

Cabinet

Confirmed Decision list

Monday, 6 February 2023

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| <p>THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENTS/SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2023/24</p> <p>(Item 5 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <p>That Cabinet agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Housing Revenue Account 2023/24 budget for council homes as set out in Table 1. 2. To approve £1.1m of ongoing annual revenue savings (when compared to the 2022/23 base budget) per annum from 2023/24. 3. To approve a rent increase of 4.4% from 3 April 2023, which equates to an average weekly increase for tenants of £5.20 in 2023/24. 4. To approve an increase to shared ownership rents of 7% from 3 April 2023. 5. To approve changes to tenant service charges to reflect the costs of providing communal services from 3 April 2023, which equate to an average weekly increase for tenants of 95p in 2023/24. 6. To approve an increase to charges for heating and hot water to reflect the costs of provision of the district heating service from 3 April 2023, which equate to an average weekly increase for tenants and leaseholders on the scheme of £2.75 (communal heating), £10.90 (tenants' personal heating) and £13.78 (leaseholders' personal heating) in 2023/24. 7. To approve an increase to the management fee for temporary | <p>Councillor Frances Umeh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness</p> <p>Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform</p> |

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| <p>on licence properties of 7% from 3 April 2023.</p> <p>8. To approve an increase to the rent and service charges for hostels of 7% from 3 April 2023.</p> <p>9. To increase garage charges for council tenants, resident leaseholders, and for other customers from April 2023 by 7%.</p> <p>10. To note that any change to parking charges on housing estates will be considered separately with the Council's parking plans.</p> <p>11. To increase car space rental charges for all customers by 7% from April 2023.</p> <p>12. To approve an increase in the Leasehold After Sale – Home Buy Fees by 7% from April 2023 from £203 to £217.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | |
| <p>REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX LEVELS 2023/24</p> <p>(Item 6 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <p>That the Budget Council, for the reasons set out in this report and appendices, agree:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the Hammersmith & Fulham element of Council Tax by 2.99% as modelled by the government in its spending power calculations for local government 2. To apply the Adult Social Care precept levy of 2% as modelled by the government in its spending power calculations for local government. 3. To set the council's own total net expenditure budget for 2023/24 at £132.627m 4. To approve £10.651m of new investment on key services for residents. 5. To approve fees and charges, as set out in paragraph 10, including freezing charges in adult social care, children's services, and general fund housing. 6. To note the budget projections to 2026/27 made by the Director of Finance in consultation with the Strategic | <p>Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan</p> |

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7. To note the statement of the Director of Finance, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, regarding the adequacy of reserves and robustness of estimates (paragraph 37).
8. To approve the reserves strategy and realignment of reserves as set out in Appendix J and Appendix K.
9. To require all Directors to report on their projected financial position compared to their revenue estimates in accordance with the Corporate Revenue Monitoring Report timetable.
10. To authorise Directors to implement their service spending plans for 2023/24 in accordance with the recommendations within this report, the council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, relevant Schemes of Delegation and undertake any further consultation required regarding the Equalities Impact Assessment.
11. Set the council's element of Council Tax for 2023/24 for each category of dwelling, as outlined in the table below and in full in Appendix A and calculated in accordance with Sections 31A to 49B of the Localism Act 2011.

| Category of Dwelling | A | B | C | D | E | F | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| Ratio | 6/9 £ | 7/9 £ | 8/9 £ | 1 £ | 11/9 £ | 13/9 £ | |
| a) H&F | 581.23 | 678.11 | 774.98 | 871.86 | 1,065.59 | 1,259.34 | 1,4 |

12. To note, based on the Mayor of London's draft consolidated budget, the element of Council Tax to be charged by the Greater London Authority in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings as shown in the table below

| Category of Dwelling | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
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| Ratio | 6/9 £ | 7/9 £ | 8/9 £ | 1 £ | 11/9 £ | 13/9 £ | 15/9 £ | 18/9 £ |

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| b) GLA | 289.43 | 337.66 | 385.90 | 434.14 | 530.62 | 627.09 | 723.57 | 868.28 |
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13. That the overall Council Tax to be set at £1,306.00 per Band D property as follows:

| Category of Dwelling | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ratio | 6/9 £ | 7/9 £ | 8/9 £ | 1 £ | 11/9 £ | 13/9 £ | 15/9 £ | 18/9 £ |
| a) H&F | 581.2 3 | 678.1 1 | 774.9 8 | 871.8 6 | 1,065. 59 | 1,259. 34 | 1,453. 09 | 1,743.7 2 |
| b) GLA | 289.4 3 | 337.6 6 | 385.9 0 | 434.1 4 | 530.6 2 | 627.0 9 | 723.5 7 | 868.28 |
| c) Total | 870.6 6 | 1,015. 77 | 1,160. 88 | 1,306. 00 | 1,596. 21 | 1,886. 43 | 2,176. 66 | 2,612.0 0 |

14. To authorise the Director of Finance to collect and recover National Non-Domestic Rate and Council Tax in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended), the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the council's Scheme of Delegation.

Reason for decision:

As set out in the report.

