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## STREATHAM AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25th April, 2007 at 7.00 pm

### MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Brian Palmer (Chair), Councillor Julian Heather (Vice-Chair), Councillor Clive Bennett, Councillor Sheila Clarke, Councillor Jeremy Clyne, Councillor Roger Giess, Councillor John Kazantzis and Councillor Ashley Lumsden

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mark Bennett, Councillor June Fewtrell, Councillor David Malley and Councillor Daphne Marchant

ALSO PRESENT:

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required by*

1. **MINUTES (07.03.07)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

3. **PUBLIC NOTICE QUESTIONS: (REPORT 440/06-07)**

- **Streatham Leisure Centre**

This question was taken with the next agenda item (Streatham Ice and Leisure Centre).

- **Yellow box monitoring at Eardley Road/Greyhound Lane Junction**

In response to a supplementary question from Mr Peter Lloyd, other members of the public and Councillors the Divisional Director Public

Realm advised:

- He apologised for the congestion but said the changes had been introduced to improve pedestrian access, improve safety and reduce congestion.
- The Council monitored the junction with CCTV as it had a duty to enforce the yellow box and the drivers who did not have a clear exit should not enter the yellow box.
- The traffic lights were commissioned on 22 January and linked up on 5 April.
- Transport for London are responsible for signal design and commissioning.
- There is a review of the scheme coming up and it would be possible to look into having lights on higher poles then.
- The Council is not profiteering but carrying out its duty to enforce the law, if people think they have been wrongly ticketed, they can appeal.

MOVED by Councillor Ashley Lumsden, SECONDED by Councillor Palmer, and:

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

At the three month review of this scheme that officers also be asked to review whether the Penalty Charge Notices issued between the start of the scheme on 25<sup>th</sup> January and the linking of the lights on 5<sup>th</sup> April should be cancelled.

- **Dangerous junction in Mitcham Lane**

In response to a supplementary question from Jonathon Leake, other members of the public and Councillors, the Divisional Director Public Realm advised:

- The green phase for pedestrians is between the 10 and 12 seconds standard followed across London, not 3 seconds.
- It is 10 seconds per road assuming a pedestrian crosses one road each green phase.
- The green phase for pedestrians includes five seconds with the light green and five seconds with it black.
- It is a balance, if one extra second is given to one road user another road user loses a second.

- **Streatham Leisure Centre II (Streatham Area Committee Replacement)**

In response to a supplementary question from Tim Barnsley, other members of the public and Councillors, the Cabinet Member for Housing advised:

- As the answer says there are opportunities for meetings in Streatham in the future with the annual Area Conference and

the Area Call for Action meetings.

- Normally the number of Councillors and officers outnumbers the public at the Area Committee.
- The role of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel will expand to allow the questioning of officers and Councillors on more than Community Safety issues.
- It had been known for some time this was the last Streatham Area Committee.
- Attendance at the Safer Neighbourhood Panel is better and there is better engagement of the community.

Councillor Brian Palmer MOVED and Councillor Ashley Lumsden SECONDED:

To formally request the Cabinet extend the life of Streatham Area Committee as long as necessary and until such time as a more representative body is formulated.

The Chair put the matter to the vote and

For	7
Against	1

RESOLVED:

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- **Provision of arts and cultural facilities as part of development.**

In response to a supplementary question from Patricia Sauer, Chair of the Streatham Arts Festival (which takes place this year from 7 – 15 July), Members and the Town Centre Manager advised:

- The item was included in the Unitary Development Plan but there has been little action on it to date.
- Proposed developers of the Caesars/Megabowl site recognise some reprovision of leisure facilities needed to be incorporated into plans for the site.
- Plans to redevelop Streatham Library include a new floor for arts and community use.

It was MOVED by Councillor Jeremy Clyne and SECONDED by Councillor Ashley Lumsden and:

RESOLVED:

To organise a meeting between Councillors, Officers and Streatham Festival.

