

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2017, 7.30 - 9.45 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ali Gul Ozbek (Mayor), Gina Adamou, Peray Ahmet, Kaushika Amin, Jason Arthur, Eugene Ayisi, Dhiren Basu, David Beacham, Patrick Berryman, John Bevan, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Clive Carter, Joanna Christophides, Pippa Connor, Ali Demirci, Isidoros Diakides, Natan Doron, Joseph Ejiofor, Sarah Elliott, Gail Engert, Tim Gallagher, Joe Goldberg, Eddie Griffith, Makbule Gunes, Bob Hare, Kirsten Hearn, Emine Ibrahim, Adam Jogee, Claire Kober, Toni Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, Liz McShane, Peter Mitchell, Liz Morris, Martin Newton, James Patterson, Sheila Peacock, Reg Rice, Viv Ross, Raj Sahota, Anne Stennett, Alan Strickland, Tucker, Bernice Vanier, Ann Waters, Elin Weston and Charles Wright

46. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Mayor referred to the notices as shown on the summons in relation to filming at meetings.

47. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adje, Brabazon, Carroll, McNamara, Opoku and Reith.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Elliott and Ibrahim.

48. TO ASK THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 100B OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

50. TO ASK MEMBERS WHETHER THEY NEED TO MAKE A DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

ACT 1992 IN RELATION TO UNPAID COMMUNITY CHARGE OR COUNCIL TAX LIABILITY WHICH IS TWO MONTHS OR MORE OUTSTANDING.

None.

51. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 November 2016 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

52. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE MAYOR MAY LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Mayor drew Members' attention to the note tabled at the meeting that set out some of his engagements since the last meeting. In particular, he gave details of his visits to the meeting of SC. Cause (Sickle Cell Care, Advocacy, Unity, Support with Empathy) and to St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Primary School where he heard from some of the children who had been working with UCL students to investigate how poor housing impacts on children's learning.

The Mayor also marked the retirement of Steve Russell after 45 years of service to the Borough and thanked Nick Walkley for his tenure as Chief Executive over the last four years, leading Councillors in a round of applause.

Finally, the Mayor drew attention to the recent passing of Peter Tucker, former Chief Executive of the Commission for Racial Equality, who had worked closely with former leader Bernie Grant as Haringey led on the equality agenda.

53. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Zina Etheridge, Deputy Chief Executive, had no matters to report.

54. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Bernie Ryan, Assistant Director for Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, drew Members' attention to the report in his name that recommended the Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources be designated the Council's statutory Scrutiny Officer, pursuant to section 9FB of the Local Government Act 2000. Upon being moved by the Chief Whip for the majority group, it was

RESOLVED

That the Council designate the Assistant Director for Transformation and Resources as the Council's statutory Scrutiny Officer pursuant to section 9FB of the Local Government Act 2000.

55. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND, IF APPROVED, TO RECEIVE THEM

The Mayor set out that he had accepted a deputation request from representatives of Unison, and invited Gerard McGrath and Andrea Holden to introduce their deputation, where they set out their members' concerns at the reductions in council funding and the outsourcing of services.

Following questions to the deputation from Councillors Carter, Berryman and Ejiofor, Councillor Arthur responded to the points made by the deputation.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for attending the meeting and led the Council in a round of applause.

56. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES

57. REPORT FROM STAFFING AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE: INTERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

Councillor Sahota introduced his Committee's report, and set out some additional information to Members, specifically that Ms Etheridge, if approved as interim Head of Paid Service, would be paid at the lowest point of the Chief Executive scale agreed by Council, that members of the Cabinet had been given opportunity to raise objections to the interim appointment and that no objection had been received, and that he intended to bring a recommendation on the permanent Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service to the next meeting of Full Council on 20 March.

RESOLVED

That Full Council approve the appointment of Zina Etheridge, Deputy Chief Executive, as Interim Head of Paid Service with effect from 1 March 2017 until a permanent appointment to the Chief Executive post is made and the appointee takes up post.

58. REPORT FROM CORPORATE COMMITTEE: EXTERNAL AUDIT APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Councillor Barbara Blake introduced the first of three reports from her Committee, which related to the Council's external audit arrangements.

RESOLVED

That Full Council resolve that the external auditor for the Council and for the pension fund should be appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA), a subsidiary of the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) which is wholly owned by the Local Government Association.

59. REPORT FROM CORPORATE COMMITTEE: MID YEAR REPORT - TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Councillor Barbara Blake introduced her Committee's second report, on the Treasury Management Mid Year Report.

RESOLVED

That Full Council note the Treasury Management activity undertaken during the six months to 30th September 2016 and the performance achieved.

60. REPORT FROM CORPORATE COMMITTEE: TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2017-18 TO 2019-20

Councillor Barbara Blake introduced her Committee's third report, on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18-2019/20.

RESOLVED

1. That Full Council approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18 to 2019/20 as attached at annex four of the 2017/18 Budget report to Full Council, including the following additional clarifications in the Council's MRP policy:
2. That the proposed changes to the MRP policy are applied from 1st April 2016.
3. That full Council note and approve that financial agreements relating to capital investments that are reasonably expected to be returned in at maturity will not, at the discretion of the CFO, attract MRP where it is reasonably expected that the investment will be returned to the Council in full at maturity or over a defined period.
4. That full Council note changes to the capital expenditure tables.
5. That approvals in point 1, 2 and 3 above take effect from the date of authorisation of the changes to the appended report (16th February 2017).

