

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 14 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 14 January 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Watts, Burgess, Convery, Hull, Murray, Webbe and Shaikh.

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

223 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Joe Caluori.

224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

225 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting on 26 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

226 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016-17

Councillor Hull introduced the budget proposals, advising that they will be considered by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee next week. Councillor Hull advised that despite the government cuts, he was proud to announce the investment in Youth Safety.

RESOLVED:

That the following recommendations be agreed and recommended to the Council meeting on 25 February 2016:

The General Fund Budget 2016-17 and MTFS (Section 3)

- 2.1 That the 2016-17 net Council cash limits as set out in **Table 1 (Paragraph 3.1.4)** of the report and the MTFS at **Appendix A** of the report, which include the revenue savings in **Appendix B** of the report and revenue growth of £0.5m for investment in keeping the borough's young people safe, be agreed.
- 2.2 That the requirement to report on the number of maintained schools that have completed the Schools Value Financial Standard (SVFS) by 31st March to the Department for Education by 31st May each year be noted (**Paragraph 3.2.13** of the report).

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- 2.3 That the fees and charges policy be agreed and the schedule of 2016-17 fees and charges be agreed, and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Children and Families, to agree new childcare charges following consultation in the summer term be agreed (**Paragraphs 3.2.14-17** and **Appendices C1 and C2** of the report).
- 2.4 That the Council's policy on the level of General Fund balances and the estimated use of the Council's earmarked reserves be agreed (**Paragraphs 3.2.19-21** and **Table 3** of the report) **The HRA Budget and MTFS (Section 4** of the report).
- 2.5 That the balanced HRA 2016-17 budget within the HRA MTFS at **Appendix D1** of the report and the 2016-17 HRA savings at **Appendix D2** of the report be agreed.
- 2.6 That the 2016-17 HRA rents and other fees and charges (**Tables 5-8** and **Appendix D3** of the report) be agreed.

The Capital Programme 2016-17 to 2018-19 (Section 5)

- 2.7 That the 2016-17 capital programme be agreed and the provisional programme for 2017-18 to 2018-19 be noted (**Paragraph 5.1, Table 9** and **Appendix E** of the report).
- 2.8 That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources applies capital resources to fund the capital programme in the most cost-effective way be agreed (**Paragraph 5.2** of the report).
- 2.9 That the schemes that comprise the Capital Allowance pot of eligible affordable housing and regeneration schemes be noted (**Paragraph 5.3** and **Appendix E** of the report).

Treasury Management Strategy (Section 6)

- 2.10 That the Treasury Management Strategy will initially be considered by Audit Committee on 28th January 2016 and then included for agreement within the final budget report to Executive on 4th February 2016 and Council on 25th February 2016 be noted.

Council Tax 2016-17, including Statutory Calculations (Section 7)

- 2.11 That the General Fund budget has been prepared on the basis that the basic amount of council tax in Islington will increase by 1.99% in 2016-17, with, in addition, the application of the government's separate social care precept of 2.00% be noted.
- 2.12 That the detailed, statutory council tax calculations and the recommendations for the final 2016-17 council tax level, including the Greater London Authority (GLA) and social care precepts, will be included in the budget report to Executive on 4th February 2016 and Council on 25th February 2016 be noted.

Matters to Consider in Setting the Budget (Section 8)

- 2.13 That the Section 151 Officer's and the Monitoring Officer's comments in their determination of the revenue and capital budgets for 2016-17 and the basis for the level of council tax, including the Section 151 Officer's report in relation to his responsibilities under Section 25 (2) of the Local Government Act 2003 be noted.
- 2.14 That the Resident Impact Assessment (RIA) on the 2016-17 budget be noted (**Appendix F** of the report).

Reason for decision – to allow Councillors to set a balanced budget.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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BUDGET MONITOR

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the overall forecast revenue outturn for the General Fund of a £3.5m overspend, and that in the event of an overall overspend at the end of the financial year this would be funded from the one-off corporate contingency reserve of £3.5m in the first instance be noted (**Paragraphs 3.1 and 4.11, Table 1 and Appendix 1** of the report).
- 2.2 That the HRA is forecast to break-even over the financial year be noted (**Paragraph 3.1, Table 1 and Appendix 1** of the report).
- 2.3 That the latest capital position with forecast capital expenditure of £93.7m in 2015-16 be noted and slippage where over £1m on an individual scheme be agreed (**Section 6, Table 2 and Appendix 2** of the report).

Reason for decision – to enable Councillors to monitor the budget.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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INCOME GENERATION SCRUTINY REVIEW - EXECUTIVE MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee were thanked for all their work on this very valuable scrutiny.

RESOLVED:

That the response to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee's recommendations detailed in the report be agreed.

Reason for decision – to respond to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committees recommendations on income generation.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

229 **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY MENU PRICING AND INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the revised form of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) as set out at Appendix A to the report be noted.
- 2.2 That the important principle of menu pricing as contained within the Inter Authority Agreement be noted and that support of a move to menu pricing until such time as an alternative system for the apportionment of the NLWA's costs is unanimously agreed by all of the NLWA's constituent Boroughs independently of an agreement on the final form of the IAA be agreed.
- 2.3 That the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources, Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and HR, and the Council's two Member representatives on the NLWA be authorised:
 - to negotiate and agree the final form of the IAA.
 - to agree any future amendments or decisions in relation to the agreement of a minor or urgent nature after the IAA is executed.
 - to negotiate and agree menu pricing in advance of the IAA should there be any delay in its agreement across the seven Boroughs.
- 2.4 Subject to agreement being reached on the final form of the IAA, that the Assistant Chief Executive Governance and HR (or such other officer as may be authorised by the Assistant Chief Executive Governance and HR) be authorised to enter into the IAA on behalf of the Council.

