

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (RESERVE BUDGET MEETING)

Monday, 14 February 2022 at 6.30 p.m., Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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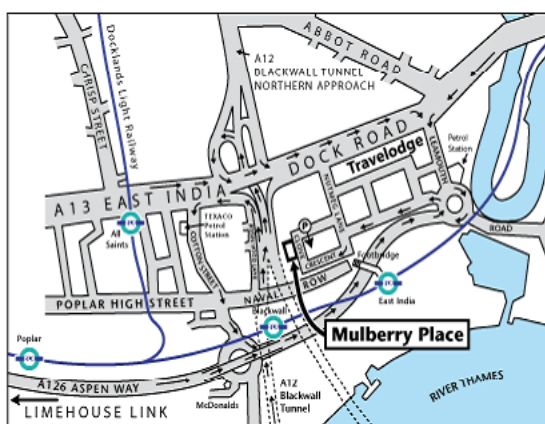
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
To receive any apologies for absence.		
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS		7 - 8
Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.		
Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests form and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.		
If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services		
3. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS		
To receive any petitions (to be notified at the meeting).		
4. REPORT/PRESENTATION FOR CONSIDERATION		
4.1 The review the Budget Proposals	All Wards	9 - 12
The Committee is asked to review the main changes between the budget report that went to Cabinet on 18 th January 2022 and the updated one that went to Cabinet on 9 th January 2022 as summarised in the attached cover sheet.		

5. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

To consider any other unrestricted business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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SECTION TWO

7. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

To consider any other exempt/ confidential business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

Next Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday, 21 February 2022 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

DPI Dispensations and Sensitive Interests. In certain circumstances, Members may make a request to the Monitoring Officer for a dispensation or for an interest to be treated as sensitive.

(ii) Non - DPI Interests that the Council has decided should be registered – (Non - DPIs)

You will have 'Non DPI Interest' in any item on the agenda, where it relates to (i) the offer of gifts or hospitality, (with an estimated value of at least £25) (ii) Council Appointments or nominations to bodies (iii) Membership of any body exercising a function of a public nature, a charitable purpose or aimed at influencing public opinion.

Members must declare the nature of the interest, but may stay in the meeting room and participate in the consideration of the matter and vote on it **unless:**

- A reasonable person would think that your interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair your judgement of the public interest. **If so, you must withdraw and take no part in the consideration or discussion of the matter.**

(iii) Declarations of Interests not included in the Register of Members' Interest.

Occasions may arise where a matter under consideration would, or would be likely to, **affect the wellbeing of you, your family, or close associate(s) more than it would anyone else living in the local area** but which is not required to be included in the Register of Members' Interests. In such matters, Members must consider the information set out in paragraph (ii) above regarding Non DPI - interests and apply the test, set out in this paragraph.

Guidance on Predetermination and Bias

Member's attention is drawn to the guidance on predetermination and bias, particularly the need to consider the merits of the case with an open mind, as set out in the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct, (Part C, Section 34 and 35 of the Constitution). For further advice on the possibility of bias or predetermination, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 - Declarations which restrict Members in Council Tax arrears, for at least a two months from voting

In such circumstances the member may not vote on any reports and motions with respect to the matter.

Further Advice contact: Janet Fasan, Divisional Director Legal, Governance and Monitoring Officer, Tel: 020 7364 4348.

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>14th February 2022</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: David Knight (Democratic Services Officer)</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>The review the Budget Proposals</p>	

Wards affected	All wards
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Summary

The Committee are asked to consider the main changes between the budget report that went to Cabinet 18/01/22 and the updated one that went to Cabinet on 09/02/22 are as follows the:

1. Revenue position at 18/01/22 had a surplus of £5.413m in 2022-23 which was planned to be allocated to one-off projects in line with local and national priorities, taking account of the budget consultation results.
 - (a) There is a new proposal to re-profile the 2022-23 part of the Review of Telecare saving (ref: SAV / HAC 014 / 21-22) £71k from 2022-23 to 2023-24, to allow the review to consider the technology enabled care recommendations to be identified through the diagnostic work of Argentic. This reduced the surplus to £5.342m.
 - (b) The identification of new one-off growth increased the General Fund growth proposals by £5.341m. The updated list is shown in **Appendix 3A** in the report (**attached**) - the additions are the rows marked with Mayoral Priority in the Type column (excluding the Digital Inclusion Ambassador which was already in the previous budget report).
2. Addition of the capital programme into the report.