FOUR YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-27 AND CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24

(Item 7 on the agenda)

Ward(s): All Wards

Agreed:

1. To approve the four-year General Fund Capital Programme budget at £123.6m for the period 2023/24-2026/27 (presented in Table 2 and Appendix 1).
2. To approve the continuation of rolling programmes for 2023/24 funded from the Council's mainstream resources. For financial modelling purposes, these programmes are assumed to continue at the same level until 2026/27:

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**Councillor Rowan Ree,
Cabinet Member for
Finance and Reform**

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| <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Corporate Planned Maintenance</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">2.400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footways and Carriageways</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.030</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Column Replacement</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.346</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4.776</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. To delegate approval of the detailed programmes for use of the rolling programmes, in recommendation 2, to the relevant SLT Director in consultation with the Director of Finance and relevant Lead Cabinet Member.</p> <p>4. To approve the four-year Housing (HRA) Capital Programme at £383.2m for the period 2023/24-2026/27 as set out in Table 5 and Appendix 1.</p> <p>5. To delegate authority to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercial Services to approve the potential use of up to £4.3m of capital receipts under the Government’s Flexible Use of Capital Receipts provisions for funding of Invest to Save schemes in 2023/24 and 2024/25 (as identified in Appendix 4) and potential match-funding opportunities.</p> <p>6. To approve the Capital Strategy 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>7. To approve the annual Minimum Revenue Provision policy statement for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 5.</p> <p>8. To note the existing mainstream funded schemes previously approved, but now reprofiled to 2023/24 and future years as detailed in Table 3.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | Corporate Planned Maintenance | 2.400 | Footways and Carriageways | 2.030 | Column Replacement | 0.346 | Total | 4.776 | |
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| Column Replacement | 0.346 | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 4.776 | | | | | | | | |
| <p>CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR & BUDGET VARIATIONS, 2022/23 (THIRD QUARTER)</p> <p>(Item 8 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <p>1. To note the net decrease in forecast capital expenditure of £5m for 2022/23. The variations are detailed in Appendix 2.</p> <p>2. To approve the updated four-year capital programme for 2022-2026 of £641.5m as detailed in Appendix 1.</p> | <p>Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform</p> | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>3. To approve £890,000 additional budget with regards to Hammersmith Bridge Stabilisation works, funded from General Fund borrowing.</p> <p>4. To note the potential risks regarding the Housing Capital Programme, as summarised in paragraphs 18-21.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | |
| <p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2023/24</p> <p>(Item 9 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval be given to the future borrowing and investment strategies as outlined in this report. 2. The Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform, be delegated authority to manage the Council's cash flow, borrowing and investments in 2023/24 in line with this report. 3. In relation to the Council's overall borrowing for the financial year, to approve the Prudential Indicators as set out in this report and the revised Annual Investment Strategy set out in Appendix E. <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | <p>Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform</p> |
| <p>SOURCING STRATEGY</p> <p>(Item 10 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <p>To agree the sourcing strategy, attached at Appendix 1, for the council, to be implemented across all directorates and services.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | <p>Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform</p> |

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| <p>CIVIC CAMPUS ENHANCED INVESTMENT</p> <p>(Item 11 on the agenda) Ward(s): Hammersmith Broadway</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet notes that Appendices 1, 3 and 4 are not for publication on the basis that they are legally privileged as set out in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. 2. Cabinet approves estimated additional capital funding of £21.4m (£19.2m plus £2.2m contingency) necessary to complete the construction and fit out of the new Town Hall building, associated fees and other works (including necessary changes to the specification of works). 3. Cabinet notes estimated additional one-off revenue costs of £1.6m (£1.4m plus £0.2m contingency) necessary for project costs related to returning to the Town Hall and additional dilapidations provision. 4. Cabinet approves the entering into by the Council of a deed of variation of the Construction Contract dated 1st December 2020 necessary to implement the proposed addition investment and changes to the specification of works the details of which are included at Appendix 1 5. Cabinet approves the procurement strategy for design and assurance services to enable the award of a contract for 11 months for an estimated value of £ 860,000 commencing March 2023. 6. Cabinet approves the award of a contract to Entec Si for Audio Visual services via G-Cloud 13 for a value of £328,060 with a contract term of 1 year commencing from 1st February 2023. 7. Cabinet approves the increase of the long-term leasehold interest to the LLP from a term of 255 years to a term of 999 years, in line with GLA guidance outlined in Appendix 1, but otherwise on the same terms as previously agreed. 8. Cabinet approves the variation to the Conditional Agreement for Lease (CAL) to include a mechanism for payment by the LLP of any additional consideration that may be due in respect of the leases to be granted to the LLP following the grant of those leases in advance of practical completion of the glass pod works should the construction costs for the glass pod works be less than the | <p>Councillor Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for The Economy</p> <p>Councillor Rowan Ree, Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform</p> |

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| <p>acceptable land value, in line with the advice to be provided relating to potential tax implications.</p> <p>9. Cabinet approves a delegation to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform, authority to temporarily increase the Capital Finance Requirement (CFR), for technical accounting purposes, to fund any capital debtor which may arise in the event of timing differences between the drawdown of each lease and the recognition of consideration by the Council, (up to a maximum of £11.9m reflecting the total value of leases proposed to be granted ahead of practical completion of the Pod works).</p> <p>10. Cabinet approves a delegation to the Strategic Director of the Economy in consultation with the Assistant Director, Legal Services authority to take all necessary steps to facilitate the decisions in 1-7.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | |
| <p>HIGHWAYS WORKS CONTRACT FRAMEWORK EXTENSION</p> <p>(Item 12 on the agenda) Ward(s): All Wards</p> <p><u>Agreed:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree that Appendices 1 and 2 are not for publication on the basis that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). 2. Approve three-year extensions of the five highways contracts for FM Conway from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026 (with annual reviews presented to the Cabinet Member for Public Realm), at a maximum estimated contract value of £45m (£15m per year). 3. To begin work on a procurement strategy for the provision of Highways works beyond the end of the current framework arrangement (from April 2026). <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> As set out in the report.</p> | <p>Councillor Sharon Holder, Cabinet Member for Public Realm</p> |

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