Reason for decision – to allow the council to enter into the NLWA IAA subject to the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

230 **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMME 2016 - 2020**

Councillor Shaikh thanked staff for their hard work and confirmed that working with VCS organisations was a continuing priority for the council.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Islington Partnership Grant Programme 2016-2020 be segmented into the following five programme strands as outlined in section 4.1 of this report be agreed.
 - 1) Strategic Partners – Borough-wide Infrastructure

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- 2) Strategic Partners – Neighbourhood
 - 3) Delivery Partners
 - 4) Strategic Partner – Volunteering; and
 - 5) Strategic Partners – Advice
- 2.2 That the allocation of funding across the five proposed strands as outlined in section 5.6 of this report be agreed.
- 2.3 That the outline outcomes for the Partnership Grants Programme as detailed in sections 4.2 to 4.6 of this report and in the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2016-2020 attached as Appendix 1 to the report be agreed.
- 2.4 That the application process and time table as outlined in section 6 and attached as Appendix 2 of this report be agreed.

Reason for decision – to agree the new funding arrangements for VCS organisations.
Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

231 ADOPTION OF BASEMENT DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the contents of consultation report (attached at Appendix 2 to the report) and the proposed amendments to the Basement Development SPD be noted.
- 2.2 That formal adoption of the Basement Development SPD (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) be agreed.

Reason for decision – to provide greater certainty to both the local community and interested parties about the nature of basement development that is likely to be acceptable to the Council as a Local Planning Authority.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

232 ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT VIABILITY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the summary of comments received during public consultation on the draft Development Viability SPD (see Appendix 2 of the report - Consultation Statement), the Council's responses and proposed changes to the SPD be noted.
- 2.2 That adoption of the Development Viability SPD (as attached at Appendix 1 of the report) be agreed.
- 2.3 That the Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and

Development, to make and adopt minor revisions to the SPD if necessary, prior to final publication (see paragraph 3.19 of the report) be agreed.

Reason for decision – to provide greater certainty to the local community and interested parties about the Council's approach to viability matters.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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PROCUREMENT STRATEGY APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the procurement strategy for a pan London procurement for a web-based system to include a 'front-end' portal joined up partner notification and home/self-sampling be approved.
- 2.2 That the procurement strategy for the sub-regional arrangements for commissioning and procurement of Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) and for Contraception and Sexual Health Service (SRH) Services, led by Islington Council on behalf of the sub-region be agreed.
- 2.3 That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member Health and Wellbeing, to award the contracts to the successful tenderers be agreed.
- 2.4 That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, to approve the Council's participation in London-wide agreements on cross charging and lead commissioning as part of the transformation of sexual health services in London be agreed.
- 2.5 That the progress made in developing options for the future commissioning and procurement of GUM services be noted.

Reason for decision – to enable service transformation to create financially and clinically sustainable services for the future.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

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CONTRACT AWARD FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the award of a contract to Peter Bedford Housing Association to deliver Lot 1 - Turle Road N4 3LZ, for six 6 units, to commence 1 April 2016, for a period of three years with the option of three 12-month extensions, with an annual value of £147,354 and a total contract value including all extension periods of £884,124 be agreed.
- 2.2 That the award of a contract to St Martin of Tours to deliver Lot 2 - Caledonian Rd, N7 9SJ, for 7 units, to commence 1 April 2016, for a period of three years with the option of three 12-month extensions, with an

annual value of £171,113 and a total contract value including all extension periods of £1,026,678 be agreed.

- 2.3 That the award of a contract to St Martin of Tours to deliver Lot 3 - Davenant Road N19 3NN, for 12 units, to commence 1 April 2016, for a period of three years with the option of three 12-month extensions, with an annual value of £304,140 per year and a total contract value including all extension periods of £1,824,840 be agreed.

Reason for decision – to ensure service continuity.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

235 CONTRACT AWARD FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the award a contract to Single Homeless Project (SHP) to provide a multi-disciplinary floating support services for three years commencing on 1 July 2016, ending on 30 June 2019 with an option to extend for a further two periods of three years (9 years in total) until 30th June 2025, be agreed.
- 2.2 That any contract extension would be dependent on the availability of funding, service performance and the continued need for the service be noted.

Reason for decision – to ensure continuity of services for vulnerable people and achieve savings.

Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

236 CONTRACT AWARD SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE MISUSE ISSUES

Cllr Burgess noted a verbal amendment to point 3.1 of the report advising that the correct contract award values were: St Mungo's £373,500 and Family Mosaic £234,098.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That a contract be awarded to St Mungo's to deliver three services, two services located in Clerkenwell Ward and one service in St George's Ward, for a period of three years commencing on 1 April 2016, ending on 31 March 2019 with the option to extend for two three year periods until 31 March 2025 be agreed.
- 2.2 That a contract be awarded to Family Mosaic to deliver services at both Holloway Ward and Tollington Ward for a period of three years commencing on 1 April 2016, ending on 31 March 2019 with the option to extend for two three year periods until 31 March 2025 be agreed.

Reason for decision – to ensure service continuity.
Other options considered – none, other than as detailed in the report and related papers.
Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

237 **CONTRACT AWARD FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

That the information in the exempt appendix to Agenda item E12 be noted (see Minute 234 for decision).

238 **CONTRACT AWARD FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

That the information in the exempt appendix to Agenda item E13 be noted (see Minute 235 for decision).

239 **CONTRACT AWARD SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE MISUSE ISSUES - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

That the information in the exempt appendix to Agenda item E14 be noted (see Minute 236 for decision).

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.37 pm

CHAIR