

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf:

- Councillor Puru Miah

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Sufia Alam.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

The Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer advised that the Standards Advisory Committee had agreed a general dispensation to all Councillors in respect of matters relating to the Council Tax and also on Housing where the Councillor (or spouse or partner) holds a tenancy or lease with the Council. Members did not therefore have to declare a DPI in respect of these matters.

Councillor Kahar Chowdhury declared a Non Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5, Budget and Council Tax 2022/23, in relation to any budget proposals that affected care services. This was due to his wife's employment.

3. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were none.

4. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

4.1 Petition regarding Complete Cycleway 2

Dan Simpson and others addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Councillor Kahar Chowdhury, Cabinet Member for Highways and the Public Realm then responded to the matters raised in the petition.

DECISION

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Place for a written response within 28 days.

(Action by: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place)

5. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2022/23

Mayor John Biggs **moved**, the budget and council tax proposals of the Mayor and Executive as set out in the agenda pack. Councillor Candida Ronald **seconded** the proposals.

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved** the amendment set out in the supplementary agenda, but, due to the absence of a seconder, this amendment could not be considered.

Following debate, the substantive Budget for 2022-23, the Council Tax Resolution and the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Statements and the Capital Report submitted by Mayor John Biggs were put to a recorded vote and were **agreed**.

DECISION:

Budget Motion

Revenue 2022-23 and Capital 2022-25

1. To note a General Fund Revenue Budget of £389.473m and approve a Council Tax (Band D) of £1,124.39 (Council share) for 2022-23 as set out in the motion and Council Tax Resolution attached at Annex 1 to the Council report. This incorporates a freeze to the Tower Hamlets element of Council Tax and to only levy a 1% Adult Social Care precept for 2022-23.
2. To note the GLA precept as set out in the Council Tax Resolution.
3. To note the changes in the budget report appendices to reflect the final Local Government Finance Settlement grant allocations (Annex 2 Appendix 1A, 1B, 2 and 3A)
4. To note the Capital Programme, Housing Revenue Account budget and Dedicated Schools budget

Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy and Capital Strategy 2022-23

5. To adopt the Treasury Management Strategy Statement set out in Annex 3 Appendix A attached to the Council report.
6. To adopt the Investment Strategy Report set out in Annex 3 Appendix B attached to the report.
7. To adopt the Capital Strategy Report (which incorporates the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement) set out in Annex 3 Appendix C attached to the report.

Section 25, Local Government Act 2003

8. To note the Section 151 officer's view on the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, set out in section 2 of the report.

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS)

9. To note that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme will remain unchanged for 2022-23.

**BUDGET COUNCIL
2ND MARCH 2022
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2022-23**

That Council:

1. Approve the Council Tax Resolution detailed in Appendix A to this motion.
2. Agree a General Fund revenue budget of £389.473m and a Council Tax requirement for Tower Hamlets in 2022-23 of £121.674m.
3. Agree the Council's 2022-23 Budget Report set out in Annex 2.
4. Agree the report of the Corporate Director Resources (S151 officer) to the Audit Committee of 27th January 2022; Treasury Management Strategy Statement Investment Strategy Report and Capital Strategy Report for 2022-23 set out in Annex 3.

Appendix A

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
COUNCIL 2nd MARCH 2022
COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION**

1. That the revenue estimates for 2022-23 be approved.
2. That it be noted that, at its meeting on 18th January 2022, Cabinet agreed 108,213 as its **Council Tax base** for year 2022-23 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act)]
3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the council for the year 2022-23 in accordance with Section 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended and the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2011.
 - (a) £1,334,441,266 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act [**Gross Expenditure**]
 - (b) £1,212,767,651 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act [**Gross Income**]
 - (c) £121,673,615 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of The Act, as its council tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31 B of The Act) [**Council Tax Requirement**]
 - (d) £1,124.39 Being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B (1) of The Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year [**Council Tax**]
5. Being the amount given by multiplying the amount at 3(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 amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands. **Tower Hamlets Council Tax:**

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£749.59	£874.53	£999.46	£1,124.39	£1,374.26	£1,624.12	£1,873.98	£2,248.78

6. That, it be noted that for the year 2022-23 the **Greater London Authority (GLA)** has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£263.73	£307.68	£351.64	£395.59	£483.50	£571.41	£659.32	£791.18

6. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4 and 5 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 2022-23** for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£1,013.32	£1,182.21	£1,351.10	£1,519.98	£1,857.76	£2,195.53	£2,533.30	£3,039.96

7. That the council hereby determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2022-23 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2022-23 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(Action by: Kevin Bartle Corporate Director (Resources))

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.