



ISLINGTON

# COUNCIL

## 23 February 2017

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# FAIR FUTURES COMMISSION

## PROSPECTUS

Making Islington a great place to grow up

# Foreword



Although I'm currently studying in Leeds and have travelled internationally, for me there is no place like home. I am a born and bred young Londoner. I have grown up here seeing many things – both good and bad – that have affected people I know and the community I live in and love.

For several years, one of the things that has struck me is the public debate on children and young people. Politically and democratically, children and young people get a raw deal. Sometimes they are seen as a problem to fix. Until they are 18 they are not taxpayers yet, cannot vote and have no one to represent democratically what matters to them or what they want for their future. They have to wait to be given a voice through their parents or people that believe in them enough to set up youth councils and other forums. There are conversations on the hard things such as child protection and families in crisis; election essentials such as schools and, if push comes to shove, children's mental health. But I wonder where the holistic funding or policy-related conversation about children and young people is taking place? And if that focused conversation existed, maybe there wouldn't be problems to fix?

The Islington Fair Future Commission is a pioneering approach, and possibly the first of its kind in the UK. I couldn't be prouder knowing Islington has devised this forward-thinking initiative, founded on the basis that prevention is better than cure. I'm delighted to be leading this Commission as its Chair. With my experience of growing up in Inner London, attending Islington Arts and Media School and working in Islington, I can lead my colleagues on the Commission to achieve the outcomes that children, young people and parents deserve.

We have put together some of the best minds - including parents to academics - covering all aspects of society that children and young people interact with and face. To ensure the Commission reflects and represents our community, I'm proud to have young people with a range of experiences on the Commission too, to drive the scope of the conversation: because who better knows what affects young people from all walks of life than young people themselves?.

This Commission is here to give a voice to the voiceless and lend an ear to those who have been crying out for change. Setting up this Commission is the first step in the right direction.

We have an opportunity to reshape the conversation on children, young people and parents, putting their concerns and the barriers they face back onto the agenda. For a fairer future, let's make 2017 the year for Islington's children and young people.



Jermain Jackman  
Chair, Islington Fair Futures Commission  
Winner of 'The Voice' 2014

# Introduction: Why children and young people?



Islington is a fantastic place to grow up, with brilliant parks, museums, sports facilities, and cultural venues right on the doorstep. However, for too many children and young people, growing up in Islington is challenging, and we want to take a radical look at how the council and its partners can help to change that.

We are committed to making the borough a fairer place to live for everyone. That is why in 2017 there will be a focus on all children and young people to help them better reach their full potential. Everyone with an interest in children and young people has a part to play in this Commission to ensure we build resilience in children, young people, their families and the local community.

Already, there are many achievements to shout about in Islington. Despite significant cuts to council funding by the Government, there have been many improvements in outcomes across early years, social care, and we have protected budgets for youth services. The council is making a difference on key areas such as building more genuinely affordable homes, helping local people into work, and providing targeted support for young people that need it most. Local schools continue to improve, with the progress pupils make in Islington's secondary schools amongst the top 20 in the country.

However, for many of the 45,000 young people and 22,000 families who call Islington home, achieving their dreams and enjoying growing up in Islington is far harder than it should be. Unemployment, the cost of living, access to secure affordable housing and health challenges can push opportunities out of reach. Despite the perception that our borough is an affluent place, Islington has some of the highest levels of child poverty in the country. There is no clear geographical demarcation between lower and more affluent areas; and as a consequence richer and poorer people often live parallel lives.

More can and must be done to ensure that all children and young people in Islington get the best start in life. Despite the significant challenges we face from continued cuts to our budgets from central Government, there are still opportunities to drive innovation and positive change if we listen to everybody and use some imagination and creativity. We must work together to reflect and challenge ourselves to unlock these opportunities to benefit children, young people and their families in Islington. **This means re-imagining a child and youth friendly Islington to make it a great place to grow up, learn, work and have fun.**

Creating communities which are great places to grow up in is a collective effort. To spark our effort, the **Islington Fair Futures Commission** will provide independent advice and support by bringing everyone together who shares this vision and wants to make Islington a fairer place for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Caluori', written over a light grey background.

