

## **Budget Amendment 2019/2020**

Proposed: Cllr Puru Miah

Seconded: Cllr Gabriela Salva Maccallan

### **This Council welcomes:**

1. The vibrant debate around the future of the future structure of the Community Language Service, lead by ordinary parents and service users.
2. The the recognition by all participants in the debate that the Community Language Service is a vital anti poverty measure, by providing enrichment to children for decades in Tower Hamlets, a borough with one of the highest child poverty rates in the United Kingdom.
2. This Council welcomes the proposals put forward and the willingness of service users of the Community Language Service to work with the Council to come up with alternative plans to make the Community Language Sustainable in light of cuts to Council Funding by the Conservative Government.

### **This Council believes:**

1. That there should be a year delay in any restructuring allowing for an establishment of demand for the service and actual facts about the service users. Also, to allow for proposals to be tabled by service users and other interested parties for a sustainable Community Language Service.

### **This Council further believes:**

1. To allow for one year delay to consider proposals, a £30,000 increase to fund a community lead consultation, to be funded out of the general reserves.
2. The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) removed from the Budget, allowing the service to maintain its current size and structure so facts could be established, which will provide the basis for any proposals for a sustainable Community Language Service (CLS)

### **This Council amends the Mayor's budget as follows:**

1. £30,000 increase for the Community Language Service Budget 2019/2020
2. £30,000 reduction in the general reserve to fund the increase for the Community Language Service in 2019/2020.
3. Remove the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) with regards to the Community Language Service from the Annex of the Budget.