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General Fund

Title	Reference	Type	Directorate	Service	2022-23 £'000	INDICATIVE		Total £'000
						2023-24 £'000	2024-25 £'000	
Growth and Adjustments								
Demographic Pressures in Adult Social Care	GRO / HAC 001 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	-	3,940	3,964	7,904
Demographic Pressures in Adult Social Care (funded by 1% ASC precept)	GRO / HAC 001 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	1,200	1,400	1,500	4,100
Community Safety - Increasing Safety	GRO / HAC 002 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Health, Adults and Community	Community Safety	675	(675)	-	-
Carers Support and Wellbeing	GRO / HAC 003 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Health, Adults and Community	Integrated Commissioning	374	(374)	-	-
Supporting Older Residents to Maintain their Independence and Lead Healthy and Happy Lives	GRO / HAC 004 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Health, Adults and Community	Adult Social Care / Integrated Commissioning	300	(300)	-	-
Delivering Free School Meals - Contract Services	GRO / CHI 001 / 22-23	Budget pressure	Children and Culture	Contract Services	500	-	-	500
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Plan	GRO / CHI 002 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Children and Culture	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)	643	(249)	-	394
Bounce Back Programme – creative, sporting and community events	GRO / CHI 003 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Children and Culture	Sports, Leisure and Culture	450	(450)	-	-
TH...IS Youth Offer	GRO / CHI 004 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Children and Culture	Youth Justice and Young People's Service	460	(460)	-	-
Born in Covid	GRO / CHI 005 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Children and Culture	Early Years - Early Education and Childcare	500	(500)	-	-
Fire Safety Team Funding for Cladding and Remediation	GRO / PLA 001 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place	Housing & Regeneration, Planning & Building Control, and Public Realm	671	(35)	(636)	-
New Local Plan funding	GRO / PLA 002 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place	Planning and Building Control – Strategic Planning	420	(40)	(220)	160
Temporary Accommodation (cost pressure above Housing Benefit subsidy)	GRO / PLA 003 / 22-23	Budget pressure	Place	Homelessness	3,000	-	-	3,000
Waste Treatment and Disposal	GRO / PLA 004 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place	Operational Service, Public Realm	255	-	-	255
Waste Operations – additional recycling round and enhanced night time cleansing	GRO / PLA 005 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place	Waste Operations, Public Realm	293	-	-	293
Environment Enforcement and Neighbourhood Management	GRO / PLA 006 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Public Realm	474	(474)	-	-
Recycling and Behavioural Change	GRO / PLA 007 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Public Realm	163	(163)	-	-
Waste Operations	GRO / PLA 008 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Public Realm	910	(910)	-	-
Increased support for Energy Bills	GRO / PLA 009 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Growth and Economic Development	200	(200)	-	-
Food Distribution Hub	GRO / PLA 010 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Growth and Economic Development	370	(370)	-	-
Provision for 50+ Employment Support	GRO / PLA 011 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place	Employment and Skills	465	(465)	-	-
Digital Inclusion Ambassador	GRO / CHE 001 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Chief Executive's Office	Strategy, Improvement and Transformation	70	(35)	(35)	-
Retention of PowerGate	GRO / RES 001 / 22-23	Budget pressure	Resources	IT	80	(80)	-	-
ICT - (A) Security Operations Centre Operative (B) Software Licensing for Idea Stores Public Access Computers (C) Mosaic Hosting	GRO / RES 002 / 22-23	Budget pressure	Resources	IT	346	-	-	346
Concessionary Fares - one-off budget adjustment		Budget adjustment	Place	Mobility Support, Public Realm	(3,000)	3,000	-	-
					9,819	2,560	4,573	16,952
Core Grants								
Improved Better Care Fund		Core Grant	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	165	(332)	-	(167)
Social Care Grant		Core Grant	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	5,320	(3,200)	188	2,309
Social Care Grant		Core Grant	Children & Culture	Children Social Care	1,773	(1,067)	63	770
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund		Core Grant	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	989	(989)	-	-
Public Health Grant		Core Grant	Health, Adults & Community	Public Health	-	-	121	121
Rough Sleeping Initiative		Core Grant	Place	Homelessness	14	20	753	787
Homelessness Prevention Grant		Core Grant	Place	Homelessness	-	-	14	14
					8,262	(5,567)	1,138	3,833
Inflation								
Pay Inflation - 1.75% increase for 2021-22 and 2% for the other years		Pay Inflation	Corporate	Corporate	2,940	700	3,800	7,440
Increase in Employer's NI Contribution (Health and Social Care Tax)		Pay Inflation	Corporate	Corporate	1,412	-	-	1,412
Contractual Inflation		Non-Pay Inflation	Corporate	Corporate	500	(300)	3,100	3,300
					4,852	400	6,900	12,152
Savings to be reprofiled / written off								
Savings to be reprofiled - Review of Telecare - SAV / HAC 014 / 21-22		Reprofiling of Agreed Savings	Health, Adults & Community	Adult Social Care	71	(71)	-	-
Savings to be reprofiled - Property Asset Strategy - SAV / PLA 001 / 20-21		Reprofiling of Agreed Savings	Place	Corporate Property & Capital Delivery	500	-	(500)	-
Savings to be reprofiled - Legal services - SAV / GOV 001 / 20-21		Reprofiling of Agreed Savings	Resources	Legal Services	200	-	(200)	-
Savings to be reprofiled - Human Resources - SAV / RES 001/17-18 (previously reprofiled)		Reprofiling of Agreed Savings	Resources	Human Resources	-	700	(700)	-
Savings to be part written off and reprofiled - Greater Commercialisation - SAV / ALL 007 / 19-20		Reprofiling of Agreed Savings / Unachievable Savings	Cross-Directorate / Resources	Cross-Directorate	2,000	-	(1,000)	1,000
Savings to be written off - Local Presence and Idea Store Asset Strategy - SAV / RES 003 / 21-22		Unachievable Saving	Resources	Customer Services	600	-	-	600
Savings to be written off - Local Presence / Contact Centre Review - ALL006/17-18		Unachievable Saving	Cross-Directorate	Customer Services	689	-	-	689
					4,060	629	(2,400)	2,289
					26,993	(1,978)	10,211	35,226