Cllr Joe Caluori  
Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families, Islington Council  
Chair, Islington Children and Families Board

# The Fair Futures Commission

Given the current and future social and economic challenges we face, 2017 is an appropriate time for everyone in Islington to take stock, reflect and focus. The Fair Futures Commission is asked to advise and make recommendations to the Council and its partners regarding **how, as a place, we build a child and youth friendly community** and create the conditions for children and young people to thrive and be at the heart of everything we do – creating the foundations for building their resilience, and fairer futures for every Islington child and young person. This will build on the ambitions set out in the Children and Families Board’s Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy (Figure 1).

Figure 1: 2015/25 Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy

ISLINGTON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BOARD					
2015/25 Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy					
The Children and Families Board will oversee a collective, co-ordinated and concerted shift by all partners away from reactive spending towards <b>early intervention to build resilience</b> that can result in <b>better outcomes, a fairer Islington</b> and <b>improved value for money</b>					
CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES • CATALYST • COMMISSIONER					
<b>Intended Board outcomes</b>	Preventing and minimising risk of problems arising	Co-ordinated interventions to intervene early and nip problems in the bud	Ensure vulnerable children and young people are able to survive and thrive	Family and community environments where children and young people can thrive	
<b>The Board will:</b>	<b>ASSIST</b>	<b>TARGET</b>	<b>ENABLE</b>	<b>SHAPE</b>	
 <b>Aim</b>	Encourage, help and commission partners in places such as early years and youth settings, schools, housing, employment and health services to make prevention a key part of their activity or core business	Commission and promote services and/or support that actively get in early and nip problems in the bud using co-ordinated interventions	Work together to enable vulnerable children and their families (e.g. LAC, disabled children) to overcome challenges they face as they grow up	Support the integration of services around families, and the use of social and physical community assets, to solve whole family issues	
 <b>2015/25 Priorities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving outcomes from conception to 19 through good and outstanding universal services</li> <li>Strengthening our early help support for children and families who have additional needs</li> <li>Supporting our most vulnerable children to be safe and thrive and to be able to overcome the challenges they face as they grow up</li> </ol>				
 <b>The Board's vision:</b>	<b>Children and young people to have the best start in life</b>				
<i>Life course stage</i>	<b>Population outcomes</b>				
	<i>Marmot health and wellbeing outcome</i>	<i>Development outcome by end of life course stage</i>	<i>Resilience factors / Wellbeing outcomes</i>		
<b>Early Childhood</b>	Starting well	Infancy-early childhood-pre-school > <b>school ready</b>	Ready for school; Positive attachments; Healthy babies & young children; Good parental health	<b>Parents and Families</b> Safe, nurturing, stable & supportive families	<b>Community</b> Safe, supportive & prosperous community
<b>The primary years: 6-11</b>	Developing well	School age	Ready for secondary school; Achieve potential; Healthy		
<b>The secondary years: 11-16</b>		Adolescence	Social & emotional capabilities; Achieve potential & ready for further education &/or training; Can assess & manage risk		
<b>Entering adulthood: 16 to early twenties</b>		Young adulthood > <b>life ready</b>	Prepared for independent living; Prepared for parenthood; Can assess & manage risk; Prepared for work		
<b>Channels</b>					
<b>Supporting Principles</b>	Good quality integrated Universal Services • Reducing inequalities • Think Family • From Participation to Co-production • Connecting socially for a stronger community • Innovation and evidence				

We want all children and young people in Islington to start well and develop well. By 2025, Islington should be a place where:

- children and young people can achieve the very best wellbeing outcomes and have the resilience and creativity to thrive;
- parents and carers have the knowledge, skills and confidence to provide the environment in which children can thrive; and
- the community – made up of our residents, businesses, the state, charitable and community organisations - is the economic, physical and social infrastructure which supports children and young people to thrive.

Therefore, the Commission is asked to explore and identify:

- a shared commitment, framework and practical solutions so that everyone - individuals, communities and organisations - can support, play a part and develop their role in making Islington a great place to grow up in, and therefore promoting social and health development in early childhood, the middle years and adolescence/young adulthood.
- how we build on place-based commissioning, investment and collaboration (including with children, young people and parents).
- the partnership or place-based leadership required to realise this vision.

