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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A1</b>	Declaration of Interests	None.
<b>A2</b>	Minutes	Approved.
<b>A3</b>	Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies	<p><i>Call in of decision – Management Arrangements Shared Communications Service</i></p> <p>Having considered a call-in report presented by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, Councillor Alan Hall and receiving the further advice of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance, Councillor Joe Dromey, the Mayor agreed that the decisions taken by him on January 13 be confirmed.</p>
<b>A4</b>	Outstanding Scrutiny Matters	Noted.
<b>A5</b>	Annual Pay Statement	Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that: the pay policy statement be recommended to Council for approval.
<b>A6</b>	Council Budget 2016-17	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>1 the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee of 27 January 2016 be received;</p> <p>2 having considered the views of those consulted on the budget, and subject to consideration of the outcome of consultation with business ratepayers, and subject to proper process and consultation, as required, the Mayor:</p> <p><i>Capital Programme</i></p>

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		<p>3 notes the 2015/16 Quarter 3 Capital Programme monitoring position as set out in section 5;</p> <p>4 recommends that Council be recommended to approve the 2016/17 to 2019/20 Capital Programme of £337.2m, as set out in section 5 and attached at Appendices W1 and W2;</p> <p><i>Housing Revenue Account</i></p> <p>5 Council be asked to note the consultation report on service charges to tenants'and leaseholders in the Brockley area, presented to area panel members on 17 December 2015, and subsequent postal consultation, as attached at Appendix X2;</p> <p>6 Council be asked to note the consultation report on service charges to tenants' and leaseholders and the Lewisham Homes budget strategy presented to area panel members on 17th December 2015, as attached at Appendix X3;</p> <p>7 Council be recommended to set a decrease in dwelling rents of 1.0% (an average of £0.99 per week) – as per the requirements from government as presented in section 6;</p> <p>8 Council be recommended to set a decrease in the hostels accommodation charge by 1.0% (or £0.39 per week), in accordance with Government requirements;</p> <p>9 Council be recommended to approve the following average weekly increases for dwellings for:</p>

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		<p>(a) service charges to non-Lewisham Homes managed dwellings (Brockley);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> caretaking 1.80% (£0.06)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> grounds 1.80% (£0.03)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> communal lighting 1.80% (£0.01)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> bulk waste collection 1.80% (£0.02)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> window cleaning 1.80% (£0.09)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tenants' levy -30.0% (-£0.03)</li> </ul> <p>(b) service charges to Lewisham Homes managed dwellings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> caretaking 1.20% (£0.07)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> grounds 68.0% (£0.66)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> window cleaning No increase</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> communal lighting -10.7% (-£0.13)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> block pest control -4.3% (-£0.07)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> waste collection No change</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> heating &amp; hot water 23.1% (£1.85)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tenants' levy -30.0% (-£0.03)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> bulk waste disposal new service (£0.81)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sheltered housing new service (£23.62)</li> </ul> <p>10 Council be recommended to approve the following average weekly percentage changes for hostels and shared temporary units for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> service charges (hostels) – caretaking etc.; 2.90% (£2.09)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> no energy cost increases for heat, light &amp; power; 0.0% (£0.00)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> water charges decrease; -5.26% (£0.01)</li> </ul> <p>11 Council be recommended to approve an increase in garage rents by Retail Price Inflation (RPI) of 0.80% (£0.09 per week) for Brockley residents and</p>

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		<p>0.80% (£0.09 per week) for Lewisham Homes residents;</p> <p>12 Council be asked to note that the budgeted expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2016/17 is £167.6m which includes the capital and new build programmes;</p> <p>13 Council be recommended to endorse the HRA budget strategy savings proposals in order to achieve a balanced budget in 2016/17, as attached at Appendix X1;</p> <p><i>Dedicated Schools Grant and Pupil Premium</i></p> <p>14 Council be recommended to agree, subject to final confirmation of the allocation, that the provisional Dedicated Schools Grant allocation of £283.5m be the Schools' Budget for 2016/17; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the consultation with schools on the changes to the funding arrangements for High Needs Pupils as set out in paragraph 7.12 be noted;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the level of pupil premium anticipated for 2016/17 of £18.0m</li> </ul> <p>General Fund Revenue Budget be noted</p> <p>15 Council be asked to note the projected overall variance against the agreed 2015/16 revenue budget of £6.9m as set out in section 8 of this report and that any year-end overspend will have to be met from reserves;</p> <p>16 Council be asked to endorse the previously approved revenue budget savings of £6.462m for 2016/17 and budget savings proposals of £10.752 as per the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the 30 September 2015, as set out in section 8 of the report and summarised in Appendix Y1 and Y2;</p>

