

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 4 February 2016

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

Present: **Councillors:** Watts, Burgess, Caluori, Convery, Hull and Webbe

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

240 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Murray and Shaikh.

241 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Convery declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item C6 – Implementation of the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm regulations.

242 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting on 14 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

243 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2016-17

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 of the Main Report)

- 1.1 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 includes 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.
- 1.2 That the report of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 21st January 2016 in reviewing the 'Budget Proposals 2016-17' be noted.
- 1.3 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 (Paragraph 3.2.13 of the report) be noted.
- 1.4 That the fees and charges policy and the schedule of 2016-17 fees and charges be agreed, and that the delegated authority for 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 noted. (Paragraphs 3.2.14-17 and Appendices C1 and C2 of the report).
- 1.5 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 Main Report)

- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 That the 2016-17 HRA rents and other fees and charges be noted, and the amended band C car cage charge of £17.77 in Appendix D3 of the report (for non-rent and service charge payers). (Tables 5-8 and Appendix D3 of the report) be agreed

The Capital Programme 2016-17 to 2018-19 (Section 5 of the Main Report)

- 1.8 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 E1 of the report).
- 1.9 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).
- 1.10 That the schedule of planned Traffic and Transportation schemes in 2016-17 be noted and the related decision-making responsibilities for these schemes be agreed. (Paragraph 5.3 and Appendix E2 of the report).

Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (Section 6 of the Main Report)

- 1.11 That the Annual Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2016-17 (including external debt and treasury management Prudential Indicators), as considered by Audit Committee on 28th January 2016, be agreed. (Section 6 and Appendix F1 of the report).
- 1.12 That the additional capital Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy be agreed. (Section 6 and Appendix F2 of the report).

Council Tax 2016-17, including Statutory Calculations (Section 7 of the Main Report)

- 1.13 That the calculations required for the determination of the 2016-17 council tax requirement and the level of council tax as detailed in Section 7 of the report and summarised below, be agreed.
- 1) The 2016-17 council tax requirement of £76,874,061.54. (Paragraph 7.5 of the report)
 - 2) The relevant (average) amount of Islington Band D council tax of £1,020.37, a 3.99% increase compared to 2015-16, and to determine that this is not 'excessive'. (Paragraphs 7.6 and 7.7 of the report)
 - 3) The basic amount of Islington Band D council tax for dwellings to which no special item relates (i.e. outside of the Lloyd Square Garden area) of £1,020.15 and total Band D council tax (including the GLA precept) of £1,296.15. (Paragraphs 7.8 and 7.12 of the report)
 - 4) The amount of 2016-17 council tax (excluding the GLA precept) for each valuation band over each of the Council's areas. (Paragraph 7.10 of the report)
 - 5) The total amount of 2016-17 council tax (including the GLA precept) for each valuation band over each of the Council's areas. (Paragraph 7.12 of the report)

Matters to Consider in Setting the Budget (Section 8 of the Main Report)

- 1.14 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.

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- 1.15 That the Resident Impact Assessment (RIA) on the 2016-17 budget be noted. (Appendix G of the report).
- 1.16 That the Pay Policy Statement for 2016-17, for onward agreement by Council be noted. (Appendix H 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.

244 FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. 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 4.13, Table 1 and Appendix 1 of the report).
- 1.2. 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).
- 1.3. That the latest capital position with forecast capital expenditure of £93.9m in 2015-16 be noted. (Section 6, Table 2 and Appendix 2 of the report).

Reason for decision – to allow 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.

245 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REGULATIONS

Councillor Paul Convery declared a non-pecuniary interest as owner of a privately rented property in the borough.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed Statement of Principles as attached at Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow authorised officers to enforce the regulations and ensure that properties are safer for private renters.

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

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

246 MOUNT PLEASANT NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA DESIGNATION AND FORUM

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the summary of responses to the consultation on the applications for the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum be noted (Appendix 4 of the report).

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1.2 That designating a boundary for the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Area, as identified in Appendix 3, pursuant to Section 61G and 61I of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) in so far as that area is within the London Borough of Islington (subject to and following the same determination by the London Borough of Camden) be agreed.

1.3 That designating the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum, as set out in Appendix 2, pursuant to Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) (subject to and following the same determination by the London Borough of Camden) be agreed.

Reason for decision – to comply with the provisions of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

247 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017-18

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the co-ordinated schemes and timetables for admission to Islington primary and secondary schools and academies in 2017/18, and in-year admission protocols for 2017/18, as set out in Appendices 1, 4 and 7 of the report be agreed.

1.2 That the policy and oversubscription criteria for admission to community primary and secondary schools and Islington Sixth Form Consortium for admission in 2017/18, as set out in Appendices 2, 5, 8 and 9 of the report be agreed.

1.3 That the proposed admission numbers for Islington community primary and secondary schools, and for external applicants to the Islington Sixth Form Consortium in 2017/18, as set out in Appendices 3, 6 and 10 of the report be agreed.

Reason for decision – to promote fair access to educational opportunity and comply with the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code.

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

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

248 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR FIRE SAFETY WORK TO HOUSING STREET PROPERTIES

RESOLVED:

1. That the procurement strategy for fire protection work to street properties including mansion blocks as outlined in this report be agreed.
2. That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Development be agreed.

Reason for decision – to allow the council to appoint contractors to undertake essential fire safety works to the Council's street properties.

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

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.37 pm

CHAIR