

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 15 October 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held via Zoom on 15 October 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Watts, Champion, Gill, Lukes, O'Halloran, Shaikh, Turan and Ward

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

752 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz.

753 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

754 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 September 2020 be agreed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

755 APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED:

- a) That Councillor Richard Watts (Chair), Councillor Una O'Halloran, Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Councillor Diarmaid Ward be appointed as members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee; and Councillors Champion, Gill, Lukes, Shaikh and Turan be appointed as substitutes, for the municipal year 2020/2021, or until successors are appointed.
- b) That Councillor Anjna Khurana, Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo and Councillor Janet Burgess be appointed as observers of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee for the municipal year 2020/2021 or until successors are appointed.
- c) That Councillor Richard Watts be appointed to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors Gill, Comer-Schwartz, Shaikh, and O'Halloran be appointed as deputies for the municipal year 2020/21 or until successors are appointed.

- d) That Councillor Paul Convery be appointed as the Council's representative at shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited) for the municipal year 2020/21 or until a successor is appointed.

Reasons for decision – the Executive is responsible for making these appointments to enable the Council's representatives to participate in meetings.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

756 FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

RESOLVED:

- a) 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.
- b) That rather than being a one-off event that the council's budget is recovering from, COVID-19 will continue to have a significant ongoing impact on the council's budget for the foreseeable future, (Paragraph 3.2 of the report) be noted.
- c) That it be noted that, after the application of COVID-19 government grant funding, there is a forecast net General Fund overspend of (+£20.206m) in 2020/21 (Section 3 and Table 1 of the report).
- d) That it be noted that the council is facing total COVID-19 related budget pressures of approximately £62m and, after government grant received to date, a net gap of approximately £43m, including HRA and potential council tax and business rates income losses (Paragraphs 3.3-3.4 of the report).
- e) That the latest savings tracker (Paragraph 4.39, Table 2 and Appendix 3 of the report) be noted.
- f) That an allocation from the ongoing contingency budget in respect of the difference between the local government pay award (2.75%) and the original budget assumption (2.00%) (Paragraph 4.46 of the report) be agreed.
- g) That the forecast in-year HRA deficit of +£3.990m (Section 5 and Appendix 2 of the report) be noted.
- h) That the latest 2020/21 to 2022/23 capital programme and 2020/21 capital forecast be noted, and it be noted that the COVID-19 crisis is expected to

lead to significant slippage of the 2020/21 capital programme to future financial years (Section 6, Table 3 and Appendix 4 of the report).

- i) That £0.400m be added to the current year (2020/21) capital programme for urgent required works to make the council's property at 48 Seven Sisters Road structurally safe and weather tight, and that the in-year revenue cost of capital related to this can be contained within the 2020/21 revenue budget (paragraph 6.5 of the report) be agreed.

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

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

757 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR VOIDS RESERVICING, REFURBISHMENT AND NEW TENANCY REPAIRS**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the procurement strategy for Void Reservicing, Refurbishment and New Tenancy Repairs be approved, as outlined in the report.
- b) That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director of Housing in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development.

Reasons for decision – to allow the continuity of service delivery

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, other options considered included in-house delivery, collaboration with neighbouring boroughs, and use of an external framework.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

758 **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS FOR ALCOHOL AND DOG CONTROLS**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the review of consultation responses, attached at Appendix 3 to the report, be noted.
- b) That the Public Spaces Protection Orders, set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, to be extended for a three year period, be agreed.

Reasons for decision – to enable the council to deal with alcohol related disorder and ASB and issues relating to dog fouling and dog control

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

759

EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES IN EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES SCRUTINY REVIEW

The Executive thanked the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for their review.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the findings of the Equalities in Educational Outcomes Scrutiny Review be welcomed;
- b) That the responses to the Review, as set out at Section 4 of the report, be agreed, subject to clarification that the focus of the work will be on young people from disadvantaged White British and Black Caribbean backgrounds;
- c) That it be noted that the Review and the responses fit within the wider context of an Equalities Action Plan;
- d) That officers report back on progress to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee in one year's time, be agreed.

Reasons for decision – to respond to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

760

PROGRESSIVE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2020 - 2027

RESOLVED:

- a) That the new Progressive Procurement Strategy 2020-27 be approved;
- b) That it be noted that an implementation plan will be developed;
- c) That it be noted that the Commissioning and Procurement Board will undertake an annual assessment of progress in delivering the strategy.

Reasons for decision – to ensure ongoing clarity of vision for procurement and commissioning activity

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:30pm