



COUNCIL (TABLED PAPERS)

All Members of the Council are
HEREBY SUMMONED
to attend a meeting of the Council to
be held on

Wednesday, 1st March, 2017

at 7.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Hackney Town Hall,
Mare Street, London E8 1EA

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Chief Executive

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Future Meetings

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Location

Hackney Town Hall is on Mare Street, bordered by Wilton Way and Reading Lane. For directions please go to <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/contact-us>

Facilities

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in the Assembly Halls, rooms 101, 102 & 103 and the Council Chamber. Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

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2017/18 Revenue Estimates and Council Tax

TABLED PAPER: Conservative Group Budget Amendment

This Council therefore amends as set out below the 2017/18 budget proposals, by proposing a reduction in the Hackney element of the Council Tax of £45.33 per Band D equivalent.

	£'000s
Proposed changes in capital expenditure	
Reduce investment in planned highways maintenance	(1,800)
<i>Note: the Group Director of Finance & Corporate Resources and the Director Public Realm would strongly advise that this reduction is only maintained for one year and will need to be reversed as part of the development of the 2018/19 Budget</i>	
Reduction in expenditure on general parks infrastructure	(300)
Reduction investment in respect of Shoreditch Action Plan from £2,000k to £1,000k	(1,000)
Sub-total of proposed changes in capital expenditure	(3,100)
TOTAL CHANGE IN BUDGET REQUIREMENT	(3,100)

n.b. the proposed change in capital expenditure will take the form of a one-off reduction in Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay to fund the reduction in Council tax as set out above.

Council therefore amends as follows the 2017/18 budget proposals, including a reduction in the Hackney element of the Council Tax of £45.33 per Band D equivalent. The Group Director of Finance & Corporate Resources advises that he can give the reassurances required by Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 with regard the adequacy of the reserves and the robustness of the estimates on the basis of the notes included with the proposed amendments. It is also important to note that where resources identified above are only one off resources they can only be used to fund expenditure for the one year.

The proposed amendments set out above will generate a Council Tax Requirement of £68.648m, which equates to a Council Tax of £1,003.64 at the Band D level for Hackney purposes. When added to the proposals of the preceptor, the Greater London Authority, this would produce a total at band D level of £1,283.66 for residents, which equates to a £10.76 reduction from 2016/17

In addition to the proposed amendments for 2017/18, the Conservative group propose the following reviews take place during 2017/18 in order to identify further efficiencies, to include:

- With immediate effect, in line with recent Government directions, end the publication of Hackney Today, and to explore more efficient means of publishing statutory notices and other service information, for example by joining publishing with Islington Council. Further to ensure that no further legal costs are incurred in this respect.
- Ending the implementation of public realm schemes relating to road closures and other traffic calming measures, which are ineffective, thereby reducing air pollution.
- No further expenditure to be incurred on Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ), including those not yet implemented, e.g. Lampard Grove
- A review of the consultation process, particularly regarding CPZs, to ensure that the final decisions take full account of the views expressed by residents and

business. Immediate review of the decision in respect of Lampard Grove is to be undertaken

