

London Borough of Brent – Summary of decisions taken by the Council on Thursday 23 February 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Aden (Mayor), Hylton (Deputy Mayor), Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Akram, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Collymore, Conneely, Dar, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Georgiou, Grahl, Hack, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Long, Lorber, Mahmood, Matin, Maurice, Miller, Mistry, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, J.Patel, M.Patel, Rajan-Seelan, Shah, Rubin, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Smith, Southwood and Tatler.

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1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmadi Moghaddam, Bajwa & Crabb.
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the following Council meetings as a correct record:</p> <p>(a) Full Council meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022</p> <p>(b) Extraordinary Council meeting held on Monday 23 January 2023</p>
3	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.
4	Mayor's Announcements	<p>Announcements from the Mayor were noted in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kings News Years Honours List 2023 – including congratulations to former councillor and Deputy Leader Margaret McLennan for her MBE • Pride of Brent Youth Awards • Holocaust Memorial Day event 2023 • Death of a former councillor – Tom Bryson • 100th birthday celebration – Peter Adkins • Coronation “Big Lunch” • Petitions <p>Members also took the opportunity during the Mayors Announcements to pay tribute to Carolyn Downs as Chief Executive, ahead of her retirement at the end of April 2023.</p>

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5	Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs (if any)	<p>Council RESOLVED to approve the following changes in the membership of Committees & Outside Bodies:</p> <p>(1) Councillor Kennelly to replace Councillor Dar as a full member of the Brent Pension Fund Sub Committee. (NB this will be subject to confirmation by General Purposes Committee on 13 March 23).</p>
6	Budget and Council Tax 2023/2024	<p>Council RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(1) Agree an overall 4.99% increase in the Council’s element of Council Tax for 2023/24, with 2% as a precept for Adult Social Care and a 2.99% general increase.</p> <p>(2) Agree the General Fund revenue budget for 2023/24, as summarised in Appendices A and B of the report.</p> <p>(3) Agree the savings proposals for 2023/24 and deferral of savings to 2024/25, as set out in Appendix C (i) of the report</p> <p>(4) Note the Equalities Impact Assessments on the budget proposals, as set out in Appendices C (ii) and C (iii) of the report.</p> <p>(5) Note the report from the Budget Scrutiny Task Group in Appendix D of the report.</p> <p>(6) Agree the HRA budget and business plan for 2023/24, as set out in section seven and appendix Q of the report.</p>

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		<p>(7) Agree the Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in section eight of the report.</p> <p>(8) Agree the changes to the existing Capital Programme in relation to additions of new schemes and reprofiling, as set out in section 10 and Appendix E of the report and note the Capital Pipeline Schemes in Appendix F of the report.</p> <p>(9) Agree the Capital Strategy, the Investment Strategy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement as set out in Appendices G, H, I and J of the report.</p> <p>(10) Agree the Reserves Strategy and schedule of reserves, as set out in Appendix K of the report.</p> <p>(11) Note the action plan to implement CIPFA’s Financial Management Code and conduct a Financial Resilience Assessment, as set out in Appendix L of the report.</p> <p>(12) Agree the schedule of fees and charges, as set out in Appendix M of the report.</p> <p>(13) Note the results of the budget consultation, as set out in section six and detailed in Appendix N of the report.</p> <p>(14) Note the legal advice from the Corporate Director of Governance, as set out in Appendix O of the report.</p> <p>(15) Agree the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix P of the report.</p>

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		<p align="center">Council Tax recommendations</p> <p>(16) As a result of confirmation having been received on the final GLA precept in advance of the recommendations being put to the vote at the Council meeting it was agreed in relation to the Council Tax for 2023/24:</p> <p>That the following amounts be now calculated as the Council's element by the Council for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:</p> <p>(a) £1,061,792,345 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) £910,992,347 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.</p> <p>(c) £150,799,998 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>(d) £1,490.31 being the amount at (c) above, divided by the amount for the tax base of 101,187, agreed by the General Purposes Committee on the 12 December 2022, 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>(e) Valuation Bands</p>

