

Agenda Item 3

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CABINET

18 SEPTEMBER 2023

(7.16 pm - 7.28 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Ross Garrod (in the Chair),
Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Councillor Stephen Alambritis,
Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Councillor Brenda Fraser,
Councillor Natasha Irons, Councillor Andrew Judge,
Councillor Sally Kenny and Councillor Peter McCabe

ALSO PRESENT Councillor Edward Foley and Councillor Stephen Mercer

Hannah Doody (Chief Executive), Dan Jones (Executive Director, Environment, Civic Pride & Climate), Jane McSherry (Executive Director of Children, Lifelong Learning and Families), John Morgan (Executive Director, Adult Social Care, Integrated Care and Public Health), Asad Mushtaq (Executive Director of Finance & Digital), Lucy Owen (Executive Director of Housing & Sustainable Development), John Scarborough (Managing Director, South London Legal Partnership) and Amy Dumitrescu (Democracy Services Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Christie.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 July 2023 and 10 August 2023 are agreed as an accurate record.

4 REFERENCE FROM THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL – COMMUNITY TOILETS (Agenda Item 4)

At the invitation of the Chair, Councillor Mercer addressed the meeting and provided an overview of the recommendations within the report. Councillor Mercer spoke on the difficulties for those who need to access public toilets, the importance of maintenance of them and the benefits of a Community Toilet Scheme.

The Cabinet Member for Civic Pride responded, thanking those who had been involved for their interest in the issue. The Cabinet Member had met with Councillor Mercer and it was clear this was a national issue. The Cabinet Member thanked Councillor Mercer for his work on the report and the recommendations within it, noting that some had financial and resource implications and that the Council had

been considering how it played its role in facilitating access to toilets. The Cabinet Member noted that when major developments were being undertaken it should be ensured that toilets were as accessible as possible, noting that she had met recently in relation to the Centre Court shopping centre redevelopment and requested that changing places toilets be installed there. The Cabinet Member advised that the recommendations had been noted.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet noted the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel reference set out in paragraphs 2.7 to 2.23 of the report.

5 PARKING IT SYSTEMS – CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND PARKING PERMIT MANAGEMENT (Agenda Item 5)

The Cabinet Member for Transport presented the report noting that the current contract for two independent systems was terminating in July 2024 having been extended to the maximum period permitted. The report detailed the aim to move to one sole provider for a single web-based system.

RESOLVED:

A. That Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Civic Pride & Climate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, for the award of the Parking IT Systems - Civil Enforcement and Parking Permit Management, to maximise contract mobilisation time.

6 CARERS SERVICES (Agenda Item 6)

The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care presented the report, outlining the cross-departmental procurement process and providing an overview of the recommendations.

In response to questions from the Cabinet, the Cabinet Member advised that there were currently 5500 people providing care in Merton and the Cabinet Member spoke to thank all those who were doing so.

The Leader of the Council echoed the thanks of the Cabinet Member to carers in Merton.

RESOLVED:

A. That Cabinet approved the procurement approach for the provision of Carers Services for adult carers of adults. The contract term is for 5 years (April 2024 to March 2029) with an estimated contract value of £1,700,000. B. That Cabinet approves the procurement approach for the provision of assessment and support packages to meet the specific needs of young carers aged 5 to 18 and their families in Merton on a term of 5 years, (April 2024 up to March 2029), with an estimated total contract value of £375,000. C. That Cabinet approves that authority for the award of contracts and any consequent extension provision be delegated to the Executive Directors of Adult Social Care, Integrated Health and Public Health and Children's,

Lifelong Learning and Families (CLLF) through the Departmental Procurement Groups.

7 FINANCIAL APPROVALS - SEPTEMBER (Agenda Item 7)

The Executive Director for Finance and Digital presented the report noting this had previously been included within the financial monitoring Cabinet reports, however as these were now taken to Cabinet quarterly, this report prevented any delay in the necessary approvals being considered. It was noted that the next financial monitoring report was due to Cabinet in November 2023.

RESOLVED :

A. That Cabinet approved the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below:

	Budget 2023-24	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Narrative
	£	£	£	£	
Finance & Digital					
Clarion CPO	(12,088,650)	1,212,820		1,230,000	Re-profiled in accordance with projected spend £5.8m to 27-28
Children, Lifelong Learning & Families					
West Wimbledon- Capital Maintenance	35,960				Virement from the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
Dundonald - Capital Maintenance	7,720				Virement from the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
Pelham - Capital Maintenance	(8,190)				Virement to the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
Liberty - Immersive Learning Centre	(11,710)				Scheme complete Budget Release back to NCIL
Lonesome - Capital Maintenance	(8,440)				Virement to the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
William Morris - Capital Maintenance	47,360				Virement from the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
Unallocated Primary School - Capital Maintenance	(168,410)				Net Budget Adjustments after Virements
Perseid Lower - Capital Maintenance	94,000				Virement from the Unallocated Maintenance Budget
Environment, Civic Pride & Climate					
On Street Parking - P&D - ANPR Cameras	(150,000)	150,000			Reprofiled in accordance with projected spend
Highways & Footways - Pollards Hill Cy & Active Travel	(200,000)	200,000			This was programmed for Q4 23/24. Walking and Cycling Strategy will complete in Jan: Capital projects to follow on afterwards but expected to be in 2024/25
Parks Investment - Martin Way - Greener, Brighter & Revitalised	93,840				£60k vired from Civic Pride to top up NCIL budget of £23,840
Parks Investment – Abbey Rec	(7,470)				NCIL Budget Transferred to Revenue
Housing & Sustainable Development					
Mitcham Area Regeneration - Pollards Hill Bus Shelter	(300,000)	300,000			Civic Pride Reserves (revenue) allocated to create staff resource to run the project. Capital spend will be later once project has re-established. Re-profile capital (CIL) spend to 2024/25 onwards
Morden Area Regeneration - Crown Creative Knowledge Exchange	80,000				Vired for shop front element of scheme
Borough Regeneration - Shop Front Improvements	(60,000)	(80,000)			Budget reprofiled and vired to Morden Knowledge Exch.

Total	(12,643,990)	1,782,820	0	1,230,000
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B. That the School Capital Maintenance Budget is treated as one budget for financial management, reducing substantially the level of formal approval required for budget virement sign off to provide valuable historic information whilst allowing for effective budget management. This item will also be reported to Council

C. That Cabinet approved transfers from CLLF reserves:

£240,000 to Early Years - ringfenced funding for transforming families' programme.

£247,861 to Early Years - ringfenced funding for transformation hubs.

D. That Cabinet approved the transfer of £162,796.37 of the 'Your Merton' balance currently held in the 'Civic Pride' reserve fund, to be spent by Environment, Civic Pride and Climate department in 2023/24.