61. MEDIUM TERM FINANCE STRATEGY 2017-18 TO 2021-22 AND 2017-18 BUDGET

Clerks note:

Re: Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-18 to 2021-22 and 2017-18 Budget report. The aggregate of council tax requirements for a Band C household, set out in the formal budget resolution at Annex 5 of the report, should have read "£1354.90", rather than "£1354.91". The amount stated was a penny too high due to a rounding error. This note has been approved as a variation to the Council decision of 27 February 2017, by the Council meeting on 20 March 2017.

The Mayor advised the meeting that the Assistant Director for Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer would provide some advice on the voting requirements for budget votes.

It was noted that the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, and the Council's Standing Orders required the Council to record in the minutes how each Councillor voted, including any abstentions, when determining the Council's Budget and the level of Council Tax to be levied.

The only requirement was to record in the minutes of the meeting how each member voted, and given that there were 5 amendments and a substantive motion to be voted on, it could be recorded in the minutes of the meeting how each member voted, including any who have abstained, by a show of hands.

Councillor Arthur then **MOVED** the budget report – 2017/18 Budget and moved the recommendations contained at page 51 to page 52 of the agenda pack, section 3.1, items [a] to [q]. Councillor Kober seconded the motion and reserved her right to speak during the debate.

Councillor Engert **MOVED** 5 budget amendments as set out in the tabled papers and to be considered as part of the item. Councillor Morris seconded the amendments and reserved her right to speak during the debate.

A debate ensued and Councillors Jennifer Mann, Newton, Elliott, Connor, McShane, Barbara Blake, Ross, Gallaher, Adamou, Carter, Griffith, Kober, Morris, Wright, Gideon Bull, Hare, and Goldberg contributed to the discussion. Councillor Engert and then Cllr Arthur responded to the proposals.

The five amendments to the Motions were then voted on individually.

Budget Amendment 1

On being put to a vote:

There being 8 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

43 against (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiofor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

No abstentions

Amendment 1 was declared LOST.

Budget Amendment 2

On being put to a vote:

There being 8 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

43 against (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiofor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson,

Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

No abstentions

Amendment 2 was declared LOST.

Budget Amendment 3

On being put to a vote:

There being 8 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

43 against (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiolor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

No abstentions

Amendment 3 was declared LOST.

Budget Amendment 4

On being put to a vote:

There being 8 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

43 against (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiolor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

No abstentions

Amendment 4 was declared LOST.

Budget Amendment 5

On being put to a vote:

There being 8 in favour of the amendment (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

43 against (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiofor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

No abstentions

Amendment 5 was declared LOST.

In respect of the substantive recommendations contained at section 3.1 of the 2017/18 Budget report as **MOVED** by Councillor Arthur, on a vote:

There being 43 **for** (Councillors Adamou, Ahmet, Ayisi, Amin, Arthur, Basu, Bevan, Berryman, Barbara Blake, Mark Blake, Clare Bull, Gideon Bull, Christophides, Demirci, Diakides, Doron, Ejiofor, Elliott, Gallagher, Goldberg, Griffith, Gunes, Hearn, Ibrahim, Jogee, Kober, Mallett, Jennifer Mann, Stephen Mann, McShane, Mitchell, Ozbek, Patterson, Peacock, Rice, Sahota, Stennett, Strickland, Tucker, Vanier, Waters, Weston, and Wright) and

8 **against** (Councillors Beacham, Carter, Connor, Engert, Hare, Morris, Newton and Ross) and

no abstentions it was:

RESOLVED

1. to note the proposed Budget package agreed by Cabinet on 14th February 2017, including the outcomes from the budget consultation processes, attached as Annex 1 to the report.
2. to note the revised budget and MTFs (2017-2022) position based on new information that has become available since the Cabinet meeting of 14th February 2017, set out in more detail in section 7 and at Annex 1A of the report
3. to approve the policy on flexible use of capital receipts as set out in 7.2c and Appendix C of Annex 1A to the report
4. to note the Budget Scrutiny recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the response of the Cabinet set out in Appendix 7 to the Cabinet budget report (at Annex 1 of the report)
5. to approve the increase in the Haringey Council tax of 3% relating to the Adult Social Care precept;
6. to approve the Cash Limits 2017/18 as set out in Annex 2 of the report;
7. to approve the General Fund budget requirement for 2017/18 of £255.762m, net of Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet budget report (Annex 1 of the report);
8. to approve the 2017/18 General Fund capital programme set out in Appendix 3 to the Cabinet budget report (at Annex 1 of the report);
9. to approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet budget report (at Annex 1 of the report);

10. to approve the 2017/18 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme set out in Appendix 4 to the Cabinet budget report (at Annex 1 of the report);
11. to note the Greater London Authority (GLA) proposed precept (para. 8.5 of the report);
12. to delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Health, to reflect any final changes to the level of the GLA precept in the Council's Council tax billing information set out in Annex 5 of the report;
13. to approve the reserves policy including the Chief Finance Officer's (CFO) assessment of risk and her assessment of the adequacy of reserves, as set out in Annex 3 (a – c) of the report;
14. to approve the estimated level of un-earmarked General Fund reserves and the specific and other reserves as set out in Annex 3c of the report;
15. to note the report of the Chief Finance Officer under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of proposed reserves set out in section 9 of the report;
16. to approve the (amended) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18 set out in Annex 4 of the report; and
17. to pass the budget resolution including the level of Council tax, in the specified format and to determine that the Council's relevant basic amount of Council tax for the year is not excessive as set out in Annex 5 of the report.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date