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		<p>17 Council be asked to agree the transfer of £5.0m in 2016/17 from the New Homes Bonus reserve to the General Fund for one year to meet funding shortfalls and that the position be reviewed again for 2017/18;</p> <p>18 Council be asked to agree the use of £5.942m reserves to meet the budget gap in 2016/17;</p> <p>19 Council be asked to agree to fund budget pressures in the sum of £3.750m in 2016/17;</p> <p>20 Council be asked to agree to create a fund in respect of as yet un-quantified revenue budget risks in the sum of £3.750m in 2016/17, allowing the Executive Director for Resources &amp; Regeneration to hold these resources corporately in case these pressures emerge during the year, and authorises the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to allocate these funds to meet such pressures when satisfied that those pressures cannot be contained within the Directorates' cash limits;</p> <p>21 Council be recommended to approve a General Fund Budget Requirement of £236.218m for 2016/17, based on a 3.99% increase in Lewisham's Council Tax element. This will result in a Band D equivalent Council Tax level of £1,102.66 for Lewisham's services and £1,378.66 overall. This represents an overall increase in Council Tax for 2016/17 of 1.72% and is subject to the GLA precept for 2016/17 being reduced by 6.44% from its existing level, in line with the GLA's draft proposal;</p> <p>22 Council be asked to note the Council Tax Ready Reckoner which for illustrative purposes sets out the Band D equivalent Council Tax at various levels of increase. This is explained in section 8 of the report and set out in</p>

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		<p>more detail in Appendix Y3;</p> <p>23 the Executive Director for Resources &amp; Regeneration issues cash limits to all Directorates once the 2016/17 Revenue Budget is agreed;</p> <p>24 the Chief Financial Officer's Section 25 Statement will be presented in the Budget Update Report on the 17 February for approval;</p> <p>25 the draft statutory calculations for 2016/17 be approved as set out at Appendix Y5;</p> <p>26 the prospects for the revenue budget for 2017/18 and future years be noted as set out in section 9;</p> <p>27 officers continue to develop firm proposals as part of the Lewisham Future Programme to help meet the forecast budget shortfalls; Other Grants (within the General Fund)</p> <p>28 the adjustments to and impact of various specific grants for 2016/17 on the General Fund as set out in section 8 be noted;</p> <p><i>Treasury Management Strategy</i></p> <p>29 Council be recommended to approve the prudential indicators and treasury limits, as set out in section 10;</p> <p>30 Council be recommended to approve the 2016/17 treasury strategy, including; the potential for debt restructuring and opportunity to invest for longer than one year in pooled property funds, along with the investment</p>

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		<p>strategy and the credit worthiness policy, as set out at Appendix Z3;</p> <p>31 Council be recommended to approve the revised Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in section 10;</p> <p>32 Council be recommended to agree to delegate to the Executive Director for Resources &amp; Regeneration authority during 2016/17 to make amendments to borrowing and investment limits provided they are consistent with the strategy and there is no change to the Council's authorised limit for borrowing;</p> <p>33 Council be recommended to approve the credit and counterparty risk management criteria, as set out at Appendix Z3, the proposed countries for investment at Appendix Z4, and that it formally delegates responsibility for managing transactions with those institutions which meet the criteria to the Executive Director for Resources &amp; Regeneration; and</p> <p>34 Council be recommended to approve a minimum sovereign rating of AA- ;</p> <p>35 Council be recommended to approve a change to the yellow and purple durational investment bands from 1 to 2 years in the credit worthiness policy.</p>
<b>A7</b>	<p>Consultation Results and Waste Regulations Assessment for Proposed Changes to Waste and Recycling Service</p>	<p>Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Mayor agreed that</p> <p>(i) the results of the 'Let's Talk Rubbish' consultation and Waste Regulations (TEEP) Assessment;</p> <p>(ii) a subscription garden waste service be introduced from June 2016 at an annual fee of £60 p.a.;</p>

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		<p>(iii) a weekly food collection service be introduced and refuse collections be reduced to fortnightly ( with an earliest implementation date of Autumn 2016);</p> <p>(iv) a weekly comingled recycling service be retained whilst options to share services and contracts with neighbouring boroughs are further explored.</p>
<b>A8</b>	Response to SDSC on Publishing Viability Assessments	Having considered an officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that the response prepared by the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be approved and reported to the Sustainable Development Select Committee.
<b>A9</b>	OSC Referral Key Planning Issues	Having considered an officer report, the Mayor agreed that the views of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to prepare a response for Mayoral approval and reporting to the Committee.
<b>A10</b>	Exclusion of Press and Public	Approved.
<b>A11</b>	Estate Cleansing and Bulky Waste Collection Services on Lewisham Homes Estates	<p>Having considered a confidential officer report, and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the rationale for enabling Lewisham Homes to directly deliver Estate Cleansing and Bulky Waste Collection Services in areas in which it is providing housing management services be noted;</p> <p>(2) Lewisham Homes will provide these services directly from 1st April 2016 and that on that basis officers now commence a period of staff consultation ahead of the transfer; and</p>



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		(3) as the Management Agreement between the Council and Lewisham Homes is currently being reviewed and that if this service transfer is agreed officers will ensure that the new Agreement reflects that, ahead of final consideration by Mayor and Cabinet in March 2016.
<b>A12</b>	Catford Stadium Redevelopment - Funding of Additional Footbridge Costs	<p>Having considered a confidential officer report and a presentation from the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor agreed that:</p> <p>(a) the current estimated shortfall in resources required to deliver the installation of a new pedestrian footbridge be forward funded as part of the Catford Stadium redevelopment. Capital reserves will be used to finance the expenditure prior to the anticipated receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions; and</p> <p>(b) the stipulated capital programme budget to meet the current estimated shortfall be approved in order for the scheme to proceed.</p>