The Commission will seek to understand the characteristics of a child and youth friendly community and how Islington can become a place which achieves this. It will aim to:

- present a compelling case for shaping fairer futures for our children and young people.
- develop a framework to make Islington a great place to grow up in so that children are school-ready and young people are life-ready.
- use this to devise **practical** measures and recommendations to guide strategy and investment decisions for Islington's public, private and social sector organisations.
- stimulate momentum for change amongst Islington's stakeholders and other bodies such as the GLA and central government
- turn stakeholders into leading advocates for the Commission's recommendations and implementation.

Working together as an inquiry team, the Commission will operate for a year. It will gather and collect evidence through a combination of a call for written evidence and interactive sessions. It is envisaged that the sessions will be tailored to suit the wide ranging issues and enable good involvement from everyone including children, young people and parents.

The Commission has chosen three themes to guide its discussions and research: place, power and possibilities.

1. **Place** is about the physical and economic environment. It will look at what children and young people need from their local area in order to thrive. Particular issues include safety, housing, outside space and employment.
2. **Power** focuses on how children, young people and families can shape their lives. There will be a focus on the role of the wider community and different types of networks.
3. **Possibilities** focuses on how we can ensure that children and young people develop the life skills that they need to thrive. This includes preparation for the workplace, independent living and other key transitions in life.

It will not scrutinise, review or evaluate individual services. Where existing change programmes are in train, the Commission will seek to enhance and further their development rather than replicate or delay implementation.

The Commissioners will produce a report with practical recommendations for how Islington can become a great place for children and young people to grow up in.

# The People

## Fair Futures Commissioners

The Board has been fortunate enough to secure a fantastic mix of individuals to enable a practical-thinking, diverse and energetic Commission

Chair: **Jermain Jackman**

Deputy Chair: **Kadeema Woodbryne**

**Dominic Campbell**, Founder of FutureGov

**Cllr Joe Caluori**, Council Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families, Islington Council

**Carlene Firmin**, Senior Research Fellow, University of Bedfordshire

**Dawood Gustave**, Reluctantly Brave

**Dez Holmes**, Director of Research in Practice

**Claire Lemer**, Consultant in General Paediatrics and Service Transformation, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital

**Carmel Littleton**, Corporate Director, Islington Council

**Yvonne Millar**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist / Service Manager, CAMHS Islington

**Margaret O'Brien**, Director of Thomas Coram Research Unit

**Kitty Stewart**, London School of Economics

Islington Community<sup>1</sup>

Young people:

- **Jessica Hall**
- **Kevin Jara Aced**
- **Chloe Olden**
- Islington Youth Councillors:
  - **YCllr Honey Baker**
  - **YCllr Diana Gomez**
  - **YCllr Iqra Finiin**(YCllr Mohamed Abaas will support as required)

**Maggie Elliott**, Islington resident

**John Roberts**, Islington parent

Cllrs **Theresa Debono**, **Una O'Halloran**, **Nick Ward**, **Rakhia Ismail**, **Mouna Hamitouche**, Islington Council

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that it is recognised that representatives do not speak for **all** children, young people, parents or the wider community. All of these community groups will be involved throughout the inquiry in a variety of different ways to ensure that the findings are as representative as possible.

# Project Delivery Team

Executive Sponsor (Council Executive Lead)	Cllr Joe Caluori, Executive Member for Children and Families
Business Sponsor (Islington Council Senior Leadership Lead)	Carmel Littleton, Corporate Director of Children's Services
Programme Manager	Tania Townsend
Project and Policy Officer	Rose Yorke Barber
Communications	Kim Ward
Project Administrator	Kirsty Fay
Fair Futures Commission Advisors who will provide assistance and guidance to the project throughout the project's lifecycle	
Research, information, analysis and interpretation advice from the council's Using Data Better Group and Qualitative Research and Involvement Network (QRIN)	

A 'Design and Action' Group drawn from across the council and its partners to

- expand upon the knowledge and skills within the Advisory Group
- be the mechanism to test the findings from the 'Explore' phase, ideas and solutions and to assist with the generation of recommendations.

