

**EXECUTIVE
WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2024
DECISION SHEET**

PLEASE NOTE: Set out below is a summary of the decisions made by the Executive on Wednesday 17 January 2024. Further details of the discussion and decision making for each item can be viewed in the minutes of the meeting.

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | Cllr Yvonne Bear |
| 3 | TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023 | Agreed subject to minor amendment. |
| 4 | QUESTIONS | One oral and one written question. |
| 5 | DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25 AND UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STRATEGY | <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The initial draft 2024/25 Budget detailed in Appendix 7 of the report be agreed. 2. The initial draft 2024/25 Budget for each portfolio be referred to the relevant PDS Committees for consideration. 3. The financial projections for 2025/26 to 2027/28 be noted. 4. It be noted that there are still areas of financial uncertainty which will impact on the final 2024/25 Budget. 5. Given the scale of financial challenges, a one off Transformation Fund 2024-2028 earmarked reserve of £1m be approved to resource the next phase of Transformation Programme to assist in delivery of significant future year savings. This will be funded from the Growth and Investment Fund earmarked reserve and the final allocation of these resources will be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Resources, Commissioning and Contract Management Resources Portfolio Holder (See Section 6.8 of |

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| | | <p>the report).</p> <p>6. It be agreed to increase rent levels for London Affordable Rents and Social (Formula) Rents by 7.7% from April 2024 as set out in Section 9.8 of the report.</p> <p>7. The setting of the schools’ budget, mainly met through Dedicated Schools Grant, be delegated to the Education, Children and Families Portfolio Holder, allowing for consultation with the Schools Forum (see section 10 of the report).</p> <p>8. It be noted that the Dedicated Schools Grant Deficit Recovery Plan will be reviewed and updated for future reporting to Members (see paragraph 10.18 of the report).</p> <p>9. The proposed contribution of £247,872 in 2024/25 to the London Boroughs Grant Committee (see section 12 of the report) be agreed.</p> <p>10. It be noted that the outcome of consultation with PDS Committees will be reported to the next meeting of the Executive (See paragraph 15.4 of the report).</p> <p>11. The outcome of the Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement 2024/25 as detailed in the report be noted.</p> <p>12. The budget gap remaining of an estimated £38.7m per annum by 2027/28 and that any decisions made for the 2024/25 Budget will have an impact on the future year projections be noted.</p> |

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| | | 13. It be noted that any final decision by Executive on recommended Council Tax and Adult Social Care Precept levels to Council will normally be undertaken at the next meeting of Executive. |
| 6 | OUTCOME OF OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES | That the findings of the Ofsted report and the outlined plan to address the recommendation identified in the report be noted. |
| 7 | ACADEMY INFORMATION SYSTEM AND ASPIEN CORPORATE DEBT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE LICENCE AND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS | That 1. The renewal of the agreement for the Academy Information system until 31st March 2027 at an estimated annual cost of £182k; £546k over 3 years be approved. 2. The renewal of the agreement for Aspien Corporate Debt Management System until 31st January 2027 at an annual cost of £9.9k; £30k over 3 years be approved. |
| 8 | CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER ISSUES REFERRED FROM THE EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | None. |
| 9 | LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 | Executive agreed to move to Part 2. |
| | EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023 | Exempt minutes confirmed. |

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.

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Democratic Services
18/01/24