Athletic Track.

It was now proposed that the visit to Crystal Palace Park would take place early in the new Council year. Members suggested asking whether the Crystal Palace Museum could be opened to coincide with the visit.

RESOLVED that the Renewal and Recreation PDS Work Programme for the period February-April 2018 be noted.

53 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006, AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

RESOLVED that the Press and public be excluded during consideration of the items of business listed below as it was likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the Press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

**The following summaries
refer to matters
involving exempt information**

54 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE RENEWAL AND RECREATION PDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

55 CONTRACT REGISTER - PART 2

Members considered Part 2 (Exempt Information) relating to Agenda Item 9 (Report DRR18/004). The Contract Register appended to the report contained additional and potentially commercially sensitive information in its commentary.

RESOLVED that the Contract Register containing additional, potentially commercially sensitive information in its commentary, be noted.

The Meeting ended at 8.35 pm

Chairman

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RENEWAL AND RECREATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 JANUARY 2018

WRITTEN QUESTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON FAWTHROP

Can a list of daily newspapers provided to all Bromley's Libraries be presented (by Library) and the daily/annual cost of providing these newspapers. For last year 2017 and for next year 2018.

i.e in tabular format (the information I have included is an example not actual)

2017

Library	Papers provided	Daily cost	Annual cost	Supplier
Orpington	Times	£1.00	£318.00	WH Smith
Orpington	Financial Times	£1.00	£318.00	WH Smith
Orpington	Independent	£1.00	£318.00	WH Smith

2018

Library	Papers provided	Daily cost	Annual cost	Supplier
Orpington	Times	£2.00	£636.00	WH Smith
Orpington	Financial Times	£2.00	£636.00	WH Smith
Orpington	Independent	£2.00	£636.00	WH Smith

Can we also be advised of the newspaper supplier please and whether there has been an increase or decrease in the cost of supply from last year to this.

Portfolio Holder's Response

On the 1st November 2017 Bromley Library Service transferred to the management of GLL. GLL took this opportunity to review the newspaper and periodical orders for each branch that currently existed. I can confirm that GLL has decided to continue with the exact number of orders per branch.

GLL takes pride in listening to residents, and will purchase new periodical titles if demand is there, to meet the needs of our ever changing communities.

As part of the review we looked at the processing and business side. We found that staff locally were having to spend large amounts of time processing and invoicing for a multitude of newsagents. This was time consuming, in some cases challenging, and took staff away from frontline operations.

In other GLL Library Partnerships we use one company (Z News) to supply and deliver newspapers and periodicals to the branches. This alleviates time consuming administration tasks, simplifies billing, as its one monthly invoice and places staff back on the frontline. Alleviating these issues is particularly helpful to community branches who often run on smaller teams.

As a result of the review GLL now uses Z News to supply and deliver newspapers and periodicals to all fourteen Bromley libraries.

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Bromley Central	BR1 1EX
	0208 460 9955
Daily Mail	Mon-Sun
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sun
Financial Times	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat
Observer	Sun
Independent	Mon-Sun
Times (Vouchers)	Mon-Sun
Daily Jang	Mon-Sat
Le Figaro	Mon-Sat
Frankfurter Allg.	Mon-Sat
El Pais	Mon-Sat
Croydon Advertiser	Weekly
Parker's Car Price Guide	Monthly
The I	Mon-Sat

Burnt Ash	BR1 5AF
	0208 460 3405
Daily Mail	Mon, Thu, Sat
Guardian	Mon, Thu, Sat

Beckenham	BR3 4PE
	0208 650 7292
Times (Vouchers)	Mon-Sun
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sat
Financial Times	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat

Biggin Hill	TN16 3LB
	01959 574468
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sat
Daily Mail	Mon-Sat
Sunday Times	Sun
Sevenoaks Chronicle	weekly
Croydon Advertiser	weekly
Match	weekly
The Guardian (New)	Mon-Sat

Chislehurst	BR7 6DA
	0208 467 1318
Guardian	Mon-Sat (not Wed)
The I	Mon-Sat (not Wed)
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sat (not Wed)
Financial Times	Sat

Hayes	BR2 7LH
	0208 462 2445
Daily Telegraph	Tue, Fri, Sat
Guardian	Tue, Fri, Sat
Times	Sun

Mottingham	SE9 4QZ
	0208 857 5406
DailyTelegraph	Mon-Sun

Orpington	BR6 0TW
	01689 831551
Observer	Sun
Times	Mon-Sat
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat
Financial Times	Mon-Sat
Kent Messenger	Weekly

Penge	SE20 7JK
	0208 313 4036
Daily Mail	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat
Observer	Sun

Petts Wood BR5 1BP	BR5 1BP
	01689 821607
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Fri
Times	Mon-Sat
Financial Times	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat

Shortlands	BR2 0JP
	0208 460 9692
Daily Telegraph	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat
Times	Mon, Tue, Fri

Southborough	BR2 8AP
	0208 467 0355
Daily Telegraph	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat
Guardian	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat

St Pauls Cray	BR5 2RW
	0208 300 5454
DailyTelegraph	Mon-Sun
The I (new)	Mon-Sat

West Wickham	BR4 0SH
	0208 777 4139
Daily Telegraph	Mon-Sat
Financial Times	Mon-Sat
Daily Mail	Mon-Sat
Guardian	Mon-Sat