# The Fair Futures Inquiry: Commission Roadmap

DATE	2017												2018			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr+
<b>Commission launch</b>		★ 22														
<b>Recommendations: Explore</b> Define by uncovering the issues through gathering insights and genuine experiences; Understand the problems and issues; Build knowledge and awareness about what is already happening and promising practice; Develop capacity to challenge and question the information.		█														
<b>Recommendations: Ideas – Create</b> Generate ideas and co-produce solutions.					█											
<b>Recommendations: Ideas – Reflect</b> Consider the future impact and sustainability of the ideas produced; Encourage recommendations to be challenged to consolidate thinking						█										
<b>Recommendations: Commission Report</b> Produce ideas/solutions								█								
<b>Recommendations: Publication/Dissemination</b> Deliver a written report and disseminate										█						
<b>Recommendations: Council/Partners' response – Council Exec</b>														█		
<b>Recommendations: Council/Partners' response – implementation plan</b> Implementation of ideas/solutions; Use existing network to share final report and recommendations; Encourage wider support on legacy of the project; Gain public response from key stakeholders to action and implement recommendations.															→	



# ISLINGTON

## COUNCIL MEETING – 23 February 2017

<b>REPORT OF THE CHIEF WHIP</b>
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### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

#### 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

- a) That Cllr Caluori is standing down as a member of the Licensing Committee and that Cllr Gallagher is appointed as his replacement with immediate effect.

**Recommendation:**

- a) To agree that Cllr Gallagher is appointed to the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17 or until a successor is appointed.

#### 2. APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- a) That Cllr Alice Perry is standing down as a member of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee and that Cllr Gallagher is appointed as her replacement with immediate effect.

**Recommendation:**

- a) To agree that Cllr Gallagher is appointed to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17 or until a successor is appointed.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a) That Cllr Alice Perry is standing down as a substitute member of the Planning Committee and that Cllr Kay is appointed as her replacement with immediate effect.

**Recommendation:**

- a) To agree that Cllr Kay is appointed as a substitute member of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17 or until a successor is appointed.

**COUNCILLOR ALICE PERRY**  
Chief Whip

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Report of : Councillor Caroline Russell

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## AMENDMENT TO BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017-18

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report amends the 'Budget Proposals 2017-18' report on the main agenda with proposed changes to the 2017-18 General Fund budget and medium term financial strategy (MTFS).

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. To agree the 'Budget Proposals 2017-18' report subject to the following:

2.2. Proposal 1:

- i. To agree to increase Council Tax by an additional 5%, resulting in a total Council Tax increase of 9.99% including the Adult Social Care Precept.
- ii. To hold a Council Tax referendum seeking approval for this increase.
- iii. To reverse the savings put forward in Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Learning Disabilities amounting to £3.237m.

2.3. Proposal 2:

- iv. To agree an average increase of 4% on all Pay and Display charges in the Borough.
- v. To introduce a programme of measures to tackle air pollution, including a bike maintenance hub for each of the 16 wards and a team to engage with residents consulting on healthy streets road layouts, anti idling projects, school and workplace travel planning to promote public health and reduce the impact of air pollution on the health of residents.
- vi. To initiate a project to develop, with our partner, the ability to introduce a diesel surcharge to Pay and Display charges in the future.

### **3. REVISED GENERAL FUND BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016-17**

#### **GENERAL FUND REVENUE SAVINGS PROPOSALS**

##### **3.1. Proposal 1: Increase Council Tax by additional 5%**

- 3.2. The Council budget proposal is to increase Council Tax by 1.99% plus an additional 3% for Adult Social Care precept. This proposal is to increase this by a further 5%. This increase triggers the requirement to hold a referendum asking the public to support the increase. The referendum would be held as soon as possible and by end of May at the latest.
- 3.3. The increase in Council Tax would generate approximately £4m per annum additional revenue. However, in 17/18 there would be the one off cost of the referendum of approximately £300k so the net increase in 17/18 would be £3.7m.
- 3.4. The £3.7m could be used to reverse the savings in Children's Service and Adult Social Care listed in Appendix 1. These amount to £3.2m. This would leave a balance of £500k that could be held back as a contingency.
- 3.5. There is a risk that the public would reject the proposal. In that case, the Council would have to re-issue all Council Tax bills, and refund any payments made where residents request one. This would cost approximately £100k overall. Add to that the £300k referendum costs and the total costs to find would be approximately £400k. This would have to come from existing resources such as the general reserve.

