

COUNCIL

Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

The Worshipful the Mayor in the Chair

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Councillors Councillor Danial Adilypour, Councillor Michelle Agdomar, Councillor Scott Ainslie, Councillor Adedamola Aminu, Councillor David Amos, Councillor Donatus Anyanwu, Councillor Liz Atkins, Councillor Mary Atkins, Councillor Matthew Bennett, Councillor Alex Bigham, Councillor Anna Birley, Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Councillor Linda Bray, Councillor Tim Briggs, Mayor Marcia Cameron, Councillor Rezina Chowdhury, Councillor Malcolm Clark, Councillor Fred Cowell, Councillor Kevin Craig, Councillor Edward Davie, Councillor Jim Dickson, Councillor Max Deckers Dowber, Councillor Jacqui Dyer, Councillor Florence Eshalomi, Councillor Paul Gadsby, Councillor Adrian Garden, Councillor Bernard Gentry, Councillor Nigel Haselden, Councillor Robert Hill, Councillor Jack Holborn, Councillor Claire Holland, Councillor Saleha Jaffer, Councillor John Kazantzis, Councillor Ben Kind, Councillor Vaila McClure, Councillor Paul McGlone, Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Councillor Diana Morris, Councillor Luke Murphy, Councillor Louise Nathanson, Councillor Matt Parr, Councillor Lib Peck, Councillor Jane Pickard, Deputy Mayor Guilherme Rosa, Councillor Neil Sabharwal, Councillor Mohammed Seedat, Councillor Joanne Simpson, Councillor Martin Tiedemann, Councillor Amélie Treppass, Councillor Christiana Valcarcel, Councillor Imogen Walker, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove, Councillor Andrew Wilson and Councillor Sonia Winifred

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marsha de Cordova, Councillor Jane Edbrooke, Councillor Annie Gallop, Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Councillor Jennie Mosley, Councillor Sally Prentice, Councillor Iain Simpson and Councillor Clair Wilcox

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

Council voted on the minutes.

It was **RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2018 be approved as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. **PETITIONS, PNQS AND DEPUTATIONS**

No petitions, public notice questions or deputations were received.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET 2018/19 TO 2020/21**

The Mayor invited speakers from all parties to debate the Budget.

Councillor Imogen Walker, who had proposed the substantive Budget recommendations, addressed Council for five minutes. Councillor Tim Briggs and Councillor Scott Ainslie, who had both proposed amendments to the Budget, then spoke in turn for five minutes each.

The following members contributed to the debate and spoke for three minutes each:

Councillor Ben Kind
Councillor Matthew Bennett
Councillor Michelle Agdomar
Councillor Amelie Trappass
Councillor Louise Nathanson
Councillor Jackie Meldrum
Councillor Paul Gadsby
Councillor Jane Pickard
Councillor David Amos
Councillor Mary Atkins
Councillor Claire Holland
Councillor Paul McGlone
Councillor Jim Dickson
Councillor Alex Bigham
Councillor Ed Davie

During the debate, Councillor Scott Ainslie raised a point of order but did not specify which standing order had been contravened. He said that personal attacks were contrary to the spirit of the Chamber. Councillor Tim Briggs also raised a Point of Order to the same effect but did not specify any procedural irregularity. The Mayor noted the comments and directed members to return to the debate.

Councillor Bernard Gentry and Councillor Lib Peck spoke for five minutes each and concluded the debate. The Mayor moved to the vote and reminded members that in accordance with Standing Order 16.5, a recorded vote was required when Council voted on the Budget.

Amendment 1, the Conservative Alternative Budget, as proposed by Councillor Tim Briggs was put to a recorded vote and **NOT CARRIED**.

Councillors recorded their votes on the amendment as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
ADILYPOUR Danial		x		
AGDOMAR Michelle		x		
AINSLIE Scott		x		
AMINU Adedamola		x		
AMOS David		x		
ANYANWU Donatus		x		
ATKINS Liz		x		
ATKINS Mary		x		
BENNETT Matthew		x		
BIGHAM Alex		x		
BIRLEY Anna		x		
BRATHWAITE Jennifer		x		
BRAY Linda		x		
BRIGGS Tim	x			
CAMERON Marcia*				
CHOWDHURY Rezina		x		
CLARK Malcolm		x		
COWELL Fred		x		
CRAIG Kevin				x
DAVIE Edward		x		
de CORDOVA Marsha				x
DECKERS DOWBER Max		x		
DICKSON Jim		x		
DYER Jacqui		x		
EDBROOKE Jane				x
ESHALOMI Florence		x		
GADSBY Paul		x		
GALLOP Annie				x
GARDEN Adrian		x		
GENTRY Bernard	x			
HASELDEN Nigel		x		
HEYWOOD Rachel				x
HILL Robert		x		
HOLBORN Jack		x		
HOLLAND Claire		x		
HOPKINS Jack				x
JAFFER Saleha		x		
KAZANTZIS John		x		
KIND Ben		x		
McGLONE Paul		x		
McCLURE Vaila		x		
MELDRUM Jackie		x		
MORRIS Diana		x		
MOSLEY Jennie				x
MURPHY Luke		x		
NATHANSON Louise	x			
PARR Matt		x		
PECK Lib		x		

