



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 24th January, 2018**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road,
London, NW1 5PT**

Members: **All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting
for the transaction of the business set out.**

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1. APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a relief Chairman.

2. MINUTES

To sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meetings held on 8 November 2017.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 2nd October, he attended a dinner hosted by The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 14th October, he attended Eucharist at Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Abbey's patronal festival, the Feast of St. Edward.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 15th October, he attended the annual London Mayors' Association Civic Service and Reception at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 15th October, he attended the launch of National Hate Crime Awareness Week at St. Paul's Cathedral.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 16th October, he attended the annual WellChild Awards and Dinner at The Royal Lancaster Hotel in the presence of HRH Prince Henry of Wales.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 17th October, he attended a service and reception at Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Westminster Guide Lecturers' Association.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 19th October, he attended a Review of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery by Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of the Troop's 70th anniversary.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 19th October, he attended a dinner hosted by the Dean of Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 22nd October, he attended the Sea Cadets' annual Trafalgar Day Parade at Trafalgar Square and afterwards attended a reception at

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Wellington Barracks.

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 31st October, he attended a service at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to mark the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses and the start of the Reformation.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 4th November, he visited the Regent Street Motoring Festival and afterwards attended a lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, Sunday 5th November, he attended the premiere of the movie 'Paddington 2'.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 6th November, he attended a reception hosted by the Northbank Business Improvement District.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 7th November, he attended the Annual Dinner of the Past Overseers' Society.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 8th November, he attended a lunch at The Goring Hotel in the presence of HRH The Duke of Cambridge.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 9th November, he visited the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 11th November, he attended The Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 11th November, he attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 12th November, he laid a wreath and attended the Service of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 12th November, he attended a Service of Remembrance at Lancaster Gate.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 13th November, he attended a Banquet hosted by the Lord Mayor of London at Mansion House.

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 21st November, he participated in the annual tree-felling ceremony in Oslo, Norway, and afterwards attended a lunch hosted by the Mayor of Oslo.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 23rd November, he unveiled a commemorative stone in honour of Neville Bowes Elliott-Cooper VC.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 29th November, he hosted a reception at City Hall for Westminster Business Council.
- The Lord Mayor to report that on Friday 1st December, he presented Long Service Awards to members of staff.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 5th December, he attended the annual Diplomatic Reception hosted by Her Majesty the Queen.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 7th December, he hosted the switching-on ceremony for the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 10th December, he attended the annual Westminster Tea Dance for Senior Citizens.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 13th December, he attended the annual Story of Christmas Appeal service and reception.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 17th December, he attended a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols hosted by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain at St. John's Hyde Park.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 18th December, he attended the Mayor of London's Christmas Carol Service and Reception at Southwark Cathedral.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Christmas Day, he visited the 'Crisis at Christmas' centre at City of Westminster College.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interests from Members and Officers of the Council.

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

6. QUESTIONS

Note by the Head of Committee and Governance Services

With the consent of the Chief Whips of both the Majority Party and the Minority Party it is intended that rather than produce an order of questions by draw these will be sought by the Lord Mayor from Members indicating at the meeting that they have a question. The Leader of the Opposition will be entitled to ask up to 3 questions during the 45 minutes set aside for questions.

7. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- (a) Councillor Got Mohindra – Technology in Westminster
- (b) Councillor Shamim Talukder – Arts and Culture in Westminster

8. STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

With the approval of the Chairman of the meeting, the Leader of the Council may make a statement on an urgent matter and the Leader of the Opposition will have an equivalent right of reply.

9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

To consider items chosen for debate from the attached Future Policy Plan.

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10. COMMITTEE AND CABINET REPORTS

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following reports which contain a recommendation to the Council for decision:

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Cabinet/Committee	Date of Meeting or Decision
Cabinet meeting (Council Tax Base)	4 December 2017
General Purposes (Council Meeting – 7 March)	10 January 2018
Appointments Sub (Appointment of Chief Executive) (to follow)	16 January 2018

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Hug and seconded by Councillor Less.

"The Council notes the recent Church Street Master Plan consultation exercise. It notes a number of positive aspects of the current proposals, including ideas to improve the local public realm and support the future development of the market. It however notes resident concern over the current housing proposals and the need to improve the Council's offer to local people on this critical issue before any scheme proceeds.

