

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 15 January 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 January 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Watts, Burgess, Caluori, Convery, Hull, Murray and Webbe

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

80 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Watts advised that Councillor Ismail had resigned as a member of the Executive.

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

83 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

84 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015-16

RESOLVED:

That the following proposed recommendations be included in the Budget Proposals 2015-16 report to Executive on 12 February 2015 and Council on 26 February 2015:

The General Fund Budget 2015-16 and MTFS (Section 3)

- 1.1 That the 2015-16 net Council cash limits as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 3.1.4 of the report) be agreed and the MTFS at Appendix A to the report, which includes the revenue savings in Appendix B to the report, be agreed.
- 1.2. That it be agreed that within the 2015-16 revenue budget, £0.6m to continue to provide a Resident Support Scheme following the cessation of Local Welfare Provision funding by the Government, and that it be noted that we will review expenditure on the Resident Support Scheme in the first three months of 2015-16 and supplement this funding as required from the Housing Benefit Reserve up to the level of the government grant for 2014-15

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that is being cut (£1.44m). (Paragraphs 3.2.5 to 3.2.6 of the report).

- 1.3 That the requirement to report on the number of maintained schools that have completed the Schools Value Financial Standard (SVFS) by 31st March to the Department for Education by 31st May each year (paragraph 3.2.15 of the report) be noted.
- 1.4 That the fees and charges policy and the schedule of 2015-16 fees and charges (paragraph 3.2.16-17 of the report and Appendix C to the report) be agreed.
- 1.5 That the Council's policy on the level of General Fund balances and the estimated use of the Council's earmarked reserves (paragraph 3.2.21-22 and Table 3 of the report) be agreed.

The HRA Budget and MTFS (Section 4)

- 1.6 That the balanced HRA 2015-16 budget within the HRA MTFS at Appendix D1 to the report be agreed.
- 1.7 That the proposed increase in 2015-16 for HRA rents and other fees and charges (paragraphs 4.4 to 4.9, Table 5 of the report and Appendix D2 of the report) be agreed.

The Capital Programme 2015-16 to 2017-18 (Section 5)

- 1.8 That the 2015-16 capital programme be agreed and the provisional programme for 2016-17 to 2017-18, which includes funding for an expanded Phase 2 Bunhill heat and power scheme (funded on the expectation that it will be a priority for planning gain from developments in Bunhill) (paragraph 5.1, Table 6 of the report and Appendix E to the report) be noted.
- 1.9 That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources applies capital resources to fund the capital programme in the most cost-effective way (Paragraph 5.3 of the report) be agreed.
- 1.10 That the schemes that comprise the Capital Allowance pot of eligible affordable housing and regeneration schemes (Paragraph 5.4 of the report and Appendix E to the report) be noted.

Treasury Management Strategy (Section 6)

- 1.11 That the Treasury Management Strategy will initially be considered by Audit Committee on 29th January 2015 and then included for agreement within the final budget report to Executive on 12th February 2015 and Council on 26th February 2015 be noted.

Reason for decision – To enable the Council to set a lawful budget.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

85 **FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2014**

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. That the overall forecast revenue outturn for the General Fund of a £0.7m underspend (paragraph 3.1, Table 1 and Appendix 1 of the report) be noted.
- 1.2. That the HRA is forecast to break-even over the financial year (paragraph 3.1, Table 1 and Appendix 1 of the report) be noted.
- 1.3. That the latest capital position be noted and the slippage over £1m on an individual scheme (Section 6, Paragraph 6.2, Table 2 and Appendix 2 of the report) be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow Councillors to monitor the budget

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

86 **GP APPOINTMENT SYSTEMS - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:

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

Reason for decision – to enable the Executive to respond to the scrutiny committee's recommendations

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

87 **DIESEL SURCHARGE ON PERMITS**

Councillor Watts noted that the members of the Executive had fully considered the contents of an email received today from The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Limited.

