# **Hackney**

#### London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Council on Wednesday, 21 February 2018

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# Part A – Items considered in public

4	Minutes of the previous meeting	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 be approved, subject to amendment to minutes 4.2 and 3.1.
5	Petitions for debate - Walford Road area closures consultation	RESOLVED: That the petition be noted.
10	Budget And Council Tax Report 2018/19	<ul> <li>The Speaker invited Council to vote on the Conservative Group alternative budget proposals.</li> <li>For: Cllrs Levy, Odze, Papier and Steinberger (4)</li> <li>Against: Mayor Glanville and Cllrs Adams, Adejare, Akhoon, Bell, Bramble, Bunt, Burke, Cameron, Chapman, Demirci, Desmond, Ebbutt, Fajana-Thomas, Gordon, Gregory, Hanson, Hayhurst, Hercock, Lufkin, Maxwell, McKenzie, McShane, Moema, Moule, Mulready, Munn, Nicholson, Oguzkanli, Patrick, Peters, Plouviez, Potter, Rahilly, Rathbone, Rennison, Rickard, Sales, Selman, Sharer, Sharman, Snell, Stops, Taylor and Williams</li> </ul>

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(45)
Abstentions: None (0)
<b>Not Present:</b> Councillors Akhoon, Buitekant Brett, Coban, Conway, Etti, Kennedy, Ozsen and Webb (9)
The vote was not carried.
The Speaker invited Council to vote on the Liberal Democrat Group alternative budget proposals.
FOR: Councillors Jacobson and Sharer
Against: Mayor Glanville and Cllrs Adams, Adejare, Akhoon, Bell, Bramble, Bunt, Burke, Cameron, Chapman, Demirci, Desmond, Ebbutt, Fajana-Thomas, Gordon, Gregory, Hanson, Hayhurst, Hercock, Lufkin, Maxwell, McKenzie, McShane, Moema, Moule, Mulready, Munn, Nicholson, Oguzkanli, Patrick, Peters, Plouviez, Potter, Rahilly, Rathbone, Rennison, Rickard, Sales, Selman, Sharer, Sharman, Snell, Stops, Taylor and Williams (45)
Abstentions: None (0)
<b>Not Present:</b> Councillors Akhoon, Buitekant Brett, Coban, Conway, Etti, Kennedy, Ozsen and Webb (9)
The Speaker then invited Council to vote on the recommendation in the substantive report.

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<b>For:</b> Mayor Glanville and Cllrs Adams, Adejare, Akhoon, Bell, Bramble, Bunt, Burke, Cameron, Chapman, Demirci, Desmond, Ebbutt, Fajana-Thomas, Gordon, Gregory, Hanson, Hayhurst, Hercock, Lufkin, Maxwell, McKenzie, McShane, Moema, Moule, Mulready, Munn, Nicholson, Oguzkanli, Patrick, Peters, Plouviez, Potter, Rahilly, Rathbone, Rennison, Rickard, Sales, Selman, Sharer, Sharman, Snell, Stops, Taylor and Williams (45)
Against: Councillors Jacobson, Levy, Odze, Papier, Sharer and Steinberger (6)
Abstentions: None (0)
Not Present: Councillors Akhoon, Buitekant Brett, Coban, Conway, Etti, Kennedy, RESOLVED:
<ol> <li>To bring forward into 2018/19 the Council's projected General Fund balances of £15.0n and to note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) balances of £10.2m</li> </ol>
<ol><li>To agree for approval the directorate estimates and estimates for the General Finance Account items set out in Table 1, below.</li></ol>
3. To note that the budget is a financial exposition of the priorities set out within the Corporate Plan.
4. To note that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, is of the view that:
The General Fund balances of £15.0m and the level of reserves, particularly in relation to capital, are adequate to meet the Council's financial needs for 2018/19 and that in light of the economic uncertainty they should not fall below this level. This view takes account of the reserves included in the Council's latest audited Accounts as at 31 March 2017, the movements of those reserves since that date – which have been