The Council believes that the regeneration of Church Street is a strategic priority for Westminster and an important opportunity to improve the lives of our residents. It believes the regeneration must prioritise the needs of existing local residents, while also focusing on providing new opportunities for Westminster residents in housing need and for local people and families on or below average incomes as desired by a majority of respondents to the Masterplan consultation.

It further believes that if the Council is to deliver the number of social and genuinely affordable homes that Westminster needs it is essential that the council maximises the proportion of public housing built on public land.

The Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to urgently revise the masterplan in-order to move swiftly forward with a plan that commands wider public support. The council resolves to:

- Redraft the proposals to better take into account concerns raised by the Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum and other residents during the initial consultation phase.
- Look at ways to limit the amount of demolition being proposed to levels more in-line with residents wishes.
- Review the current assumptions on the potential height of the proposed new blocks.
- Amend the housing mix in the development sites identified in the 2012 Futures Plan that are being brought to planning in 2018 in-order to increase the amount of social housing in these schemes thereby expanding the amount of local decant opportunities to assist with the delivery of these new proposals.

- Enshrine a commitment to replace not only existing council homes but where possible any Westminster owned temporary accommodation units with a like for like replacement.
- Ensure that the plan requires at least 50% of the additional units built are social or genuinely affordable homes, at least 60% of which should be social units in-line with Westminster's existing policy framework.
- Develop an effective local lettings strategy that gives priority to Church Street residents.
- Ballot residents impacted by the scheme before the masterplan is implemented. "

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London, WC2 5HR
12 January 2018**

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 8th November, 2017 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Adams

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Angela Harvey
Ian Adams	David Harvey
Nickie Aiken	Richard Holloway
Julia Alexander	Adam Hug
Barbara Arzymanow	Louise Hyams
Daniel Astaire	Aicha Less
Richard Beddoe	Patricia McAllister
Rita Begum	Guthrie McKie
David Boothroyd	Tim Mitchell
Iain Bott	Jan Prendergast
Susie Burbridge	Papya Qureshi
Ruth Bush	Suhail Rahuja
Melvyn Caplan	Robert Rigby
Danny Chalkley	Rachael Robathan
Brian Connell	Glenys Roberts
Antonia Cox	Tim Roca
Thomas Crockett	Ian Rowley
Robert Davis, MBE, DL	Karen Scarborough
Tony Devenish	Andrew Smith
Paul Dimoldenberg	Steve Summers
Nick Evans	Shamim Talukder
Christabel Flight	Cameron Thomson
Peter Freeman	Aziz Toki
Murad Gassanly	Judith Warner
Jonathan Glanz	Jacqui Wilkinson
Lindsey Hall	Jason Williams

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings at the Council meeting on Wednesday 12 July 2017 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

2 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The Lord Mayor referred to these as set out on the agenda.
- 2.2 The Leader and other Members spoke in tribute of the work undertaken by Charlie Parker who was attending his last Council meeting as Chief Executive. Following which Mr Parker replied.

Procedural Motion

It was moved by Councillor Tim Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Jacqui Wilkinson:

“That consideration of the business set out in the agenda other than Agenda Item 4 (Petitions) and Item 9 (Committee Reports) be either not considered or deferred to the next meeting.

That the Council note, that in view of the intention to hold a full Budget debate at the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on the rising of this meeting, it is intended that the programme of Council meetings be adjusted in order that the Extraordinary meeting programmed for 7 March 2018 instead become an Ordinary meeting to include Question Time held in accordance with Standing Order 9. A report to facilitate this will be made to Council via the General Purposes Committee on 24 January 2018.”

It was moved by Councillor Guthrie McKie and seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd:

“That the Procedural Motion be amended in order to allow Agenda Item 5 – Questions to be taken”.

The Lord Mayor then put the amendment to the vote on a show of hands and declared the amendment **LOST**.

The Lord Mayor then put the unamended Procedural Motion to the vote and on a show of hands declared the Procedural Motion **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the Council note, that in view of the intention to hold a full Budget debate at the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on the rising of this meeting, it is intended that the programme of Council meetings be adjusted in order that the Extraordinary meeting programmed for 7 March 2018 instead become an Ordinary meeting to include Question Time held in accordance with Standing Order 9. A report to facilitate this will be made to Council via the General Purposes Committee on 24 January 2018.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

(a) Petitions

Councillor Tony Devenish presented a petition from residents of Wilton Street objecting to the TfL proposals for road plans in Grosvenor Place and its implications for Wilton Street, SW1. The petition was referred to the Executive Director for City Management and Communities for reporting to the relevant Cabinet Member.