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		<p>(18) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at paragraph 16(e) and 17 above, 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 the year 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:</p> <p align="center">Valuation Bands</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center">A</th> <th align="center">B</th> <th align="center">C</th> <th align="center">D</th> <th align="center">E</th> <th align="center">F</th> <th align="center">G</th> <th align="center">H</th> </tr> <tr> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> <th align="center">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td align="center">1,282.97</td> <td align="center">1,496.79</td> <td align="center">1,710.62</td> <td align="center">1,924.45</td> <td align="center">2,352.11</td> <td align="center">2,779.76</td> <td align="center">3,207.42</td> <td align="center">3,848.90</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(19) That it be noted that the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources has determined that the Council element of the basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p> <p>(a) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 1992 Act.</p> <p>(b) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and any arrears has been duly served and who has failed to</p>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	1,282.97	1,496.79	1,710.62	1,924.45	2,352.11	2,779.76	3,207.42	3,848.90
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		<p>pay the amounts due to take all subsequent necessary action to recover them promptly.</p> <p>(c) That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources be and is hereby authorised to collect revenues and 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>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.</p> <p>Prior to the above recommendations being approved, the alternative budget proposals moved as amendments to the budget report by the Conservative & Liberal Democrats Groups were put to the vote and declared LOST.</p> <p>The voting recorded on the amendment moved by the Conservative Group was as follows:</p> <p>For the Amendment (5): Councillors Hirani, Kansagra, Maurice, Mistry & J.Patel</p> <p>Against the Amendment (47): Councillors Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Akram, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Collymore, Conneely, Dar, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Georgiou, Grahl, Hack, Johnson, Kabir, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Long, Lorber, Mahmood, Matin, Miller, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, M.Patel, Rajan Seelan, Rubin, Shah, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Smith, Southwood and Tatler.</p> <p>Abstentions to the Amendment (2): Councillors Aden (Mayor), Hylton (Deputy Mayor).</p>

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		<p>The voting recorded on the amendment moved by the Liberal Democrats Group was as follows:</p> <p>For the Amendment (3): Councillors Georgiou, Lorber and Matin</p> <p>Against the Amendment (49): Councillors Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Akram, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Collymore, Conneely, Dar, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Grahl, Hack, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Long, Mahmood, Maurice, Miller, Mistry, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, J.Patel, M.Patel, Rajan Seelan, Rubin, Shah, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Smith, Southwood and Tatler.</p> <p>Abstentions to the Amendment (2): Councillors Aden (Mayor), Hylton (Deputy Mayor).</p> <p>The substantive recommendations, as detailed above, were then put to the vote and declared CARRIED. The voting recorded was as follows:</p> <p>For (44): Councillors Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Akram, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Collymore, Conneely, Dar, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Grahl, Hack, Johnson, Kabir, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Long, Mahmood, Miller, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, M.Patel, Rajan Seelan, Rubin, Shah, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Smith, Southwood and Tatler.</p> <p>Against (8): Councillors Georgiou, Hirani, Kansagra, Lorber, Matin. Maurice, Mistry and J.Patel.</p> <p>Abstentions (2): Councillors Aden (Mayor), Hylton (Deputy Mayor).</p>

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7	Auditor's Annual Report on the London Borough of Brent	Council RESOLVED to note the external auditor's annual report on value for money as part of the 2021/22 audit of the year end accounts.
8	Borough Plan 2023-2027	<p>Council RESOLVED to endorse and approve the new Brent Borough Plan 2023-27 for adoption, including the accompanying suite of supporting documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Plan Engagement and Consultation Findings 2023-27 (attached as Appendix A) to the report • Brent Borough Plan 2023 – 27 (attached as Appendix B to the report) • Borough Plan evidence base (attached as Appendix C to the report) • Equality Impact Assessment (attached as Appendix D to the report)
9	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022-2023	Council RESOLVED to note the 2022-23 Mid-Year Treasury report in compliance with the Council's Treasury Management indicators and CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).
10	Members' Allowance Scheme Annual Review	<p>Council RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the Members Allowance Scheme in the proposed terms set out within the report for the 2023-24 Financial Year.</p> <p>(2) To authorise the Corporate Director of Governance to comply with the statutory requirements to publicise the Council's Members' Allowance Scheme.</p>
11	Amendments to the Constitution	<p>Council RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To agree the amendments to the Constitution set out in the report and Appendix 1 relating to Agreeing Grant Criteria; Bidding for Grants; the approval of Supplementary Planning Documents; delegation of powers to approve fees and charges and the thresholds for officer decision-making relating to contract and</p>

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		<p>procurement matters.</p> <p>(2) To note that, to the extent that the changes set out in the report related to executive functions of the Council, they had been approved by the Leader.</p> <p>(3) To authorise the Corporate Director, Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes.</p>
12	Urgent Business	No urgent items of business were raised at the meeting.