Housing Revenue Account

Title	Reference	Growth Type	Directorate	Service	2022-23	INDICATIVE		Total
					£'000	2023-24	2024-25	
					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Growth								
LBTH New HRA Building Safety Obligations and Recruitment	GRO / HRA 001 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place - HRA	Housing & Regeneration	108	248	-	356
New Building Safety Obligations in the HRA	GRO / HRA 002 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place - HRA	Tower Hamlets Homes	642	-	-	642
External Wall System Surveys	GRO / HRA 003 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place - HRA	Housing & Regeneration	353	-	(353)	-
HRA Feasibility – annual allocation of revenue funding from the HRA for feasibility studies, associated surveys and pre-development activity	GRO / HRA 004 / 22-23	Mayoral Priority	Place - HRA	Property & Major Projects / Public Realm	1,500	-	-	1,500
New Contracts - Asbestos Surveys, Fire Risk Assessments, Stock Condition Surveys and Water Risk Assessments	GRO / HRA 005 / 22-23	Unavoidable Growth	Place - HRA	Housing & Regeneration	783	(70)	(29)	684
					3,386	178	(382)	3,182

Note - due to the level of uncertainty in future funding, the growth amounts indicated for 2023-24 and 2024-25 will need to be further reviewed as part of the 2023-26 MTFS refresh.