



AGENDA

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.00 pm

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Councillor Alex Feis-Bryce	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Jim Mallory	Chair of Public Accounts Select Committee	L
Councillor Joan Millbank	Labour Group Representative	L
Councillor Pauline Morrison	Chair of Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee	L
Councillor John Muldoon	Chair of Healthier Communities Select Committee	Labour Co-op
Councillor Luke Sorba	Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee	L
Councillor Susan Wise	Chair of Housing Select Committee	Labour Co-op

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Members are summoned to attend this meeting

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Date: Monday, 4 February 2019



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Agenda Item 1

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Minutes	
Key Decision		Item No. 1
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 February 2019

Recommendation

It is recommended that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel which was open to the press and public, held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed and signed.

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 7.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Bill Brown, Juliet Campbell, Liam Curran, Alex Feis-Bryce, Jim Mallory, Joan Millbank, John Muldoon, Luke Sorba and Susan Wise

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Silvana Kelleher, Councillor John Paschoud and Councillor Olurotimi Ogunbadewa.

163. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on November 13 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

164. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Juliet Campbell declared a personal interest in Item 9 as an employee of carers Lewisham 18 years ago.

Councillor Jim Mallory declared a personal interest in Item 9 as his wife had previously worked as a volunteer for Carers Lewisham for 10 years.

165. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

166. Notifications of Late and Urgent Items

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

167. Community Infrastructure Levy neighbourhood CIL Strategy - report to follow

The report, made available for pre-decision scrutiny, was presented by the Planning Programme and Infrastructure Manager.

The Chair pointed out the report had already been discussed at the Sustainable Development Committee and an informal presentation and discussion open to all Councillors had taken place.

The Chair reported he had received a written question from Councillor Walsh Asking what advice had officers sought from the Department of Communities and Local Government (and/or other appropriate government agencies) about the redistribution of CIL (including NCIL) away from communities/localities that are directly affected by the impacts of developments, where the charges

are levied? In response Planning Programme and Infrastructure Manager. Said advice had not been required from the DCLG or DHLG but that legal input had been obtained internally.

In answer to a concern raised by Councillor Millbank, the Planning Programme and Infrastructure Manager said work would be undertaken in conjunction with colleagues from the Community Services Directorate to establish relationships and assess potential impacts as Neighbourhood Plans once adopted would be a consideration in determining infrastructure priorities.

In answer to a request from Councillor Curran suggesting a longer timeframe might prove beneficial, the Planning Programme and Infrastructure Manager said the process had already been ongoing for a number of years and that a successful pilot had already been undertaken in the Evelyn Ward. He further pointed out the Mayor & Cabinet consideration, originally programmed for November 2018, had been delayed to March 2019 at the earliest.

Councillor Mallory stated he had seen a draft allocation formula elsewhere which he welcomed. He cautioned against Local Assemblies regarding NCIL as revenue to be added to the main budget process. He suggested greater centralisation of the allocation process might be required.

Councillor Feis-Bryce sought information about the outcome of the Evelyn pilot. The Chair indicated that information had previously been circulated by officers on this pilot and he said he would see if he could recirculate the relevant email.

Councillors Sorba and Curran both made suggestions about the role elected members should play in decision making and the Chair advised a conclusion on that area would be reached elsewhere.

Councillor Muldoon asked for any agreed mechanism for the allocation of funds should be proportionate to the amount being given.

In conclusion, the Panel welcomed the greater time being taken which would allow the emergence of a modified allocation formula. The Panel agreed all comments received, including the extensive ones submitted by the Sustainable Development Committee, should be the subject of further discussion. The Panel further asked that once funding had been allocated the process should be clear, transparent and timely.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

168. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019

No open decisions taken by the Mayor & Cabinet on January 16 2019 were identified for further discussion.

169. Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees Programmes 2018/19

The Overview & Scrutiny Manager reported that all Select Committee Work

programmes were reaching completion.

She confirmed the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had made a submission to the Local Democracy Review.

