



London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by Full Council at its meeting on 2 March 2022

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Item No.	Agenda Item	Decision
4.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 26 January 2021</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 January 2022 be agreed as a true and correct record of proceedings.
8.	<b>2022/23 Budget and Council Tax Report</b>	<p>An amendment was proposed by Cllr Simche Steinberger and seconded by Cllr Harvey Odze.</p> <p>On a recorded vote, there being;</p> <p>2 Members for: Cllrs Odze and Steinberger</p> <p>36 against: Mayor Glanville and Cllrs Bell, Bramble (Deputy Mayor), Cameron, Chapman, Coban, David, Desmond (Speaker), Etti, Fajana-Thomas, Gordon, Hanson, Hayhurst, Kennedy, Maxwell, McKenzie, McMahon, Moema, Nicholson (Deputy Mayor), Oguzkanli, Ozsen, Patrick, Pallis, Peters, Potter, Rathbone, Rickard, Sharman, Smyth, Snell, Stops, Troughton, Webb, Williams, Woodley and Young.</p> <p>No abstentions.</p> <p>The amendment to the MOTION was lost and the amendment to the proposed budget was NOT CARRIED</p> <p>The substantive MOTION was put to the vote.</p> <p>On a recorded vote, there being:</p>

		<p>2 Members against: Cllrs Odze and Steinberger</p> <p>37 Members for: Mayor Glanville and Cllrs Bell, Bramble (Deputy Mayor), Cameron, Chapman, Coban, David, Desmond (Speaker), Etti, Fajana-Thomas, Gordon, Hanson, Hayhurst, Kennedy, Lynch, Maxwell, McKenzie, McMahon, Moema, Nicholson (Deputy Mayor), Oguzkanli, Ozsen, Patrick, Pallis, Peters, Potter, Rathbone, Rickard, Sharman, Smyth, Snell, Stops, Troughton, Webb, Williams, Woodley and Young.</p> <p>No abstentions.</p> <p>The MOTION was carried</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To bring forward into 2022/23 the Council's projected General Fund balances of £15.0m and to note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) balances of £12.3m.</li><li>2. To agree for approval the directorate estimates and estimates for the General Finance Account items set out in Table 2 of the report.</li><li>3. To note that the budget is a financial exposition of the priorities set out within the Corporate Plan included at Section 6 of the report.</li><li>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 2022/23 and that considering the economic uncertainty they should not fall below this level. This view takes account of the reserves included in the Council's latest published</li></ol>
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		<p>2020/21 Accounts and the movements of those reserves since that date – which have been tracked through the Overall Financial Position (OFP) Reports, and the latest OFP projections. Note also, that the projections in the HRA Budget to maintain the balance at £12.3m by 31 March 2022 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. In 2020/21 the HRA balance reduced from £15m because of the need to set up a provision for Thames Water agency refunds. There is a plan to get back up to £15m through the savings programme over the medium term to replenish reserves and in 2021/22 we were able to increase the HRA balance by £1.1m to £12.3m.</p> <p>The General Fund estimates are sufficiently robust to set a balanced budget for 2022/23 This takes into account the adequacy of the level of balances and reserves outlined above and the assurance gained from the comparisons of the 2021/22 budget with the projected spend identified in the December 2021 OFP. The overall level of the corporate contingency has been set at £2m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. To approve the proposed General Fund fees and charges as set out in Appendix 8 of the report for implementation from 1st April 2022.</li><li>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 or expenditure requirements.</li><li>7. To note the summary of the HRA Budget and Rent setting report agreed by Cabinet on 24th January 2022.</li></ol>
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Valuation Bands in Hackney

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
850.33	992.06	1,133.78	1,275.50	1,558.94	1,842.39	2,125.83	2,551.00

21. That it be noted that for 2022/23 the Greater London Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands in GLA

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
263.73	307.68	351.64	395.59	483.50	571.41	659.32	791.18

22. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at paragraphs 3.2.19 and 3.2.20 of the report, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown below.

Valuation Bands Combined Hackney/GLA

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		1,114.06	1,299.74	1,485.42	1,671.09	2,042.44	2,413.80	2,785.15	3,342.18
		<p>23. To agree, subject to the decision of Members on recommendations 3.2.15 to 3.2.18 in the report, that Hackney’s Council Tax requirement for 2022/23 be £94.363m which results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,275.50 for Hackney purposes and a total Band D Council Tax of £1,671.09 including the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept. An analysis of the tax base total Band D Council Tax across Council Tax Bands is shown in 3.2.21 above and an exemplification of the taxbase and discounts by band, is shown in Appendix 5 of the report.</p> <p>24. To agree that in accordance with principles approved under section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and the new provisions included in the Localism Act 2011, the increase in the Council’s Council Tax requirement for 2022/23 as shown at Appendix 9 is not excessive (3% or above) and therefore does not require the Council to hold a referendum.</p> <p>25. To agree the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 to 2024/25, set out at Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>26. To agree the criteria for lending and the financial limits set out at Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>27. To approve the MRP statement setting out the method of calculation to be used, as set out in paragraphs 24.18-24.28 of the report.</p> <p>28. To approve the Audit Committee’s proposal to accept the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) invitation to ‘opt in’ to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.</p>							



		29. To delegate authority to the Group Director of Finance & Corporate Resources to respond to the invitation and take the necessary steps to finalise the appointment itself following the PSAA procurement process.
9.	<b>Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2021/22</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To note the Annual Report of the Audit Committee set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
10.	<b>Pay Policy Statement 2022/23</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Pay Policy for Chief Officers for 2022/2023, as recommended by the Corporate Committee.
11.	<b>Appointments as Deputy Electoral Registration Officers</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the following persons be appointed as Deputy Electoral Registration Officers for the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bruce Devile</li> <li>● Dawn Carter-McDonald</li> <li>● Louise Humphreys</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Appointments to the Constitution Committee</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the appointments to the Constitution Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
13.	<b>Motion: Make Menopause Matter</b>	<b>Unanimously RESOLVED:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To campaign for menopause support to form a central part of the next national Women’s Health Strategy.</li> </ol>



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. To work with our health partner organisations to ensure that support for those experiencing menopause is a central part of the next City and Hackney Women’s Health Strategy.</li> <li>3. To support the #MakeMenopauseMatter campaign which is calling for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mandatory menopause training for all GPs and menopause to be taught as part of every medical school curriculum.</li><li>● Menopause guidance and support in every workplace.</li><li>● Menopause to be added to the RSE curriculum in schools throughout the UK</li></ul></li></ol>
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