

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 19 September 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on 19 September 2019 at 7.00 pm.

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

Also Present: **Councillor:** Champion

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

637 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr O'Halloran.

638 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

639 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting on 19 September 2019 be agreed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

640 FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2019

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. That the forecast revenue outturn for the General Fund (Table 1 of the report) of a forecast overspend of £0.504m, without using the corporate contingency of £5.080m (Section 3 of the report) be noted.
- 1.2. That management action is being undertaken over the course of the financial year to bring the directorate-level overspend of £2.719m back to within agreed cash limited budgets where possible. Also, a detailed business case is being developed to request an allocation from the corporate contingency budget that will be submitted in a future report (Paragraph 3.3 of the report) be noted.
- 1.3. 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.

- 1.4. That the HRA forecast is a net break-even position. (Section 5, Table 1 of the report) be noted.
- 1.5. That the latest capital position and key capital variances with forecast capital expenditure of £119.206m in 2019/20 against the 2019/20 capital budget of £144.205m (Section 6, Table 2, and Appendix 3 of the report) be noted.
- 1.6. That the capital programme is actively under review to establish whether project milestones and deliverables are reflected in the financial profiles of the existing 3 year programme (Paragraph 6.3 of the report) be noted.
- 1.7. That the re-profiling of the leisure capital programme between financial years (Paragraph 6.5) of the report be noted.
- 1.8. That the latest savings tracker of agreed savings 2019/20 (Appendix 4 and Table 3 of the report) and the ongoing budget impact of undeliverable savings (Table 4 of the report) be noted.
- 1.9. That the allocations from the corporate transformation earmarked reserve (Table 5 of the report) be noted.

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.

641 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 24 NEW BUILD RESIDENTIAL HOMES ON THE HARVIST ESTATE

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the procurement strategy for Harvist Estate new build project as outlined in this report be approved.
- 2.2 To agree that an independent design review is undertaken before the tender is published.
- 2.3 That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director of Housing in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development.

Reason for decision – to enable more affordable homes to be built.

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

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

642 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR DOMESTIC GAS BOILER
INSTALLATION, SERVICING AND REPAIRS**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the procurement strategy for the provision of domestic gas boiler installations, servicing and repairs as outlined in this report be approved.
- 2.2 That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Housing to make the decision to award the contracts, in consultation with the Executive member for Housing and Development, be agreed.

Reason for decision – to fulfil the statutory obligation to keep the council’s residential properties in good repair.

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

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

643 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Local Development Scheme 2019 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report is approved and that the scheme is to have effect from 25 September 2019 be agreed.

Reason for decision – to set out an updated timescale for the review of Islington’s Local Plan, and for the preparation and review of Supplementary Planning Documents.

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

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

644 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE OPERATION, DELIVERY AND
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OF 11 ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That procurement of contract 1819-0029a failed because no bidders met the minimum requirements at ITT stage be noted.
- 2.2 That the revised procurement strategy for the operation, delivery and facilities management of Islington’s 11 adventure playgrounds for up to 15 years as outlined in this report (an initial 3-year contract followed by 4 opportunities to extend by 3 years at a time (15 = 3+3+3+3+3)) and to note that the recommended contract length will maximise opportunities for leveraging in additional revenue and capital funds over the 15-year period, providing much needed additional resource to

support facilities management and capital improvement across the adventure playground estate be agreed.

- 2.3 That authority to award the contracts be delegated to the Corporate Director of People in consultation with the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families be agreed.

Reason for decision – to ensure continuity of the Adventure Play provision.
Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.
Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

645 **VOLUNTEERS AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT WITH PARKS AND OPEN SPACES SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Rowena Champion, Chair of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee at the time of the review, introduced the report.

Councillor Watts thanked the committee for all their work on the scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the report of the Environment & Regeneration 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 Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's recommendations be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive the recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.
Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.
Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

646 **UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS FOR BREXIT**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

Reason for decision – to allow members to monitor the work undertaken in preparation for a 'no deal' Brexit.
Other options considered – none other than as specified in the report.
Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

647 **UNIVERSAL CREDIT SCRUTINY - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Rowena Champion, Chair of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee, introduced the report.

Councillor Watts thanked the committee for all their work on this very important scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the report of the Policy and Performance 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 Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow the Executive to receive 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.

AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS

Reason for decision – as specified in the report.

Other options considered - none.

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

648 **CORPORATE INSOURCING POLICY**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the proposal for consultation on adopting a policy of delivery of services in-house as the council's default approach to supply be agreed. That a duty to consult is required by the Best Value legislation and that set representatives of various specified groups - local taxpayers, local ratepayers, service users, and persons appearing to have an interest in the area - have a right to express their views be noted. That the consultation period will close after thirty (30) calendar days be noted.
- 2.2 That the council's Commissioning and Procurement Board is the mechanism for challenge to ensure the delivery of services in-house is the default approach be noted.

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- 2.3 That the council's Commissioning and Procurement Board will require social value is adopted in provision of internal and/or external service delivery be agreed.
- 2.4 That the council's policy will be supported by operational guidance for council officers, which will be updated from time-to-time under the guidance of the council's Commissioning and Procurement Board, be agreed.

Reason for decision – to ensure that the council's procurements achieve maximum social value.

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

Conflicts of interest/dispensations granted – none.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.17 pm

CHAIR