She advised the Panel that the Government was yet to publish statutory scrutiny guidance.

She informed the Panel that the Our Healthier South East London joint overview and scrutiny committee would next meet on February 20.

Councillor Sorba reported that unusually the Children and Young People's Select Committee's in depth review would not be completed in this Municipal Year.

170. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillor John Paschoud questioned the justification for exempting the Mayor & Cabinet report which was at issue from consideration in the open part of the meeting. He said the redaction of a recommendation and a page of commercial information would remove any need for restriction. The Panel considered his representation but concluded it would not be prudent to proceed along the lines suggested without comprehensive legal advice. The Chair asked that Legal Officers prepare a briefing for him prior to the next meeting.

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006:-

9. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019.

171. Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet on 16 January 2019

The report on the Award of Contract for the Carer Information Advice and Support Service was presented by two of the joint NHS/Council Commissioning Officers.

Councillor John Paschoud expressed surprise that the service was marked as 'boroughwide' when it had offices in his Perry Vale Ward. He went on to question the soundness of the bid evaluation process which placed a 60% weighting on price and only 40% on quality when it was widely known an emergent Social value would suggest weighing both factors equally.

The Commissioning Officer responded by saying the Service was expected to operate on a boroughwide basis and that advice taken from Legal and Procurement colleagues stated current weightings were to be used until

replaced by any new factors.

Councillor John Muldoon asked if in-house provision had been considered in line with a Mayoral Manifesto commitment and was informed officers believed Carer support should always be independent of the Council.

Councillor Susan Wise said she lacked confidence in the rankings being used and believed forthcoming changes to procurement rules would ensure there was greater emphasis on quality and a possible change to the recommended provider for this contract.

Councillor Luke Sorba sought information on the staffing implications and was informed four staff were eligible for TUPE to the new provider. Councillor Olurotimi Ogunbadewa expressed concerns about the ongoing job security for any staff transferred to any new provider.

Councillor Juliet Campbell expressed a preference for the contract to be awarded to a specialist carers agency and was informed officers had looked more widely at agencies offering information, advice and support services.

Councillor Jim Mallory recognised the need for advisors who were independent of the Council. He queried any separation between advice for Young Carers and advice for Adult Carers. Officers stated this was because Young Carers were funded separately by CYP Commissioning.

Councillor Juliet Campbell raised concerns about any transition to a new provider and believed a seamless service was unlikely to be achieved.

Councillor Feis-Bryce quoted a Mayoral Manifesto commitment to obtain services locally which appeared to be at variance with the decisions taken at Mayor & Cabinet.

The Panel concluded that given their misgivings about this contract award they should agree a formal call-in and refer the decisions back to Mayor & Cabinet for reconsideration. The reasons for the call-in were proposed by Councillor Mallory and after being read back to the Panel, were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the decision taken by the Mayor & Cabinet on January 16 in respect of the award of contract Carer Information Advice and Support Service be called-in and referred back to the Mayor & Cabinet for Reconsideration for the following reasons:

- i. that the scoring system and the balance between quality and price was not robust given the decision to award the contract to an organisation which was 1st on Price and 4th on Quality over another which was 2nd on Price and 1st on Quality;
- ii. that the Panel was not convinced there would be continuity of provision for Carers during the transition period;

iii. given the strong interconnections between the Adults and Young Carers Contracts, the Panel was not persuaded separate awards should be the preferred option;

iv. in accordance with the Manifesto commitment to use an in house provider whenever possible, a prominent section of the report should have examined the advantages and disadvantages of in house provision. The Panel would further ask that all future contractual reports should contain this consideration;

v. the recommendation appears contrary to the Manifesto commitment to secure services locally whenever possible.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Key Decision		Item No. 2
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 February 2019

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.

- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member’s knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-
 - (a) that body to the member’s knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
 - (b) either
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes , or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members’ Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member’s child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on members’ participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**
- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.
- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Outstanding Scrutiny Matters	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 3
Ward	n/a	
Contributors	Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 February 2019

1. Purpose of Report

To report on items previously reported to the Mayor for response by directorates and to indicate the likely future reporting date.