Councillor Murad Gassanly presented a petition in support of the Council's efforts to relieve overcrowding on the Ebury Bridge Estate and called for the building of more social and affordable housing. The petition was referred to the Executive Director for Growth, Planning and Housing for reporting to the relevant Cabinet Member.

(b) There were no Deputations.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Lord Mayor advised that in accordance with the earlier Procedural Motion agenda items 5 (Questions), 6 (Councillor Issues), 7 (Statement on Urgent Matters) and 8 (Future Policy Plan) had been deferred. The meeting proceeded to consider the reports from Committees which required a decision.

(a) Report of the Appointments Sub-Committee (6.9.17) Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That Mr Stuart Love, Executive Director of City Management and Communities, be appointed Interim Chief Executive and Interim Head of Paid Service officially from 8th January 2018 although operationally from 1 January 2018, until the full recruitment of a new Chief Executive is complete.

(b) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 3 – Terms of Reference – Appraisal Arrangements for the Chief Executive.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in paragraph 1 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

1. That the Council be recommended that the Appointments Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be amended by the deletion of the following:
 - “(2) Appraisal
 - (a) To undertake the annual performance appraisal of the Chief Executive”.
 2. That, subject to the approval of recommendation (1) above, the Council be recommended to the above additional term of reference of the Leader, as follows:

“To conduct the annual appraisal, including the setting of annual targets, of the Chief Executive and make an award in accordance with the Performance Related Pay Scheme currently in place, having regard to a report of the Director of People Services which shall include the views of the Council’s External Adviser (if any) appointed for these purposes, the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Corporate Services and such other Members or Officers as the Leader and/or the Director of People Services shall consider appropriate”.
- (c) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 2 – Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendation in paragraph 2 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the Council approve the following additional terms of reference to the Standards Committee:

“To monitor the Member Development Programme and make recommendations thereon to the relevant Cabinet Member”.

- (d) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 3 – Programme of Council Meetings for 2018-2019.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That meetings of the Council be held as follows:

16 May 2018 (Annual); 11 July 2018; 7 November 2018; 23 January 2019; 6 March 2019 and 15 May 2019 (Annual).

- (e) Report of the General Purposes Committee (1.11.17) – Paragraph 4 of the report – Freedom Rights – Royal Yeomanry, Westminster Dragoons”.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 4 of the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

1. That in view of the Council’s close association with the Royal Yeomanry the Regiment be granted “the freedom and distinction of proceeding through the City on all ceremonial occasions in full panoply and, so far as appropriate, with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed”.
2. That an illuminated document under the Common Seal recording the grant of such privilege be prepared and presented to the officers and other ranks of the Royal Yeomanry.

The Meeting ended at 7.25 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____

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PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Adams

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton	Angela Harvey
Nickie Aiken	David Harvey
Julia Alexander	Richard Holloway
Barbara Arzymanow	Adam Hug
Daniel Astaire	Louise Hyams
Richard Beddoe	Aicha Less
Rita Begum	Patricia McAllister
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1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Tim Mitchell that Councillor Louise Hyams be elected as Relief Chairman.

Motion put, and on a show of hands, declared **CARRIED**.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3 REPORT OF THE CABINET MEETING ON 30 OCTOBER 2017

The report of the Cabinet on 30 October 2017 was submitted. Paragraphs 1 to 7 were considered together.

Councillor Nickie Aiken delivered the Leader's Speech and spoke in favour of the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report and Councillor Adam Hug made the first Opposition speech.

Councillor Adam Hug moved the amendments in his name as set out on the Order Paper which were seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd.

Following debate to which the Leader of the Council replied the Lord Mayor put Amendment One to the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the Cabinet report moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd and on a roll call vote undertaken by the Chief Executive, there voted:

For amendment one: Councillors Begum, Boothroyd, Bush, Dimoldenberg, Hug, Less, McAllister, McKie, Qureshi, Roca, Talukder, Taylor, Toki and Williams.

Against amendment one: Councillors Acton, Aiken, Alexander, Arzymanow, Astaire, Beddoe, Bott, Burbridge, Caplan, Chalkley, Connell, Cox, Crockett, Davis, Devenish, Evans, Freeman, Gassanly, Glanz, Hall, Angela Harvey, David Harvey, Holloway, Hyams, Mitchell, Prendergast, Rahuja, Rigby, Robathan, Rowley, Scarborough, Smith, Summers, Warner and Wilkinson.

