

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 22 July 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 22 July 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Champion, Gill, Ngongo, O'Halloran, Turan and Ward

Councillor Diarmaid Ward in the Chair

811 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received, however it was noted that Councillors Comer-Schwartz, Lukes and Shaikh were not required to attend in accordance with the COVID safety measures implemented for the meeting.

812 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

813 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 May 2021 be agreed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

814 BUDGET MONITORING - MONTH 12 2020/21

RESOLVED:

- i. That the breakdown of the forecast general fund outturn by individual variance at Appendix 1 and by service area at Appendix 2 (Section 3 and Table 1 of the report) be noted.
- ii. That the overall general fund net break-even position (before unallocated contingency budget), unchanged from the previous reported position, (Section 3 and Table 1 of the report) be noted.
- iii. That, subject to decision at the next Executive meeting on 2 September 2021, the further proposed allocation of Carbon Offset Funding of £3.037m over the next three years to support delivery of the council's Net Zero Carbon programme (Paragraph 4.6 and Table 2 of the report) be noted.

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- iv. That the new general fund fees and charges relating to filming rights in the borough (Paragraph 4.7 and Table 3 of the report) be approved.
- v. That the allocation of Contain Outbreak Management Fund/Test and Trace Support grant funding totalling £8.284m across eligible COVID-19 related expenditure in line with the terms of the grant (Paragraph 4.25 and Table 4 of the report) be noted.
- vi. That the outturn transfers to reserves, the movements between reserves and the provisional general fund and housing revenue account reserves balances be approved; and authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer to agree any further movements to/from reserves related to finalising the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts (Paragraphs 4.28, 4.30 and 5.5, and Tables 5-6 of the report) be approved.
- vii. That the housing revenue account in-year deficit of (+£13.456m), fully funded from a lower contribution to housing revenue account reserves than planned in the original budget (Section 5 and Appendix 2) be approved.
- viii. That the 2020/21 capital outturn, financing of the 2020/21 capital programme and the movement in the 2020/21 capital budget since the last reported capital programme at Month 10 (Section 6, Tables 7-9 and Appendix 3 of the report) be noted.
- ix. That the re-profiling of the 2020/21 capital outturn budget variances (-£16.306m) into the 2021/22 capital programme, with the exception of variances that are underspends rather than re-profiling in nature, be approved; and authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer to agree any further capital financing adjustments related to finalising the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts (Section 6, Table 7 and Appendix 3 of the report) be approved.
- x. That, subject to approval by the Borough Investment Panel on 29 July 2021 and decision at the next Executive meeting on 2 September 2021, the proposed allocation of £1.740m Community Infrastructure Levy funding (strategic element) to the People Friendly Streets programme (Paragraph 6.7 of the report) be noted.

Reasons for decision – in order to ensure the financial resilience of the council

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

815 **HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-2026**

RESOLVED:

That the Housing Strategy and Action Plan attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report submitted be approved and adopted.

Reasons for decision – to set the council’s strategic priorities for housing

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

816 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR CAMDEN AND ISLINGTON'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES**

RESOLVED:

- i. That the procurement strategy for sexual health services for young people aged 25 and under including vulnerable groups, with services structured so that young people receive the most appropriate level of service related to their needs, be approved as set out in Section 3 of the report; and the commitment to further consultation and development regarding the wider 25 and under offer be noted.
- ii. That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Director - Public Health in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Social Care.

Reasons for decision – to provide access to sexual health services for young people

Other options considered – as specified in the report, other options included insourcing, or ceasing services.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

817 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY UNDERPINNING THE TRANSITION FROM COVID-19**

RESOLVED:

- i. That the report of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee be received.
- ii. 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.

Reasons for decision – to receive the recommendations of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

818 WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN UPDATE

RESOLVED:

That the Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan update be noted.

Reasons for decision – to note the progress made against the plan.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

819 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF ADULT PAID CARERS

RESOLVED:

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

Reasons for decision – to receive the recommendations of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

820 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR ISLINGTON CARERS HUB

RESOLVED:

- i. That the procurement strategy for Islington’s Carers Hub be approved as outlined in the report.
- ii. That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director of People in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Social Care.

Reasons for decision – provide a varied package of support to assist informal carers in their caring role as well as enabling them to live fulfilling lives and maximise their individual wellbeing

Other options considered – as specified in the report, other options included in-house service delivery, direct negotiation, and re-procuring with another borough

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

821 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR ISLINGTON CARERS HUB - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

Noted.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 pm