2. Recommendation

That the reporting date of the items shown in the table below be noted.

Report Title	Responding Author	Date Considered by Mayor & Cabinet	Scheduled Reporting Date	Slippage since last report
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee on Neighbourhood CIL	Interim Heaf of Planning	16 January 2016	13 March 2019	No
Comments of Sustainable Development Select Committee on Parking	ED Customer Services	16 January 2019	27 March 2019	No

BACKGROUND PAPERS and AUTHOR

Mayor & Cabinet minutes 16 January 2019 available from Kevin Flaherty 0208 3149327.

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=139&Year=0>

Agenda Item 4

Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel		
Report Title	Notification of Late and Urgent Items	
Key Decision	No	Item No. 4
Ward		
Contributors	Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 February 2019

1. Purpose of Report

Report Title	Author	Reasons Stated for Urgency	Responsible Committee and Date
Self Assessment Report	Lucie Heyes	Reports went through clearance late	Corporate Parenting Group 30/1/19
Reflection Exercise Report	Lucie Heyes	Reports went through clearance late	Corporate Parenting Group 30/1/19
Driving Lessons	Lucie Heyes	Reports went through clearance late	Corporate Parenting Group 30/1/19
Data Dashboard	Lucie Heyes	Reports went through clearance late	Corporate Parenting Group 30/1/19
Viewpoint	Neil Hopkins	Restrictive informative comparative reporting	Corporate Parenting Group 30/1/19

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL		
Report Title	Decisions made by Mayor and Cabinet at the on 6 February 2019	
Key Decision		Item No. 5
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive/Head of Business and Committee	
Class	Part 1	Date:12 February 2019

1. Recommendation

To consider key decisions made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 6 February 2019 which will come in to force on 13 February 2019.

2. Background

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet considered the following key decisions on 6 February 2019.

2.2 The notice of the decision made in respect of the report is attached as an Appendix. Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If this report is not called in they will come into force on 13 February 2019

- i. Council Budget 2019-20
- ii. Income Generation Update
- iii. Draft Procurement Social Value Policy
- iv. Draft Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan 2019-2041 (LIP3)



NOTICE OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MAYOR & CABINET

The Mayor and Cabinet made the following decisions on 6 February 2019. These decisions will become effective on 13 February 2019 unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Business Panel on 12 February 2019.

1. Council Budget 2019-20

Having considered an officer report, and presentations by Mayor and the non-voting job share Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee of 5 February 2019 be received and Mayor and Cabinet decisions on the budget report will be taken formally with the budget update report on 13 February;

(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, as required, the Mayor and cabinet approves as follows:

Capital Programme

(3) the 2018/19 Quarter 3 Capital Programme monitoring position and the Capital Programme potential future schemes and resources as set out in section 5 of this report be noted;

(4) to recommend that Council approves the 2019/20 to 2021/22 Capital Programme of £344.7m, as set out in section 5 and attached at Appendices W1 and W2;

Housing Revenue Account

(5) the consultation report on service charges to tenants' and leaseholders in the Brockley area, presented to area panel members on 27 November 2018, attached at Appendix X2 be noted;

(6) the consultation report on service charges to tenants' and leaseholders and the Lewisham Homes budget strategy presented to area panel members on 13 December 2018 as attached at Appendix X3 be noted;

(7) sets a decrease in dwelling rents of 1.0% (an average of £0.96 per week) – as per the requirements from government as presented in section 6;

(8) sets a decrease in the hostels accommodation charge by 1.0% (or £0.36 per week), in accordance with Government requirements;

(9) the following average weekly increases/decreases for dwellings be approved for:

(10) service charges to non-Lewisham Homes managed dwellings (Brockley);

- caretaking 4.30% (£0.22)
- grounds 4.30% (£0.09)
- communal lighting 4.30% (£0.07)
- bulk waste collection 4.30% (£0.06)
- window cleaning 4.30% (£0.01)
- tenants' levy 15.0% (£0.02)