Absence or not voting: The Lord Mayor, Councillors Baroness Couttie, Cuthbertson, Church, Flight, Floru, Grahame, Mohammed, Mohindra, Roberts and Thomson.

The Lord Mayor declared amendment one to be **LOST**.

The Lord Mayor advised that the voting was on amendment two of the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the Cabinet report, moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor David Boothroyd. A roll call vote was undertaken by the Chief Executive and there voted:

For amendment two: Councillors Begum, Boothroyd, Bush, Dimoldenberg, Hug, Less, McAllister, McKie, Qureshi, Roca, Talukder, Taylor, Toki and Williams.

Against amendment two: Councillors Acton, Aiken, Alexander, Arzymanow, Astaire, Beddoe, Bott, Burbridge, Caplan, Chalkley, Connell, Cox, Crockett, Davis, Devenish, Evans, Freeman, Gassanly, Glanz, Hall, Angela Harvey, David Harvey, Holloway, Hyams, Mitchell, Prendergast, Rahuja, Rigby, Robathan, Rowley, Scarborough, Smith, Summers, Warner and Wilkinson.

Absence or not voting: The Lord Mayor, Councillors Baroness Couttie, Cuthbertson, Church, Flight, Floru, Grahame, Mohammed, Mohindra, Roberts and Thomson.

The Lord Mayor declared amendment two to be **LOST**.

The Lord Mayor advised that the voting was on the unamended recommendations of the Cabinet in paragraph 1 of the Cabinet report – 2018-2019 Budget Proposals. The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the Cabinet in paragraph 1 to the vote and on a roll call vote undertaken by the Chief Executive there voted:

For the recommendations: Councillors Acton, Aiken, Alexander, Arzymanow, Astaire, Beddoe, Bott, Burbridge, Caplan, Chalkley, Connell, Cox, Crockett, Davis, Devenish, Evans, Freeman, Gassanly, Glanz, Hall, Angela Harvey, David Harvey, Holloway, Hyams, Mitchell, Prendergast, Rahuja, Rigby, Robathan, Rowley, Scarborough, Smith, Summers, Warner and Wilkinson.

Against the recommendations: Councillors Begum, Boothroyd, Bush, Dimoldenberg, Hug, Less, McAllister, McKie, Qureshi, Roca, Talukder, Taylor, Toki and Williams.

Absence or not voting: The Lord Mayor, Councillors Baroness Couttie, Cuthbertson, Church, Flight, Floru, Grahame, Mohammed, Mohindra, Roberts and Thomson.

The Lord Mayor declared the recommendations in paragraph 1 of the Cabinet report **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Budget Proposals including the financial strategy set out in the report of the City Treasurer attached as Appendix A be approved, where external consultation has been completed.
- (ii) That a further report be submitted to Cabinet in February 2018 and then to Council on 7 March 2018 to reflect the outcome of external consultation and Equality Impact Assessments not already considered and adjusted to reflect the updated budget position.
- (iii) That the Council confirmed that they had regard to the views of the Budget and Performance Task Group set out in Appendix A.
- (iv) That the draft estimated cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2018-2019 of £168.163m (as set out in Schedules 1 to 6) be noted. These figures are draft and based on 2017-2018 Period 6 budgets which may change before final budget setting is completed in March 2018.
- (v) That, after considering the period 6 monitor and noting the projected underspend, officers are asked to earmark these monies for a number of “My Westminster” community initiatives and projects. That a report be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Corporate Services, setting out the proposed governance arrangements for any such proposals.
- (vi) That the Equality Impact Assessments included in Annex B of the report (Appendix A) be received and noted to inform the consideration and approval of the budget proposals.

- (vii) That the Cabinet receives a further report in February 2018 which will finalise the budget for 2018-2019.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 2 of the Cabinet report, Capital Strategy 2018-2019 to 2022-2023, Forecast Position for 2017-2018 and Future Years Forecasts summarised up to 2031-2032 to the vote and there voted on a roll call vote undertaken by the Chief Executive.