- **Streatham Leisure Centre II (Management)**

In response to a supplementary question from Tim Barnsley, other members of the public and Councillors the Head of Service Registrars, Sport and Leisure advised:

- The leisure contractor which took over running the centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, Greenwich Leisure Limited is an Industrial Provident Trust so any profits are invested back into the facilities.
- A variation to the contract has been negotiated to keep the centre open until work starts on the Hub project.
- The meeting on for Streatham Leisure centre users on 8<sup>th</sup> May is at 18:30 and a daytime meeting can be organised after that.
- Advertising the meeting through posters at Streatham Leisure Centre and by mailing everyone who pays by direct debit will be investigated.
- The legacy from the previous contract was one of decline and an uncertain future and the centre now has a Manager.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report

**4. STREATHAM ICE AND LEISURE CENTRE (REPORT 431/06-07 AND APPENDICES)**

The Environment Culture and Community Safety Consultant introduced the report apologising for his late arrival. He took the Area Committee through what had happened over the last couple of months including:

- There was a wide range of bids to build the scheme and this led Tesco to review the scheme.
- Tesco know that Lambeth has a fixed budget of £19.4 million for reprovision of the Leisure Centre and Ice Rink.
- Tesco are keen to get on with the development and now have a project team in place.
- There is one legal matter holding up the exchange of documents and it is hoped it can be resolved very soon.
- The Council's external auditors are working with Tesco on the project.
- The scheme is going to cost Tesco an extra £2 million.
- An extra nine months have been added to the scheme.
- Once a contractor is appointed there will be more information available, such as a monthly newsletter, on a regular basis and a consultation and communication process is being looked at.
- When the Streatham Leisure Centre is closed a fitness facility will remain and alternative options for swimming are being investigated.
- He reaffirmed Tesco's commitment to build the present scheme.

In response to questions from Members and members of the public the Consultant advised:

- It was expected to have specifications and drawings completed by Christmas, contractor appointed by March 2008, start on site as soon afterwards as possible, by May/June 2008 and completion May/June 2010.
- This is one the top two most important sites for Tesco in London.
- The scheme is as was given planning permission and the areas where there are cost discrepancies are known.
- The contractors include Canadians who are the World experts at building ice-rinks.
- There are fewer matters of contention to report to the meeting because since the report was written matters have been resolved.

### Guillotine

At 9.00pm the Guillotine fell and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting be extended for up to a further 30 minutes to conclude the remaining business.

The Consultant continued:

- It is Tesco's responsibility to deliver the matters identified in the Section 106 agreement.
- A number of improvements to the basic scheme have been negotiated over the years and it was intended to keep as much of the improvements in the scheme following the review by Tesco as possible.
- The Council could not afford to operate a 50m<sup>2</sup> pool, especially in competition with one so close at Crystal Palace.
- The m<sup>2</sup> identified for water has been maintained.

### **RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

5. **STREATHAM LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN 2006-7 (REPORT 443/06-07)**

Agenda item 6 refers.

6. **REGENERATION DELIVERY PLAN - STREATHAM (REPORT 444/06-07)**

Agenda item 7 refers.

This item was taken together with agenda item 6.

Councillor Ashley Lumsden MOVED and Councillor Brian Palmer SECONDED and it was:

### **RESOLVED:**

To defer agenda items 6 and 7 to a potential future meeting along with a further consideration on existing operation and future development of Streatham Leisure Centre and Ice Rink, looking further at future public meetings and consultation.

The Future Lambeth Manager asked the Committee Members to make their comments on the Regeneration Delivery Plan known individually by 4th May. A future meeting would be too late for inclusion in the final report.

**7. RECYCLING SERVICES DEVELOPMENT (REPORT 376/06-07)**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report

**8. LIGHTING PFI CORE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (REPORT 441/06-07 AND APPENDICES)**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report

**9. CAPITAL PROGRAMMES EVALUATION (REPORT 442/06-07)**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report

**10. STREATHAM TOWN CENTRE TEAM SERVICE PLAN FOR 2006-2007 UPDATE (REPORT 444/06-07 AND APPENDIX)**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report

The meeting ended at 9.34 pm

CHAIR  
STREATHAM AREA  
COMMITTEE  
Date Not Specified

Date of Despatch: Thursday, 3 May 2007

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