

EXECUTIVE

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2022 starting at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Colin Smith (Chairman)
Councillors Yvonne Bear, Aisha Cuthbert,
Christopher Marlow, Angela Page and Diane Smith

Also Present:

Councillor Simon Fawthrop and Councillor Simon Jeal

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nicholas Bennett and Kate Lymer. Councillor Tony Owen joined the meeting online.

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

46 QUESTIONS

Ten questions from members of the public had been received for written reply. The questions and answers are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

47 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 JUNE AND 15 JULY 2022

The minutes would be considered at the Executive's next scheduled meeting.

48 PROPERTY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO UPDATE (PART 1)

At the request of the Chairman and members of Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee, the report was deferred to the next meeting.

49 HIGH STREETS FOR ALL FUNDING

Report HPR2022/039

The report provided a summary of the successful High Streets for All funding application in order to seek a decision from elected Members.

Members commented on the need for close control of costs and requested a post project evaluation of its outcome.

The report had been scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee at its meeting on 28th July 2022 and the Committee had

supported the recommendations. Members of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee had also been invited to comment.

RESOLVED that

(1) The allocation of High Streets for All Challenge grant funding totalling £140k be approved, noting that this would be accepted and expended on the interventions included in the funding application, as set out in paragraph 3.13 of the report.

(2) It is noted that the allocated funding must be spent prior to reimbursement by the Greater London Authority

(3) It is noted that this decision is being put before the Executive in accordance with General Exception Rule 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure rules for the following reasons:

- (i) The grant award was confirmed on 7 July 2022, therefore it could not be published on the Council's Forward Plan 28 days before the decision is made;**
- (ii) Due to the funding timescales, it would be impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the forward plan and to wait for the next Executive meeting.**

(4) It is noted that in accordance with Rule 15 (b) the Chairman of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee has been informed about the decision 5 clear days prior to the decision. Further to this and not required under Rule 15, Members of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS Committee have been provided with a copy of the report for information and for their comment should they wish to do so.

**50 CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER ISSUES REFERRED FROM
THE EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no additional items referred from Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee.

**51 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 JUNE
AND 15 JULY 2022**

The minutes would be considered at the Executive's next scheduled meeting.

52 PROPERTY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO UPDATE (PART 2)

At the request of the Chairman and members of Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee, the report was deferred to the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 7.08 pm

Chairman