For the recommendations: Councillors Acton, Aiken, Alexander, Arzymanow, Astaire, Beddoe, Begum, Boothroyd, Bott, Burbridge, Bush, Caplan, Chalkley, Connell, Cox, Crockett, Davis, Devenish, Evans, Freeman, Gassanly, Hall, Angela Harvey, David Harvey, Holloway, Hug, Hyams, Less, McAllister, McKie, Mitchell, Prendergast, Qureshi, Rahuja, Rigby, Robathan, Roca, Rowley, Scarborough, Smith, Summers, Talukder, Taylor, Toki, Warner, Wilkinson and Williams.

Against the recommendations: No one voted against.

Absence or not voting: The Lord Mayor, Councillors Baroness Couttie, Cuthbertson, Church, Flight, Floru, Grahame, Mohammed, Mohindra, Roberts and Thomson.

The Lord Mayor declared the recommendations in paragraph 2 of the Cabinet report **ADOPTED.**

Resolved:

That Council:

- (i) Approved the Capital Strategy as set out in the report attached as Appendix B.
- (ii) Approved the capital expenditure for the General Fund as set out in Appendix B for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 and future years to 2031-2032.
- (iii) Approved the capital expenditure forecasts for the General Fund as set out in Appendix B of the report.
- (iv) Noted the expenditure forecast for 2017-2018 for the HRA as set out in the report attached as Appendix B.
- (v) Noted the capital expenditure for the HRA for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 as in accordance with the 30 year HRA Business Plan and as included in the report attached as Appendix B.
- (vi) Noted the financial implications of the HRA Capital Programme including the references to the debt cap and the level of reserves as detailed in paragraph 12.33 of the report attached as Appendix B.

- (vii) Approved that in the event that any additional expenditure is required by a capital scheme over and above this approved programme the revenue consequences of this will be financed by revenue savings or income generation from relevant service areas.
- (viii) Approved that all development and investment projects follow the previously approved business case governance process as set out in paragraphs 6.7 to 6.15 of the report attached as Appendix B.
- (ix) Approved that no financing resources unless stipulated in regulations or necessary agreements are ring fenced.
- (x) Approved that contingency in respect of major projects is held corporately with bids for access to those contingencies to be reviewed by the Capital Review Group (CRG) and thereafter approved by the relevant Cabinet Member and City Treasurer, in the event they are required to fund capital project costs, as detailed in paragraphs 10.43 to 10.44 of the report attached as Appendix B. These total £651.505m from 2017-2018 to 2031-2032 but include a sum of £450m which is an allowance for general capital expenditure (eg highways improvements) in future years beyond 2021-2022.
- (xi) Noted that as approved last year the Council plans to use capital receipts in 2017-2018 to fund the revenue costs of three eligible proposals – the refurbishment of Westminster City Hall (£9m), the Digital Transformation Programme (£2.8m) and a contribution to the pension fund deficit (£10m) under the DCLG Guidance on the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts if considered beneficial to the Council’s finances by the City Treasurer at year end. Further use of flexible capital receipts to fund the above are also included in the capital programme for these schemes in 2018-2019 (the last year to which the Flexible Capital Receipts scheme is available).
- (xii) Approved that the financing of the capital programme as set out in paragraphs 12.1 to 12.21 of the report attached as Appendix B.
- (xiii) Approved that financing of the capital programme be delegated to the City Treasurer at the year end to provide sufficient flexibility to allow for the most effective use of Council resources.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 3 of the Cabinet report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement set out in sections 5 to 7 of the report Appendix C be approved;
- (ii) That the Prudential Indicators set out in section 8 of Appendix C be approved;
- (iii) That the overall borrowing strategy and borrowing limits for 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 as detailed in section 6 of the report (Appendix C) be approved;
- (iv) That the investment strategy and approved investments set out in Appendix 1 of Appendix C be approved;

- (v) That the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy set out in Appendix 2 of Appendix C be approved.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 4 of the Cabinet, Treasury Management Strategy Mid-year Review to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the report (Appendix D) be noted and the changes set out in the report approved by Cabinet (30.10.17) be endorsed.

The Council noted paragraph 5 of the Cabinet report – Housing Investment Strategy and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2018-2019.

