

FINANCE AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2019

DECISIONS



Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of FINANCE AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Decisions **3 to 5** may be called in for review by a minimum of 100 people who live, work, study, or own a property or business in the borough or 9 Councillors. A call-in must be submitted in writing and identify the decision to be called in and the reason for it being called in. It must be apparent from the document that each person who has subscribed to it is clear as to the decision being called in and the reasons for the call-in. Each person subscribing to the call-in document must sign it individually and include their name and address.

Electronic signatures are acceptable but the organisers of call-ins are strongly advised to gather online signatures using the petitions tool on the Council's website linked below in order to help ensure compliance with the requirements of the call-in scheme.

<https://moderngov.kingston.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx?VM=2>

Call in deadline: 5pm on 28 FEBRUARY

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1. Corporate Plan

Appendix A

RESOLVED that –

1. the Committee endorses the draft Corporate Plan, as set out in Annex 1 to the agenda report, and recommends final approval at Full Council on 26 February 2019; and
2. the Director, Communities be authorised to make any final amendments to the draft ahead of Full Council, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

2. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-20 to 2022-23 and Detailed Budget and Council Tax 2019-20

Appendix B

RESOLVED that –

1. The comments of the Strategic Housing and Planning Committee, Community Engagement Committee, Children and Adults Care and Education Committee and Environment and Sustainable Transport Committee be noted;
2. The Director, Corporate and Commercial be authorised to make any necessary changes to the GLA precept and the Wimbledon and Putney Common Conservators levy in the Council Tax Calculation in Annex 3 to the Budget Report Pack prior to submission to Budget Council, once the final decisions have been confirmed by these bodies;
3. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the budget proposals and Council Tax for 2019/20 as set out in the Budget Report Pack report and annexes.
4. Council is RECOMMENDED to authorise the relevant officers to take necessary action to deliver the agreed budget and service changes, including increasing relevant fees and charges in line with inflation.
5. Council is RECOMMENDED , in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, to note the comments of the Director of Corporate and Commercial in regard to the robustness of estimates and the level of reserves and balances as set out in the section “Comments of the Director of Corporate and Commercial (S151 Officer) ” in paragraphs 25 to 31 of the Budget Report Pack;
6. Council is RECOMMENDED in accordance with sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Act 1992, to calculate the amounts in Annex C to the agenda report (amended Annex 3 to the Budget Report pack) for the financial year 2019/20.
7. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the new Capital Strategy including the detailed capital programme for 2019/20 to 2022/23 as set out in Annex 11 to the Budget Report and the Treasury Strategy including the Annual Investment Strategy, prudential indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in Annex 12 to the Budget Report.
8. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the pay policy at Annex A to the agenda report
9. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the Schools Budget for 2019-20 in line with paragraph 17 and Enclosure 1 of Annex B to this report;
10. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals outlined for the Central School Services Block including the transfer of £27k to the High Needs Block (ref.paras 26-28 of Annex B to the agenda report);
11. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals outlined for the Early Years Block, including the increase of the SEN Inclusion Fund to allow for high needs support for early years children (ref. paras. 29 - 35 of Annex B to the agenda report);
12. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals outlined for the High Needs Block (ref paras. 36-39 of Annex B to the agenda report)
13. Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals outlined for the Schools Block (ref. paras 20-25 of Annex B to the agenda report) and the Schools Funding Formula outlined in Enclosure 2 of Annex B to the agenda report and the Schools Allocations in Enclosure 3 of Annex B to the agenda report, including a Minimum Funding Guarantee of -1.5% per pupil (ref. paras 22-23).

3. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2018-19 - Month 9

Appendix C

RESOLVED that -

1. the forecast outturn position in respect of the General Fund including the impact of ongoing expenditure restraint and mitigating actions, for 2018/19 be noted;
2. the 2018/19 forecast outturn position on the Housing Revenue Account be noted;
3. the forecast in respect of the Schools Budget and the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2018/19 be noted;
4. the forecast outturn position in respect of the capital programme for 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted;
5. the changes to the capital programme set out in paragraphs 56 to 62 of the agenda report be noted;
6. Any additional business rate income from the pool pilot that is not required to deliver a balanced budget in 2018/19 is put into the general fund reserve at the year end.

4. CIL and S106 Biannual Monitoring Report

Appendix D

RESOLVED that –

1. the information and analysis provided on financial contributions agreed, received, and spent during the monitoring period of 1 April to 30 September 2018, be noted;
2. the Mayoral CIL and Kingston CIL income received for the period of 1 April to 30 September 2018, be noted; and,
3. the allocation of funds, as detailed in Table 4 of the agenda report, be approved.

5. Financial Assistance to a Maintained School (EXEMPT)

Appendix E

RESOLVED that –

the action recommended in the agenda report be approved.