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		tracked through the Overall Financial Position (OFP) Reports, and the latest OFP projections. Note also, that the projections in the HRA to maintain the balance at £10.2m by 31 March 2018 are also considered to be adequate at this point in time but will need to continue to be reviewed in the light of the challenges facing the HRA.
		The General Fund estimates are sufficiently robust to set a balanced budget for 2018/19. This takes into account the adequacy of the level of balances and reserves outlined above and the assurance gained from the comparisons of the 2017/18 budget with the projected spend identified in the December 2017 OFP. The overall level of the corporate contingency has been set at £2m.
	5.	To approve the proposed General Fund fees and charges as set out in Appendix 7_for implementation from 1st April 2018.
	6.	To continue the policy requiring the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources to seek to mitigate the impact of significant changes to either resources, such as Top Up Grant changes, or expenditure requirements.
	7.	To note the summary of the HRA Budget and Rent setting report agreed by Cabinet on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018.
	8.	To authorise the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources to implement any virements required to allocate provision for demand and growth pressures set out in this report subject to the appropriate evidence base being provided.
	9.	To approve:
		The allocation of resources to the 2018/19 Non-Housing capital schemes referred to in Paragraph 24 and Appendix 6.
		The allocation of resources to the 2018/19 Housing indicative capital programme referred to in Paragraph 24 and Appendix 6, including the HRA approvals previously

 

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- To note that the new capital expenditure proposals match uncommitted resources for the year 2018/19.
   To agree the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability prudential indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 25, and Appendix 3.
   To confirm that the authorised limit for external debt of £600m agreed above for 2018/19 will be the statutory limit determined under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003. Further reassurance about the robustness of the budget is the confirmation that the Council's borrowings are within the boundaries of prudential guidelines.
  - 13. To continue to support the approach of using reserves to manage emerging risks and liabilities and to note the latest reserve position.
  - 14. To note that at its meeting on 24 January 2018 the Council agreed its Council Tax Base for the 2018/19 financial year as 71,145 in accordance with regulations made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Council Tax Base is the total number of properties in each of the eight council tax bands A to H converted to an equivalent number of band D properties.
  - 15(1) To agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31A to 36 of the Localism Act 2011.
    - (i) The authority calculates the aggregate of: (in accordance with Section 31A (2) of the Act)
    - (a) £1,120.781m being the expenditure which the authority estimates it will incur in

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		the year in performing its functions and will charge to a revenue account, other than a BID Revenue Account, for the year in accordance with proper practices.		
		(b) £2m being such allowance as the authority estimates will be appropriate for contingencies in relation to amounts to be charged or credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices.		
		(c) £nil being the financial reserves which the authority estimates it will be appropriate to raise in the year for meeting its estimated future expenditure.		
		(d) £nil being such financial reserves as are sufficient to meet so much of the amount estimated by the authority to be a revenue account deficit for any earlie financial year as has not already been provided for.		
		(e) £nil being the amount which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(4) of the 1988 Act, and		
		(f) £nil being the amount which it estimates will be transferred from its general function its collection fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(5) of the 1988 Act and charged to a revenue account for the year.		
		16(2) The authority calculates the aggregate of: (in accordance with Section 31A (3) of the Act		
		<ul> <li>(a) £1,042.013m being the income which it estimates will accrue to it in the year and which it will credit to a revenue account, other than a BID Revenue Accoun for the year in accordance with proper practices.</li> </ul>		
		(b) £3.9m being the amount which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the		

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- 32. To authorise the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources to implement any virements required to allocate provision for demand and growth pressures set out in this report subject to the appropriate evidence base being provided.
- 33. To approve:

The allocation of resources to the 2018/19 Non-Housing capital schemes referred to in Paragraph 24 and Appendix 6.

The allocation of resources to the 2018/19 Housing indicative capital programme referred to in Paragraph 24 and Appendix 6, including the HRA approvals previously agreed by Cabinet on January 22 2018.