##### **3.6. Proposal 2: Increase Pay and Display charges by an average of 4%.**

- 3.7. The Council budget proposal does not include any increase in Pay and Display charges. This proposal is to increase these charges by 4% although adjusted to ensure the charges remain factors of 10p (to ensure ease of payment for users). This could raise in the region of £300k.
- 3.8. This £300,000 would be used to tackle air pollution and improve public health with the measures set out at from 3.9 to 3.12.
- 3.9. Funding would be made available for sixteen bike maintenance projects on estates (one per ward) to enable residents and young people to learn bike maintenance skills and get bikes fixed for free. Monthly sessions would be a mix of drop in Dr Bike and structured classes with the aim of providing an accessible community resource, to broaden the diversity of people cycling regularly, providing free repairs and skilling people up to repair their own bikes. There would also be quarterly led rides to give new cyclists confidence to use a bike for everyday journeys. The total cost of this would be £160k.
- 3.10. The remainder of the funding (£140k) would be used to expand the Council's capacity to increase levels of active travel in the borough, thereby improving key public health outcomes.
- 3.11. Working across the Road Safety and Special Projects Team, Public Health and the Health and Wellbeing (Healthy Schools) Team, a small team of staff would be established to work with schools, businesses, employers and the wider community. They would reduce exposure to air pollution, particularly amongst Islington's most vulnerable residents, by boosting levels of walking, cycling and public transport use. They would support community led initiatives to increase physical activity such as travel planning, play streets, school gate road closures and prevention of engine idling.
- 3.12. These staff would also seek to embed the Mayor's 'Healthy Streets' approach in Islington. They would support resident engagement and consultation on new Healthy Streets schemes to enable walking and cycling. This would allow the council to bid for Transport for London funding for street design projects having already secured strong community backing for measures designed to reduce dependence on car travel.

## 4. MATTERS TO CONSIDER IN SETTING THE BUDGET

### COMMENTS OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 4.1. The Council when determining the budget and thereby the level of council tax must take into account the report of its Section 151 Officer. The report must comment on the robustness of the estimates included in the budget and parallel consideration on the adequacy of the Council's proposed reserves. This section of the report includes consideration of these specific areas and enables the authority to discharge its duty to take account of the statutory report under section 25(2). **These comments are provided in addition to those in the substantive report 'Budget Proposals 2017-18' and relate to the proposals within the Opposition Budget.**
- 4.2. It is the opinion of the Section 151 Officer that the estimates for 2017-18 have been prepared on a robust basis, and further that where there are uncertainties, for instance on the levels of service demand, that these can be covered by the corporate contingency.
- 4.3. The Section 151 Officer is required to report to the authority, when it is making the statutory calculations required to determine its council tax, on the estimates included in the budget and the adequacy of the reserves the budget provides for. The level of general balances is set in the context of the prevailing financial climate within local government, the level of risk facing the authority and also the sustained improvement in our financial standing in recent years.

### COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

- 4.4. In considering whether to adopt the amendments to the budget proposals contained within this report, members should have regard to the considerations set out in the main budget report.
- 4.5. The Council has discretion as to the charges it fixes for on street parking places (section 46 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act (1984 Act) In accordance with section 55 of the 1984 Act the income the Council receives from on-street parking is placed into the "Parking Places Reserve Account", which can only be used by it for highway improvements and other traffic related matters.
- 4.6. In exercising its power to charge, the Council must have regard to Section 122 of the 1984 Act. That section imposes a duty on the council to exercise its power to charge (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2)) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The matters specified are
  - (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
  - (b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
  - (bb) The strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);
  - (c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
  - (d) any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.
- 4.7. Case law has established that although section 122(2) (d) permits allows a local authority to take into account any other matters appearing to it to be relevant, it does not allow the local authority, to fix charges for parking, with the motive of generating additional income for other authority purposes.