RESOLVED:

1. That a surcharge on diesel and heavy oil emission pricing for resident parking permits, as set out in paragraph 3.9 of the report, be introduced with effect from April 2015 be agreed.

2. That exemptions from the surcharge for carers, taxis (black cabs) and trades people, as set out in paragraph 3.13, 3.14 and 3.16 of the report be allowed with effect from April 2015 and until the introduction of the Mayor's Ultra Emission Zone be agreed.

Reason for decision – to reduce harmful emissions

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR UNIVERSAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR A TWO YEAR EXTENSION TO THE SCHOOL NURSING CONTRACT.

RESOLVED:

1. That the procurement strategy for Universal Child Health Services 0-19 be agreed. This strategy recommends the procurement of health visiting and school nursing services together from April 2017.
2. That a two year contract extension be awarded to Whittington Health for the School Nursing Service contract (contract No. WH-sub-1007), as part of this procurement strategy, to allow time to conduct a review of both services and design the new service model, be agreed.
3. That a future pre-procurement strategy report will be presented to the Executive following the health visiting service transfer to the council in October 2015 and once the health visiting and school health reviews are completed be noted. The report will contain further details about the new service model for Universal Child Health Services 0-19, as well as its estimated value, the procurement timetable and the evaluation criteria.

Reason for decision – to ensure that services continue to be delivered during the review of both services and design the new service model

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

89 **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE**

RESOLVED:

That the following awards of contracts for younger people's sexual health services be agreed:

- 1.1 Lot 1 - Core Offer + **Specialism (Targeted and Vulnerable Groups Sexual Health and Relationships Support Service; Brook
- 1.2 Lot 2 - Core Offer + **Specialism (C-Card Coordination PLUS Workforce development); The Brandon Centre
- 1.3 Lot 3 - Core Offer + **Specialism (Clinical Outreach Service); Homerton NHS Trust
- 1.4 That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health for the award of Lot 4.
- 1.5 That the contents of Exempt Appendix A be noted.

Reason for decision – to provide a managed network of sexual health services and achieve better value for money.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

90 **CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF 23 NEW HOMES AND A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE ON IVY HALL, HOLLY PARK ESTATE**

RESOLVED:

To approve the award of a contract to Higgins Construction PLC for the construction of 23 new homes and a new community centre.

Reason for decision – to provide new council homes and a new community centre.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

91

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

RESOLVED:

1. That the procurement strategy, setting out the approach to the transformation of open access sexual health services over the next two years, be agreed.
2. That Islington Council's continued participation in an Alliance of London councils for the purposes of (i) a collaborative commissioning approach to open access Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) services for 2015/16 and 2016/17; and (ii) gaining access to the terms and standards negotiated by other London councils participating in the Alliance with other open access GUM services over that period be agreed.
3. That the council's Procurement Rules be waived in order for Islington Council to contract with the existing local service provider, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL), in 2015/16 and 2016/17 for (i) the provision of open access GUM services, acting as the host local authority on behalf of the councils participating in the Alliance, and (ii) open access Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) community contraceptive services, commissioned jointly with Camden, be agreed.
4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health to approve the contracts with Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust for GUM and SRH services on behalf of the London Borough of Islington for 2015/16 and 2016/17 be agreed.

Reason for decision – to enable joint commissioning of the open access sexual health service

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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PRE-PROCUREMENT APPROVAL: EXTRA CARE SHELTERED HOUSING

RESOLVED:

That the procurement strategy as outlined in the report, to enter into a new contract to provide Extra Care Services, with an option to break or extend the contract every four years, to a maximum of sixteen years, be agreed.

Reason for decision – to secure continuity of care and supply of specialist resources.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

93 **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt information in the appendix to agenda item E9 be noted (see Minute 89 for decision).

94 **CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF 23 NEW HOMES AND A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE ON IVY HALL, HOLLY PARK ESTATE - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt information in the appendix to agenda item E10 be noted (see Minute 90 for decision).

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 pm

CHAIR