- 34. To note that the new capital expenditure proposals match uncommitted resources for the year 2018/19.
- 35. To agree the prudential indicators for Capital Expenditure and the Capital Financing Requirement, the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt, the Affordability prudential indicators and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators

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		39 (1) To agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31A to 36 of the Localism Act 2011.		
		(i)	The authority calculates the aggregate of: (in accordance with Section 31A (2) of the Act)	
		(a)	£1,120.781m being the expenditure which the authority estimates it will incur in the year in performing its functions and will charge to a revenue account, other than a BID Revenue Account, for the year in accordance with proper practices.	
		(b)	£2m being such allowance as the authority estimates will be appropriate for contingencies in relation to amounts to be charged or credited to a revenue account for the year in accordance with proper practices.	
		(C)	£nil being the financial reserves which the authority estimates it will be appropriate to raise in the year for meeting its estimated future expenditure.	

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		<ul> <li>(d) £nil being such financial reserves as are sufficient to meet so much of the amount estimated by the authority to be a revenue account deficit for any earlier financial year as has not already been provided for.</li> </ul>
		(e) £nil being the amount which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with section 97(4) of the 1988 Act, and
		<ul> <li>(f) £nil being the amount which it estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(5) of the 1988 Act and charged to a revenue account for the year.</li> </ul>
		39(2) The authority calculates the aggregate of: (in accordance with Section 31A (3) of the Act)
		(a) £1,042.013m being the income which it estimates will accrue to it in the year and which it will credit to a revenue account, other than a BID Revenue Account for the year in accordance with proper practices.
		<ul> <li>(b) £3.9m being the amount which it estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the 1988 Act.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>(c) £nil being the amount which it estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to a direction under section 98(4) of the 1988 Act and will be credited to a revenue account for the year, and</li> </ul>
		(d) £nil being the amount of the financial reserves which the authority estimates it will use in order to provide for the items mentioned in subsection (2) (a), (b), (e) and (f) above.
		<ul> <li>40. £76.868m being the amount by which the aggregate calculated under subsection (1) above exceeds that calculated under subsection (2) above, the authority calculates the amount equal to the difference; and the amount so calculated is its</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>Council Tax Requirement for the year.</li> <li>41. £1,080.44 being the amount at (3.2.17) divided by the amount at (3.2.14) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31A of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year</li> <li>42. That the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council tax for 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.</li> </ul>
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		of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below. VALUATION BANDS A B C D E F G H £ £ £ £ £ £ £
		196.15         228.85         261.54         294.23         359.61         425.00         490.38         588.46           44.         That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3.2.19 and 3.2.20

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		<ul> <li>48. To approve the MRP statement setting out the method of calculation to be used, as set out in Appendix 3</li> <li>49. To approve the MRP statement setting out the method of calculation to be used, as set out in Appendix 3</li> </ul>
11	Report of the Chief Executive: Changes To The Constitution - Data Protection Officer	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the amendments to the constitution as set out in appendix 1 of the report with effect from the start of the 2018/19 municipal year.
12	Group Director of Finance And Corporate Resources : Audit Committee Annual Report 2017/18	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To note the annual report of the Audit Committee as set out in appendix 1.
13	Report of the Chief Executive: Gender Pay Gap Report	RESOLVED: To note the report.
14	Report of the Chief Executive: Community Safety And Social Inclusion Scrutiny Commission - Reach And Accessibility Of Council Services To Vulnerable Migrants	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To note the Commission's report and the response to it from the Executive.
15	Motion	Motion 1 – Women's Suffrage RESOLVED:

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		That, on the centenary of women's suffrage, we unanimously commit to ensuring that the sacrifices and achievements of those local heroines and heroes who fought for equal suffrage is celebrated locally and that barriers are removed to enable all women electors to vote according to their own opinions and to vote in secrecy without harassment or intimidation." Motion 2 – Anti Semitism RESOLVED:
		That the Council welcomes the cross-party support within the Council for combating antisemitism in all its manifestations and hereby adopts the definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.
16	Draft Programme Of Meetings 2018- 19	RESOLVED: To note the draft programme of meetings 2018-19