- A review of the application of s106 funds to ensure that those with some flexibility regarding their use are used appropriately and most efficiently in pursuit of the Council's overall aims and objectives
- Review of schemes agreed with TfL as part of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) with a view to agreeing a reprioritisation of funding in order to reduce call on the Council's discretionary capital programme for general repairs. This review and any subsequent proposed changes to the approved LIP will need to be agreed by TfL.
- A review of the roads maintenance programme ensuring that repairs are not required to be repeated on the same roads and pathways within short timeframes and ensuring that works by the Council are fully co-ordinated with those of the utility companies
- A review to ensure that future fencing of parks and ponds in the borough where required is of a robust nature to avoid the need to replace in very short timeframes, as is required at Clapton Common Pond
- Consider proposals to combine the Planning and Enforcement services with those of Haringey Council to achieve efficiencies and better understanding of the approach to large families, alongside a full review of grants available to planning authorities in order to ensure these are fully exploited
- Explore more fully the potential of providing some of our services to other Council's, such as Registrars to LB Waltham Forest, thus maximising efficiencies further and generating income for the Council
- A review of assistance to small business to ensure that optimum level of support is provided, focusing on areas such as increasing take up of small business rate relief. We support the Council in its attempts to support independent businesses.
- Ensure that social care is delivered in a way that ensures the needs of all communities are respected and accommodated
- A review of the promotion of youth services specifically aimed at increasing further knowledge of what is available in order to increase use of the services provided
- End ward forums with immediate effect and use the monies thereby saved for social care.
- To assess the town hall works and the additional £3.5m expenditure as noted by Cabinet Procurement Committee in January 2017.
- Review of the application of funds available to the Council for the implementation of Neighbourhood Forums, eg. In the Stamford Hill area
- A review of any proposals brought forward by officers in relation to the way in which members are supported, ensuring efficiency and reduced cost of the support provided,
- A review of members allowances with a view to reducing costs of the cabinet and a recommendation to cap Mayor's allowance at £50k per annum
- Discontinue the Standards Committee with immediate effect given this is no longer a legal requirement, whilst ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Localism Act and other statutory guidance.
- Further review of the Scrutiny arrangements with a view to revert to the previous system which was in place.
- We welcome the £300k increase in allocation of Discretionary Housing Payment to the Council for 2017/18.

Proposer: Cllr Simche Steinberger

Seconder: Cllr Harvey Odze

2017/18 Revenue Estimate and Council Tax

TABLED PAPER: Liberal Democrat Group Budget Amendment

The Council therefore amends as set out below the 2017/18 budget proposals, by proposing a further 0.99% increase in the Hackney element of the Council Tax which is equivalent to a further £10.08 per Band D equivalent property.

	£'000s
Proposed additional one-off revenue expenditure	
Provision of grants to support community advice centres	100
Grants to community centres to explore and implement schemes to improve intergenerational relations	200
Support to Citizens' Advice Bureau	150
Additional support to voluntary communtiy groups via community grants scheme	350
Fund evening courses in schools for parents with "English as Second Language"	300
Increase support to residents with difficulties paying Council Tax via the Local Hardship Fund	1,040
Sub-total of proposed changes in one-off revenue expenditure	2,140
Proposed changes in capital expenditure	
Reduce investment in respect of Shoreditch Action Plan from £2,000k to £1,000k.	(1,000)
Defer £250k of expenditure in respect of investment in online services for Hackney's residents and the refresh of ICT equipment required to deliver Council services	(250)
Cancellation of installation of CCTV in libraries	(200)
Sub-total of proposed changes in capital expenditure	(1,450)
TOTAL CHANGE IN BUDGET REQUIREMENT	690

NB: the proposed change in capital expenditure will take the form of a one-off reduction in Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay to fund additional one-off expenditure listed above

Council therefore amends as follows the 2017/18 budget proposals, including a 3.99% increase in the Hackney element of the Council Tax and a £44.65 increase in the overall Band D Council Tax when the GLA precept is included. The Group Director of Finance and Corporate Resources advises that he can give reassurances required by section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 with regard the adequacy of the reserves and the robustness of the estimates on the basis of the notes included with the proposed amendments. It is also important to note that where resources identified above are only one off resources they can only be used to fund expenditure for the one year.

The proposed amendments set out above will generate a Council Tax Requirement of £72.438m, which equates to a Council Tax of £1,059.05 at Band D level for Hackney purposes. When added to the proposals of the preceptor, the Greater London Authority, this would produce a total at Band D level of £1,339.07 for residents, which equates to a £44.65 increase from 2016/17.

Proposer: Councillor Ian Sharer

Seconder: Councillor Dawood Akhoon

Schedule of Outside Bodies

**HACKNEY NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
2017/2018**

NAME OF OUTSIDE BODY	Number of Appointees/ Nominees	Appointee(s)/ Nominee(s) (Deputies)	Tenure of Appointment	Decision required
COUNCIL NOMINATIONS				
Hinsbury Park Trust	1	Cllr Clare Potter	3 years	For approval by full Council

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