

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 19 April 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on 19 April 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Watts, Burgess, Caluori, Comer-Schwartz, Hull, Shaikh, Ward and Webbe

Also Present: **Councillors:** Klute

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

503 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

504 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

505 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

506 FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2018

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the forecast revenue outturn for the General Fund (Table 1 of the report) of a gross overspend of £4.6m, including corporate items (paragraph 3.1 of the report), be noted.
- 2.2 That any remaining overspend at year-end, after ongoing management actions, will be covered by drawing down from corporate contingency budgets in the first instance (paragraph 3.2 of the report) be noted.
- 2.3 That the breakdown of the forecast General Fund outturn by individual variance at Appendix 1 of the report and by service area at Appendix 2 of the report, be noted.
- 2.4 That the HRA forecast is in a break-even position (Section 5, Table 1 of the report) be noted.
- 2.5 That the latest capital position with forecast capital expenditure of £96.6m in 2017-18 (Section 6, Table 2, and Appendix 3 of the report) be noted.
- 2.6 That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Resources for approving any movements to/from reserves and the financing of the capital

programme at the financial year end (Section 7 of the report) be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow members to monitor the budget.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

507 **AIR QUALITY SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Klute, Chair of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, introduced the report and advised that although it is difficult to prove a direct causal relationship between air pollution and health problems, the Committee have recommended a number of practical actions that would reduce pollution for the Executive's consideration. Although the information became available too late for inclusion in the report, Councillor Klute advised that it has recently been confirmed that 20% of all new car sales are for SUVs and he wondered if the Executive would also consider a surcharge for parking these vehicles, similar to the Diesel Engine Surcharge, because of their high fuel usage.

Councillor Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, thanked Councillor Klute and advised that the proposal to introduce a parking permit surcharge for SUVs would be considered.

Councillor Watts thanked Councillor Klute and the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work.

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee be received.

2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

2.3 That the Executive Member's response report include consideration of applying a parking permit surcharge on SUVs because of their detrimental impact on the environment.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive the recommendations of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

508 **EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNICATIONS SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Watts thanked the Housing Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work.

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the report of the Housing Scrutiny Committee be received.

2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Housing Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive the recommendations of the Housing Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

509 **NEW BUILD PROJECT SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Watts thanked the Housing Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work.

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the report of the Housing Scrutiny Committee be received.

2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Housing Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive the recommendations of the Housing Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

510 **VULNERABLE ADOLESCENTS SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Watts thanked the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for all their hard work on an especially useful review.

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be received.

2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive the recommendations of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

511 **SCRUTINY INTO THAMES WATER'S RESPONSE TO MAINS WATER BURSTS - EXECUTIVE MEMBERS RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the findings of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Review on Thames Water be welcomed.

2.2 That the responses to the recommendations of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny as set out in section 4 of this report be agreed.

- 2.3 That officers report back on progress to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee in one years' time be agreed.
- 2.4 That the responses being taken forward by Thames Water, GLA, TfL, Fire Brigade, OFWAT and the Police, in response to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations a-r, u-y and bb be noted.
- 2.5 That no further progress is currently possible with the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendation z and aa be noted.
- 2.6 That the Executive Member for Transport and Environment will continue to campaign to deliver the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations s and t be noted.
- 2.7 That a Project Board has been set up to drive progress and monitor milestones with respect to Scrutiny Committee's recommendations be noted.

Reason for decision – to agree the Executive's response to the recommendations of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

512 AFFORDABLE WORKSPACE PROVISION - INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the process and criteria for the award of concession contracts to affordable workspace providers of any affordable workspaces that become available in the period up to the end of March 2019, as set out in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5 of the report, be noted.
- 2.2 That the Corporate Director of Resources be authorised to grant under-leases of affordable workspaces to those affordable workspace providers that are awarded concession contracts in respect of those spaces, following consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development, be agreed.

Reason for decision – to help ensure that economic growth benefits the borough's most disadvantaged residents, and that micro and small businesses are supported to remain in the borough and to grow.

Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

513 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY AND CONTRACT AWARD FOR REGULATED PLACEMENTS - FOSTER CARE AND RESIDENTIAL CARE

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the procurement strategy to utilise care services and Care Place for the commissioning of regulated placements for three years, with the potential to extend for a further three years, be agreed.

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- 2.2 That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Children, Employment and Skills Services to approve the award of contracts from the DPS be agreed.

Reason for decision – to ensure service continuity and better value for money.
Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.
Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

514 AFFORDABLE WORKSPACE PROVISION - INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS - EXEMPT APPENDIX

That the information in the exempt appendix to agenda item D10 be noted (see Minute 512 for details).

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.26 pm

CHAIR