

**Executive - 2 September 2021**

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

**Present:**                   **Councillors:**   Comer-Schwartz, Gill, Lukes, O'Halloran  
and Turan

**Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair**

**822        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**823        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**824        MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**825        MONTHLY BUDGET MONITOR, INCLUDING FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MONTH 3 2021/22)**

**RESOLVED:**

- a)        That the forecast 2021/22 General Fund budget variance and summary update on the deliverability of agreed budget savings, (Section 3, Tables 1-2 and Appendices 1-2 of the report), be noted.
- b)        That the forecast in-year budget variance on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (Section 4 of the report) be noted.
- c)        That 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 3.10 and Table 3 of the report), be approved.

- d) That the 2021/22 capital expenditure forecast of £176.211m be noted, and it be noted that a review of the profiling of the capital programme is currently underway (Section 5, Table 4 and Appendix 3 of the report).
- e) That £0.119m be added to the 2021/22 capital programme for additional works on the Bunhill 2 Project (Paragraph 5.4 of the report) be approved.
- f) That, following approval by the Borough Investment Panel on 29 July 2021, the proposed allocation of £1.740m Community Infrastructure Levy funding (strategic element) to the People Friendly Streets programme (Paragraph 5.5 of the report) be approved.

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

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

## 826 **PENSION FUND DEFICIT PAYMENTS**

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That despite the deficit reducing, the London Borough of Islington Pension Fund was identified by the Government Actuaries Department as the fourth lowest fund out of 87 in terms of a comparison with time taken to recover the deficit versus the anticipated deficit payments through to 2023, be noted.
- b) That the options in relation to the reduction of the Fund deficit and the consequences of each option be noted.
- c) That implementation of options 4 and 5 be agreed and the Section 151 officer be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance, to approve the payments and budget adjustments necessary.
- d) That the recommendation to Full Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 on the adoption of a Flexible Use of Capital Receipts policy in order to achieve an ongoing revenue saving in relation to reduced costs of the Pension Deficit be approved.
- e) That further Executive approval may be sought to make subsequent payments from fortuitous underspends and flexible use of capital receipts where there is a clear rationale for this in the long term interests of residents be noted.

Reasons for decision – to support the reduction of the pension fund deficit in a financially advantageous way to both the General Fund and the Pension Fund.

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, the Executive also considered treating the deficit recovery payment as an investment, and also a 'glide path' approach which contributes additional money to the deficit recovery plan in earlier years and gives a less stark increase in later years.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

**827 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Local Development Scheme 2021 be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and that the scheme is to have effect from 8 September 2021 be agreed.

Reasons 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

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

**828 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SINGLE ADVOCACY SERVICE**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the procurement strategy for The Single Advocacy Service be approved as outlined in the report.
- b) 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.
- c) That this service will be jointly procured with the London Borough of Camden be agreed.

Reasons for decision – to fulfil statutory obligations to provide advocacy provision

Other options considered – as set out in the report, the Executive also considered insourcing, procuring as a single borough, joint procurement with Camden and Haringey, and joint procurement with all other North Central London boroughs.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

**829      A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COUNCIL (CORPORATE PLAN)**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the new strategic plan be agreed and submitted to Full Council for approval.
- b) That the approach to build on this plan over the coming year by engaging with communities to capture views, lived experiences and aspirations to enhance the delivery of our strategic programmes, be noted.

Reasons for decision – to provide a coherent collective vision for the upcoming decade for the borough as we navigate out of the pandemic and start a new chapter with a new Leader of the Council

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

**830      PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR PROVISION OF TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the procurement strategy to supply temporary agency workers via Lot 1 of the Managing Temporary and Permanent Recruitment Framework (Ref 942) provided by Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO), for a period of four years, be approved.
- b) That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Performance.

Reasons for decision – to meet the resourcing needs of the Council in a responsive way.

Other options considered – an options appraisal is set out in the report and discounts an internally managed service and contracting with each agency individually.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.10 pm