(11) service charges to Lewisham Homes managed dwellings:

- caretaking 3.27% (£0.19)
- grounds 3.63% (£0.07)
- window cleaning 11.11% (£0.01)
- communal lighting 0.88% (£0.01)
- block pest control 1.84% (£0.03)
- waste collection 8.33% (£0.04)
- heating & hot water 1.31% (£0.13)
- tenants' levy 15.38% (£0.02)
- bulk waste disposal 3.70% (£0.03)
- sheltered housing 1.00% (£0.24)

(12) approves the following average weekly percentage changes for hostels and shared temporary units for;

- service charges (hostels) – caretaking etc.; no change
- energy cost increases for heat, light & power; no change
- water charges increase; no change

(13) approves an increase in garage rents by 25% (£2.37 per week) for Brockley residents and 25% (£3.06 per week) for Lewisham Homes residents;

(14) notes that the budgeted expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2019/20 is £169.6m, split £99.9m revenue and £69.7m capital, which includes the decent homes and new build programmes;

(15) agrees the HRA budget strategy cut proposals in order to achieve a balanced budget in 2019/20, as attached at Appendix X1;

Dedicated Schools Grant and Pupil Premium

(16) recommends that Council agrees, subject to final confirmation of the allocation, that the provisional Dedicated Schools Grant allocation of £290.880m be the Schools' Budget for 2019/20;

(17) the funding in respect of each of the blocks continues to be based on the National Funding Formula. A "soft formula" remains in place for the Schools Block, however Lewisham Council has agreed to mirror the principles of the National Funding Formula to distribute the Schools Budget Share;

(18) Council be asked to agree that Minimum Funding Guarantee for the schools block be set at a plus 0.20% for 2019/20 as supported by Schools Forum;

(19) the continuing pressures facing the High Needs Block be noted and the transfer of £1m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block be approved as agreed with the Schools Forum;

(20) an overall increase in the High Needs Block of £2m be noted, of which £0.7m relates to the Secretary of States recent statement providing £300m to Local Authorities to support pressure in the High Needs Block, with the remaining increase arising from factors determining the High Needs Block methodology adding £1m on top of this funding;

(21) to recognise that despite the increase in High Needs Funding, there continues to remain upward pressure on costs, arising from a combination of increase in pupils with specialist need, more complex need and associated costs;

(22) Council be asked to note that the Early Years Block position is provisional pending January 2019 and 2020 pupil counts; and to further note that within the supplementary funding for Nursery Schools (determined within the Early Years Block) will continue for 2019/20 the provisional allocation suggests a minor increase of £7k;

(23) Council be asked to note a small increase of £15k to the Central Services to Schools Block Component of the DSG;

(24) Council be asked to note the Pupil Premium Funding rates for 2019/20 will remain at current levels thereby resulting in a real term reduction in spending and that the funding levels have not increased since 2017/18;

(25) Council be asked to note that the 2019/20 pupil premium allocation will be confirmed pending the January 2019 census; and to note for information that 2018/19 pupil premium was £16.4m. The 2019/20 figure could potentially be lower as a result of reduction in

overall pupil numbers coupled with overall reduction in Free School Meal Eligibility numbers;

(26) Council be asked to note the latest financial position in schools and the likely future cost pressures on schools;

General Fund Revenue Budget

(27) Council be asked to note the projected overall variance against the agreed 2018/19 revenue budget of £241.281m as set out in section 8 and that any year-end overspend will have to be met from reserves;

(28) Council be asked to endorse the budget cut proposals of £7.963m as per the Mayor and Cabinet meeting of the 21 November 2018, as set out in section 8 of the report and summarised in Appendix Y1;

(29) In relation to budget cut proposals – Commercial Income (RES16) £140k, Main Grants (COM12) £600k, Local Assemblies Funding (COM14) £225k, and Small Grants (COM17) £50k – be approved and asks the Council to endorse the proposed budget cuts totalling £1.015m in 2019/20, as set out in section 8 and in Appendix Y2 of this report;