- 4.8. However, the Courts have also made clear that the creation of a surplus from increased parking charges will not of itself be unlawful provided that the primary motivation for or intention of the increase is the achievement of objectives which are consistent with the duty in section 122.
- 4.9. Accordingly it would be a legitimate exercise of the Council's charging powers to raise Pay and Display charges for the purpose of employing additional resources to deal with the problem of idling cars as the objective of such additional enforcement will be to reduce air pollution and to assist in improving the expeditious and safe movement of vehicular traffic in the borough
- 4.10. Accordingly, the proposal would, if adopted, be lawful.
- 4.11. Since 2012/13 limits have been placed on local authorities in terms of how much they can increase their council tax. These limits are set by the Secretary of State. If an authority proposes to increase their council tax over the specified threshold they must hold a referendum.
- 4.12. For 2017/18 the relevant threshold is 5%. Increasing the council tax by an additional 5% over the proposed 4.99% would require the council to undertake a referendum.
- 4.13. The estimated cost of the referendum is set out in paragraph 3.3 above. The Corporate Director of Finance and Resources notes that whilst the alternative budget has been prepared on a robust basis there may be uncertainties which can be covered by the corporate contingency; whilst these have not been set out in this report, officers would assess these impacts and identify the exact amounts which would be required from contingencies.
- 4.14. There is a legislative framework that requires compliance in relation to the holding of a referendum. Should the council fail to hold a referendum and or comply with the prescribed process the council's council tax position will revert back to the original budgetary proposals for 2016/17.

## **5. RESIDENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1. The Equality Act 2010 sets out the requirement for the Council to have due regard to the need to:
  - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and
  - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 5.2. A Resident Impact Assessment (RIA) of the 2016-17 budget is set out at Appendix F. to the 'Budget Proposals 2016-17' report. It is supplemented by detailed RIAs of major proposals at departmental level. These demonstrate that the Council has met its duties under the Equality Act 2010 and the Child Poverty Act 2010.
- 5.3. This amendment does not impact on the original Resident Impact Assessment report at Appendix F to the 'Budget Proposals 2016-17' report so the original assessment is still considered valid.

**Proposal 1: Increase Council Tax by additional 5%**

- 5.4. A 5% increase in council tax will affect all Islington payers, with potentially a greater impact on lower income payers; and those who do not qualify under the resident support scheme. For example, the proposed impact on for the average band D (standard measure of council tax relating to a main residence with two occupants) payer who is not in receipt of council tax support will be £1 per week. This impact is potentially compounded if they are affected by an increase in pay and display charges as well.
- 5.5. Rather than take an aggressive collection methodology, we have adopted a more proactive and sympathetic approach which enables residents to meet their liabilities. This is in addition to our Resident Support Scheme to help residents on low incomes and our Older person's discount scheme that provides additional support to older residents. This approach would be continued should the proposed increase be approved and help to minimise the impact on our most vulnerable residents.

**Proposal 2: Increase Pay and Display charges by an average of 4%.**

- 5.6. An increase in the pay and display costs are unlikely to adversely impact residents due to our resident roamer scheme, which assists residents with parking permits as they can park on any resident designated bay within Islington between 11am and 3pm . Disabled drivers, who hold blue badges, may park in resident bays and on yellow lines with waiting restrictions.
- 5.7. However, there may be a potential impact on visitors and carers from outside of the borough. The impact on residents visitors and or carers are minimised through the use of e-visitor vouchers, but the system will need to be reviewed to ensure it remains accessible.
- 5.8. It is proposed to implement a series of measures that tackle air pollution and promote public health for the benefit of all residents. Whilst no negative impacts are envisioned in order to ensure any potential negative impacts are identified and mitigated the services will carry out detailed impact assessments whilst the proposal measures are still developed.

**Background papers:** None

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

22 February 2017

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Councillor Caroline Russell

Date

Responsible Officer: Mike Curtis, Corporate Director of Finance and Resources

Report Author: Steve Key, Assistant Director of Finance

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