The Lord Mayor put the recommendations in paragraph 6 of the Cabinet reports to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

That the Council:

- (i) Approved and implement the Integrated Investment Framework set out in the report as attached Appendix F (to be reviewed on an annual basis).
- (ii) Approved that the target for the overall return on Council investments should aspire to match inflation.
- (iii) Approved that the benefits of investing in the Pension Fund should be used as a benchmark when evaluating other investments.
- (iv) Adopted the asset allocation percentages set out in the Framework and work towards achieving this.
- (v) Approved that the overarching objective of this Framework is to achieve an overall return on Council investments aspiring to match inflation, or to reduce costs and liabilities at an equivalent rate whilst maintaining adequate cash balances for operational purposes and not exposing the capital value of investments to unnecessary risk.

The Council noted paragraph 7 of the Cabinet report – 2016-2017 Annual Accounts and Outturn.

The Meeting ended at 9.41 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____

Agenda Item 9

City of Westminster

Council Meeting – Agenda Item 9

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Future Policy Plan

No.	Subject	Cabinet Member Portfolios	Lead Officer
1	Addressing dementia	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
2	Adult Education	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
3	Affordable business space	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
4	Affordable childcare	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
5	Affordable Housing	Planning, Housing and Public Realm	Barbara Brownlee
6	Air Quality	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
7	Alternative Education	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
8	Anti-social behaviour	City Highways	Richard Barker
9	Apprenticeships	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
10	Assets of Community Value	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
11	Benefits administration	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Steve Mair
12	BIDS	Business, Culture and Heritage	Julia Corkey Barbara Brownlee Richard Barker
13	Business Rates	Leader of the Council Finance, Property and Corporate Services Business, Culture and Heritage	Stuart Love Steve Mair Barbara Brownlee
14	Businesses in Westminster	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
15	Capital Programme	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Steve Mair
16	Care Act	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
17	CCTV	City Highways	Stuart Love

No.	Subject	Cabinet Member Portfolios	Lead Officer
18	Child poverty	Children, Families & Young People Adults & Public Health	Melissa Caslake Bernie Flaherty
19	Child Protection	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
20	Childhood Obesity	Children, Families & Young People Adult Social Services & Public Health	Melissa Caslake Bernie Flaherty
21	City for All	Leader of the Council	Julia Corkey Stuart Love
22	City Inspectors	City Highways	Richard Barker
23	CityWest Homes	Housing	Barbara Brownlee
24	Clinical Commissioning Groups	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
25	Commercial Opportunities	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Julia Corkey
26	Community Cohesion	Leader of the Council	Richard Barker
27	Community Engagement	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
28	Community Infrastructure Levy	Planning and Public Realm	Julia Corkey Barbara Brownlee
29	Corporate Parenting	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
30	Corporate Services	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
31	Council Budget & Financial Management	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Stuart Love Steve Mair
32	Council Management	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
33	Council Tax	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Stuart Love Steve Mair
34	Counter-terrorism	Leader of the Council Business, Culture and Heritage	Richard Barker
35	Crossrail 1 and 2	Planning and Public Realm	Barbara Brownlee
36	Customer Services	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Julia Corkey
37	Cycling	City Highways	Julia Corkey Barbara Brownlee
38	Debt Management	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Steve Mair

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39	Devolution	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
40	Encouraging social enterprise	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
41	EU Nationals	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
42	Equalities	Leader of the Council	Julia Corkey
43	Family Recovery / Troubled Families	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
44	Fire Station Reforms	Public Protection and Licensing	Richard Barker
45	Fostering and Adoption	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
46	Education	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
47	Freedom Pass	Leader of the Council Adult Social Services & Public Health City Highways	Bernie Flaherty
48	Gangs & Youth Violence	City Highways	Richard Barker
49	GP Quality & Performance	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
50	Green Spaces & Parks	Environment, Sports and Community	Richard Barker
51	Greener City Action Plan	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey Barbara Brownlee
52	Growth and Economic Development	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
53	Public Health	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
54	Healthwatch Westminster	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
55	High Speed 2	Planning and Public Realm	Barbara Brownlee
56	Home Meals Services	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
57	Homelessness / Rough Sleeping	Housing	Bernie Flaherty Barbara Brownlee
58	Housing Revenue Account	Housing	Barbara Brownlee
59	Housing Strategy & Housing Renewal	Housing	Barbara Brownlee
60	Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Stuart Love Bernie Flaherty

