

## London Borough of Brent - Summary of decisions taken by Council on Monday 25 February 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Mahmood (Mayor), Ezeajughi (Deputy Mayor), Abdirazak, Aden, Afzal, Ahmed, Allie, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, S.Choudhary, A.Choudry, Colacicco, Colwill, Conneely, Crane, Daly, Dar, Denselow, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Gbajumo, Gill, Hector, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Lo, Long, Marquis, Mashari, Maurice, McLeish, McLennan, Miller, Mitchell-Murray, Murray, Naheerathan, Nerva, M.Patel, R.Patel, Patterson, Perrin, Sangani, Shahzad, Ketan Sheth, Southwood, Stephens, Tatler, Thakkar.

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1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies received from Councillors Agha, Pavey and Krupa Sheth.
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 26 November 2018 agreed as a correct record.
3	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor Crane declared a personal interest as a Council appointed Board Member on i4B and First Wave Housing.</p> <p>Councillor Nerva declared a personal interest as Vice Chair of the Local Government Information Unit &amp; Shared Leaseholder Brent Housing.</p>
4	Mayor's Announcements (including any petitions received)	<p>Noted the announcements from the Mayor in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queens New Year's Honours List 2019</li> <li>• Holocaust &amp; Genocide Memorial Day</li> <li>• Lest We Forget Bench</li> <li>• Pride of Brent</li> <li>• Rainbow Flag raising event</li> <li>• Mayor's Gala Fundraising Dinner</li> <li>• London Marathon – participation of a Brent Councillor</li> <li>• International Delegation visits to Brent</li> <li>• Petitions</li> </ul>
5	Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs (if any)	None
6	Budget and Council Tax 2019/2020 and 2020/21	<b>AGREED</b>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="840 344 2047 405"><b>(1)</b> To note the decisions made by Cabinet on 11 February 19 in relation to the budget and Council Tax 2019/2020 and 2020/21.</li> <li data-bbox="840 443 2078 504"><b>(2)</b> An overall 4.99% increase in the Council’s element of council tax for 2019/20 with 2% as a precept for Adult Social Care and a 2.99% general increase.</li> <li data-bbox="840 542 2078 603"><b>(3)</b> The General Fund revenue budget for 2019/20, as summarised in Appendix A of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 641 1989 676"><b>(4)</b> The cost pressures and technical adjustments detailed in Appendix B of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 715 2078 775"><b>(5)</b> To note the report from the Budget Scrutiny Panel and addendum from the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in Appendix D of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 813 2078 874"><b>(6)</b> To note and agree for inclusion in the overall budget for 2019/20 the HRA Budget as set out in section eight of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 912 1796 948"><b>(7)</b> The dedicated schools grant, as set out in section nine of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 986 1715 1021"><b>(8)</b> The capital programme as set out in Appendix E of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 1059 2020 1120"><b>(9)</b> The Treasury Management Strategy, Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and MRP Policy as set out in Appendices F, G, H and I of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 1158 2065 1193"><b>(10)</b> To note the advice of the Director of Legal and HR as set out in Appendix J of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 1232 1854 1267"><b>(11)</b> The schedule of fees and charges as set out in Appendix K of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 1305 2038 1366"><b>(12)</b> To note the results of consultation as set out in section 7 and detailed in Appendix L of the report.</li> <li data-bbox="840 1404 1912 1439"><b>(13)</b> The Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix M of the report.</li> </ul>

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		<p align="center"><b>Council Tax recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Council noted that the recommendations agreed below only included a provisional Council Tax level for the GLA as its final budget had not been agreed at the time the Council’s budget report was despatched. As a result it was noted that the statutory calculation of the total amount of Council Tax under Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 may be amended by the final Greater London Authority precept.</b></p> <p><b>(14)</b> To resolve in relation to the council tax for 2019/20:</p> <p>That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:</p> <p><b>(a)</b> £1,027,149,293      being the aggregate of the amount that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> 905,158,017      being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> £121,991,275      being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.</p> <p><b>(d)</b> £1,262.34      being the amount at (c) above, divided by the amount for the tax base of 96,639, agreed by the General Purposes Committee on the 21 January 2018, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.</p> <p><b>(e)</b>      Valuation Bands</p>

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		<p align="center">distribute monies from the Collection Fund and is authorised to borrow or to lend money in accordance with the regulations to the maximum benefit of each fund.</p> <p><b>(18)</b> That in the event that the GLA sets a different council tax precept to that set out in this report (which was the published provisional amount at the date of the budget report dispatch) that authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer to vary the amounts at (15), but only insofar as to reflect the GLA decision, and to make consequential, but no other, amendments to the amounts at (16).</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 43, as the above decisions related to the setting of the budget and Council Tax they were subject to a recorded vote with members voting as follows:</p> <p>For (51): Councillors Aden, Afzal, Ahmed, Allie, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chappell, Chohan, S Choudhary, Choudry, Colacicco, Conneely, Crane, Daly, Dar, Denselow, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Gbajumo, Gill, Hector, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Lo, Long, Marquis, Mashari, McLeish, McLennan, Miller, Mitchell-Murray, Murray, Naheerathan, Nerva, M.Patel, R.Patel, Patterson, Perrin, Sangani, Shahzad, Ketan Sheth, Southwood, Stephens, Tatler and Thakkar.</p> <p>Against (0)</p> <p>Abstain (5): Councillors Mahmood (Mayor), Ezeajughi (Deputy Mayor), Colwill, Kansagra and Maurice</p>
<b>7</b>	Borough Plan 2019-2023	<b>AGREED</b> the Borough Plan (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) and Delivery Plan (as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report) for adoption.
<b>8</b>	Changes to the Constitution	<b>AGREED</b>  <b>(1)</b> To approve the changes to the Constitution as detailed within Appendices 1 – 3 of the report relating to:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Procedural Rules &amp; Order of Business for Full Council meetings (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report);</li> <li>(b) Procedural rules for the recruitment of Operational and more senior officer posts (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report)</li> <li>(c) Scrutiny Committee structure and Terms of Reference (as set out in Appendix 2 of the report)</li> <li>(d) Petition scheme relating to Planning (as set out in Appendix 3 of the report).</li> </ul> <p>(2) To authorise the Director of Legal and HR Services to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any necessary incidental or consequential changes.</p> <p>(3) To note that, to the extent that the changes relate to executive functions of the Council, they have been approved by the Leader.</p>
<b>9</b>	Members' Allowance Scheme - Annual Review	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To approve and make a Members' Allowance Scheme in the terms set out in the report for the financial year 2019/20.</li> <li>(2) To authorise the Director of Legal and HR Services to comply with the statutory requirements to publicise the Council's Members' Allowance Scheme.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	Urgent Business	None.