PICKARD Jane		x		
PRENTICE Sally				x
ROSA Guilherme		x		
SABHARWAL Neil		x		
SEEDAT Mohammed		x		
SIMPSON Joanne		x		
SIMPSON Iain				x
TIEDEMANN Martin		x		
TREPPASS Amelie		x		
VALCARCEL Christiana		x		
WALKER Imogen		x		
WELLBELOVE Christopher		x		
WILCOX Clair				x
WILSON Andrew		x		
WINIFRED Sonia		x		
Total	3	49	0	

*The Mayor did not vote

Amendment 2, Green revisions to the Budget, as proposed by Councillor Scott Ainslie was put to a recorded vote and **NOT CARRIED**.

Councillors recorded their votes on the amendment as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
ADILYPOUR Danial		x		
AGDOMAR Michelle		x		
AINSLIE Scott	x			
AMINU Adedamola		x		
AMOS David		x		
ANYANWU Donatus		x		
ATKINS Liz		x		
ATKINS Mary		x		
BENNETT Matthew		x		
BIGHAM Alex		x		
BIRLEY Anna		x		
BRATHWAITE Jennifer		x		
BRAY Linda		x		
BRIGGS Tim		x		
CAMERON Marcia*				
CHOWDHURY Rezina		x		
CLARK Malcolm		x		
COWELL Fred		x		
CRAIG Kevin				x
DAVIE Edward		x		
de CORDOVA Marsha				x
DECKERS DOWBER Max		x		
DICKSON Jim		x		
DYER Jacqui		x		
EDBROOKE Jane				x

ESHALOMI Florence		x		
GADSBY Paul		x		
GALLOP Annie				x
GARDEN Adrian		x		
GENTRY Bernard		x		
HASELDEN Nigel		x		
HEYWOOD Rachel				x
HILL Robert		x		
HOLBORN Jack		x		
HOLLAND Claire		x		
HOPKINS Jack				x
JAFFER Saleha		x		
KAZANTZIS John		x		
KIND Ben		x		
McGLONE Paul		x		
McCLURE Vaila		x		
MELDRUM Jackie		x		
MORRIS Diana		x		
MOSLEY Jennie				x
MURPHY Luke		x		
NATHANSON Louise		x		
PARR Matt		x		
PECK Lib		x		
PICKARD Jane		x		
PRENTICE Sally				x
ROSA Guilherme		x		
SABHARWAL Neil		x		
SEEDAT Mohammed		x		
SIMPSON Joanne		x		
SIMPSON Iain				x
TIEDEMANN Martin		x		
TREPPASS Amelie		x		
VALCARCEL Christiana		x		
WALKER Imogen		x		
WELLBELOVE Christopher		x		
WILCOX Clair				x
WILSON Andrew		x		
WINIFRED Sonia		x		
Total	1	51	0	10

*The Mayor did not vote

The substantive budget proposals, as proposed by Councillor Imogen Walker, were then put to the vote and were **APPROVED**.

Councillors recorded their votes on the budget proposals as follows:

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
ADILYPOUR Danial	x			
AGDOMAR Michelle	x			

AINSLIE Scott			x	
AMINU Adedamola	x			
AMOS David	x			
ANYANWU Donatus	x			
ATKINS Liz	x			
ATKINS Mary	x			
BENNETT Matthew	x			
BIGHAM Alex	x			
BIRLEY Anna	x			
BRATHWAITE Jennifer	x			
BRAY Linda	x			
BRIGGS Tim		x		
CAMERON Marcia*				
CHOWDHURY Rezina	x			
CLARK Malcolm	x			
COWELL Fred	x			
CRAIG Kevin				x
DAVIE Edward	x			
de CORDOVA Marsha				x
DECKERS DOWBER Max	x			
DICKSON Jim	x			
DYER Jacqui	x			
EDBROOKE Jane				x
ESHALOMI Florence	x			
GADSBY Paul	x			
GALLOP Annie				x
GARDEN Adrian	x			
GENTRY Bernard		x		
HASELDEN Nigel	x			
HEYWOOD Rachel				x
HILL Robert	x			
HOLBORN Jack	x			
HOLLAND Claire	x			
HOPKINS Jack				x
JAFFER Saleha	x			
KAZANTZIS John	x			
KIND Ben	x			
McGLONE Paul	x			
McCLURE Vaila	x			
MELDRUM Jackie	x			
MORRIS Diana	x			
MOSLEY Jennie				x
MURPHY Luke	x			
NATHANSON Louise		x		
PARR Matt	x			
PECK Lib	x			
PICKARD Jane	x			
PRENTICE Sally				x
ROSA Guilherme	x			

