

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
Pre-Decision Question - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1st Sept. 2016

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| Item 5.1 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-2020 | <p>1. Has the MTFFS assumed budget deficit of £60 million by 2019/20 been revised in light of the under-spend identified in the Budget Out-turn Report for 2015/16 agreed by the Mayor in Cabinet on 26th July 2016?</p> <p>Response: Whilst the current working assumptions are that the budget gap is £60m, all assumptions are currently being reviewed and the October Cabinet report will set out any revised assumptions over the MTFFS planning period (2017 – 2020).</p> <p>To the extent that the issues which contributed to the 2015/16 underspend position are on-going, they may contribute towards reducing the budget gap; this will also be reflected in the October report.</p> <p>2. What has been the (a) General Fund budget agreed by Full Council in each year since 2010 and (b) the General Fund expenditure presented in the Budget Out-turn report presented to the Mayor in Cabinet in each of those years?</p> <p>Response: The table below shows the information requested from 2010/11 to 2015/16</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">a) Full Council Approved Budget</th> <th style="text-align: center;">b) Actual Spend</th> <th style="text-align: center;">c) Underspend(-) /Overspends</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Financial Year</th> <th style="text-align: center;">£m</th> <th style="text-align: center;">£m</th> <th style="text-align: center;">£m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2010-11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">310.369</td> <td style="text-align: center;">320.912</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10.543</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2011-12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">310.960</td> <td style="text-align: center;">294.424</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(16.536)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2012-13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">292.265</td> <td style="text-align: center;">266.743</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(25.522)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2013-14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">297.806</td> <td style="text-align: center;">270.621</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(27.185)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2014-15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">293.933</td> <td style="text-align: center;">275.703</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(18.230)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2015-16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">291.362</td> <td style="text-align: center;">279.249</td> <td style="text-align: center;">(12.113)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | a) Full Council Approved Budget | b) Actual Spend | c) Underspend(-) /Overspends | Financial Year | £m | £m | £m | 2010-11 | 310.369 | 320.912 | 10.543 | 2011-12 | 310.960 | 294.424 | (16.536) | 2012-13 | 292.265 | 266.743 | (25.522) | 2013-14 | 297.806 | 270.621 | (27.185) | 2014-15 | 293.933 | 275.703 | (18.230) | 2015-16 | 291.362 | 279.249 | (12.113) |
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| | <p>3. In relation to the MTFS 2017-2020 report (Page 27 on the agenda papers); the Committee queried what is the budget for strategic support? Plus does this include scrutiny support, which can further the Council's goals around promoting greater openness and transparency?</p> <p>Response: The estimated budget for strategic support over the MTFS period is around £750k to £1.2M. The budget does not cover any specific support for scrutiny. However, budget scrutiny training has been separately procured and the date for this is currently being re-arranged following the cancellation of the originally agreed date (12 Sept.) due to Eid.</p> |