(30) Notes that budget cut proposals Park Events Income (CUS03) and Removal of Public Toilets (CUS08) totalling £0.292m in 2019/20, have yet to be re-presented to Mayor and Cabinet for approval but are assumed as part of the budget calculation for 2019/20 with any gap covered from once-off resources until formerly concluded;

(31) Council be asked to agree the transfer of £5.0m in 2019/20 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 2020/21;

(32) Council be asked to agree the use of £2.461m reserves to meet the budget gap in 2019/20;

(33) Council be asked to agree the allocation of £6.500m in 2019/20 be set aside for corporate risks and pressures;

(34) Council be asked to agree the allocation of the full £6.500m set aside for corporate risks and pressures in 2019/20 to fund quantified budget pressures;

(35) Council be recommended to agree that a General Fund Budget Requirement of £243.012m for 2019/20 be approved;

(36) Council be asked to agree to a 4.99% increase in Lewisham's Council Tax element resulting in a Band D equivalent Council Tax level

of £1,263.94 for Lewisham's services and £1,584.45 overall and representing an overall increase in Council Tax for 2019/20 of 5.76% subject to the GLA precept for 2019/20 being increased by £26.28 (i.e. 8.9%) from £294.23 to £320.51, in line with the GLA's draft budget proposal;

(37) 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, explained in section 8 and set out in more detail in Appendix Y3;

(38) the Interim Chief Finance Officer issues cash limits to all Directorates once the 2019/20 Revenue Budget is agreed;

(39) the Interim Chief Finance Officer's Section 25 Statement be presented in the Budget Update Report on the 13 February 2019 for approval;

(40) Council be asked to agree the draft statutory calculations for 2019/20 as set out at Appendix Y5;

(41) Council be asked to note the prospects for the revenue budget for 2020/21 and future years as set out in section 9;

(42) officers continue to develop firm proposals and bring them forward for working towards a cuts round before the summer recess to help plan early and meet the future forecast budget shortfalls;

Other Grants (within the General Fund)

(43) Council be asked to note the adjustments to and impact of various specific grants for 2019/20 on the General Fund as set out in section 8;

Treasury Management Strategy

(44) Council be recommended to approve the prudential indicators and treasury indicators, as set out in section 10;

(45) Council be recommended to approve the Annual Investment Strategy and Credit Worthiness Policy, set out in further detail at Appendix Z2;

(46) Council be recommended to approve the Capital Strategy 2019/20, set out in further detail at Appendix Z5;

(47) Council be recommended to approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in section 10;

(48) Council be recommended to agree to delegate to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration authority during 2019/20 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;

(49) Council be recommended to approve the credit and counterparty risk management criteria, as set out at Appendix Z2, the proposed countries for investment at Appendix Z3, and that it formally delegates responsibility for managing transactions with those institutions which meet the criteria to the Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration; and

(50) Council be recommended to approve a minimum sovereign rating of AA-.

2. Income Generation Update

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the non-voting job share Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the draft Income Generation Strategy be adopted and implemented; and

(2) the current pilot to centrally resource income generation activity should convert to permanent using the identified funding of £200k as per section 7.

3. Draft Procurement Social Value Policy

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the non-voting job share Cabinet Member for Finance, Skills and Jobs, Councillor Amanda De Ryk, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that the draft Social Value Policy be approved for implementation, including the required amendment to the standard procurement evaluation weighting to support this.

4. Draft Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan 2019-2041 (LIP3)

Having considered an officer report, and a presentation by the voting job share Cabinet Member for Parks, Neighbourhood and Transport, Councillor Brenda Dacres, the Mayor and Cabinet agreed that:

(1) the draft of the Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan 2019-2041 (LIP3), be approved for final submission to TfL and approval by the Mayor of London.

(2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Customer Services, for minor changes to LIP3 in the lead up to final submission to TfL in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

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