SABHARWAL Neil	x			
SEEDAT Mohammed	x			
SIMPSON Joanne	x			
SIMPSON Iain				x
TIEDEMANN Martin	x			
TREPPASS Amelie	x			
VALCARCEL Christiana	x			
WALKER Imogen	x			
WELLBELOVE Christopher	x			
WILCOX Clair				x
WILSON Andrew	x			
WINIFRED Sonia	x			
TOTAL	48	3	1	10

*The Mayor did not vote

RESOLVED:

- (1) To adopt the General Fund (GF) revenue budget for 2018/19 as set out in this report, which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes:
 - The Council Tax model set out in Appendix 2; and
 - The cash limits arising from the above, as set out in paragraph 2.24, a total cash limit of £286.554m.
- (2) To adopt a 2.99% increase in addition to Government's 3% Adult Social Care precept increase to the Lambeth element of the Council Tax for 2018/19.
- (3) To adopt the Reserves and Balances Strategy detailed in Appendix 1.
- (4) To note the current General Fund budget forecasts for 2017/18 in Section 5.
- (5) To note the proposed increases to fees and charges as set out in Appendix 9.
- (6) To adopt the Care Leavers Relief Scheme as described in paragraph 3.6
- (7) To note the revised total of £126.2m for the two year Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 to 2019/20 as described in section 7, and summarised in Appendix 4, and how the programme is financed within Appendix 5.
- (8) To adopt the statement of Minimum Revenue Provision policy as detailed in Appendix 7.
- (9) To adopt the Treasury Management Strategy (incorporating the debt and investment strategies) proposed for 2018/19 to 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 8.
- (10) To adopt the prudential indicators and limits, and the investment thresholds and limits for 2018/19 – 2020/21 set out in Appendix 8.
- (11) To note the formal advice of the Director of Finance, as the Council's statutory officer for the purposes of s151 of the Local

Government Act 1972, pursuant to s25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in section 8 of this report.

- (12) To note the financial risks set out throughout this report.
- (13) To note that, at its meeting of 23 January 2018, Corporate Committee agreed the amount of 107,712 as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, Article 3 of the Localism Act 2011 (Commencement No 1 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2011 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.
- (14) That the following amounts be now calculated for 2018/19 in accordance with sections 31A and 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as inserted by the Localism Act 2011:
- (a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) thereof:
£918,274,000
 - (b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) thereof:
£800,648,187
 - (c) The Council's Council Tax Requirement under Section 31A(4), being the amount by which the aggregate at 17(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 17(b) above:
£117,625,813
 - (d) The amount at 17(c) above divided by the Council's tax base in 16 above, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic Band D amount of its Council Tax for the year:
£1,386.27
 - (e) The amounts given by multiplying the amount at 17(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£728.03	£849.36	£970.70	£1,092.04
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,334.71	£1,577.39	£1,820.06	£2,184.07

- (15) To note that for the year 2018/19 the Greater London Authority and its functional and predecessor bodies have provisional precepts (i.e. still to be formally adopted as at dispatch of this report), in accordance with Sections 88 and 89 of the Greater London Authority Act (1999) as amended by section 77 of the Localism Act 2011, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£196.15	£228.85	£261.54	£294.23
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£359.61	£425.00	£490.38	£588.46

- (16) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 17(e) and 18 above, the Council approves the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D
£924.18	£1,078.21	£1,232.24	£1,386.27
Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,694.32	£2,002.39	£2,310.44	£2,772.53

- (17) To delegate authority to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Finance & Resources) to change the Council Tax amounts set out in recommendation (19) if necessitated by changes to the precept amounts as set out in recommendation (18).
- (18) To note that, at its meeting of 23 January 2018, Corporate Committee agreed the amount of £163,229,365 as the National Non-Domestic Rates Base (the business rates tax base) in accordance with Section 59A of The Local Government Finance Act 1988, as amended by The Local Government Finance Act 2012.

The meeting ended at 8.34 pm

MAYOR
Wednesday 6 June 2018

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