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61	Digital Strategy	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
62	Information Technology Strategy	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
63	Legal Services	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
64	Libraries	Environment, Sports and Community	Richard Barker
65	Licensing	Business, Culture and Heritage	Richard Barker
66	Local Government Finance	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Steve Mair
67	London Plan	Planning and Public Realm	Julia Corkey
68	Managed Services Programme	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
69	Protests & demonstrations	City Highways	Richard Barker
70	Managing the public realm	Planning and Public Realm	Barbara Brownlee Richard Barker
71	Utility Companies	City Highways	Richard Barker
72	Mayor of London & London Governance	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
73	Military Covenant	Housing	Julia Corkey
74	My Westminster Programme	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
75	Natural Environment	Environment, Sports and Community	Richard Barker Barbara Brownlee Julia Corkey
76	Neighbourhood Forums	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
77	Ward budgets	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
78	Overcrowding (Housing)	Housing	Barbara Brownlee
79	Parenting	Children, Families & Young People Adult Social Services & Public Health	Melissa Caslake Bernie Flaherty
80	Parking services and enforcement	City Highways	Richard Barker
81	Pedicabs	City Highways Business, Culture and Heritage	Richard Barker Barbara Brownlee
82	Development Planning services	Planning and Public Realm	Barbara Brownlee
83	Policing	City Highways	Richard Barker

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84	Policy and Scrutiny	Leader of the Council	Julia Corkey
85	Preventing Re-offending	City Highways	Richard Barker
86	Procurement	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Barbara Brownlee
87	Corporate Property	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Steve Mair
88	Property Tenancy Agreements	Housing	Barbara Brownlee
89	Public Conveniences	City Highways Finance, Property and Corporate Services	Richard Barker
90	Public Health	Adult Social Services and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
91	Queens Park Community Council	Environment, Sports and Community	Stuart Love Julia Corkey
92	Royal Parks	Leader of the Council	Richard Barker Barbara Brownlee
93	School Meals	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
94	School Nursing	Adults Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
95	Sexual Health	Adult Social Services & Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
96	Short Term Lets	Planning and Public Realm	Richard Barker
97	Special Events	Business, Culture and Heritage	Julia Corkey
98	Special Needs Provision	Children, Families & Young People	Melissa Caslake
99	Specialist Housing Strategy	Housing	Bernie Flaherty
100	Sports & leisure services	Environment, Sports and Community	Richard Barker
101	Staffing	Finance, Property and Corporate Services	John Quinn
102	Street entertainment	City Highways	Richard Barker Barbara Brownlee
103	Street Management	City Highways	Richard Barker
104	Substance misuse	Adult Social Services & Public Health City Highways	Bernie Flaherty Richard Barker
105	Support for small businesses	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee

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106	Supporting carers	Children, Families & Young People Adult Social Services & Public Health	Melissa Caslake Bernie Flaherty
107	The City Plan	Planning and Public Realm	Julia Corkey
108	Transport for London	City Highways	Barbara Brownlee
109	Tri-borough	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
110	Violence Against Women & Girls	City Highways Children, Families & Young People	Richard Barker Melissa Caslake
111	Voluntary sector and community support	Environment, Sports and Community	Julia Corkey
112	Walking Strategy	City Highways	Julia Corkey
113	Waste and recycling	Environment, Sports and Community	Richard Barker
114	Welfare Reform & Universal Credit	Leader of the Council	Julia Corkey
115	West End Partnership	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
116	Worklessness	Business, Culture and Heritage	Barbara Brownlee
117	World War I Centenary Commemorations	Housing	Julia Corkey

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on Monday 4 December 2017

Present: Councillor Nickie Aiken (Chairman), Heather Acton, Daniel Astaire, Danny Chalkley, Robert Davis, MBE, DL, David Harvey, Rachael Robathan, Richard Holloway and Tim Mitchell

Also present: Councillors Richard Beddoe, Barbara Grahame, Angela Harvey, Aicha Less and Aziz Toki

1. Council Tax Discounts (Including Council Tax Local Reduction Scheme) and Council Tax Base Report

- (a) The Local Government 2003 provides local authorities with discretion in relation to the level of Council Tax discount for specific categories of Council Tax properties, namely second homes and long term empty properties. It also makes provision for a local authority to set its own "local" Council Tax discount categories.
- (b) The Local Government Finance Act 2012, with effect in April 2013, removed several Council Tax exemptions and replaced them with local determined discounts. The Act also enables local authorities to remove the previous statutory minimum 10% discount for second homes and to set a local long term empty premium. We are recommending that the Council Tax discount for empty and second homes remains at 0% and that an Empty Property Premium is implemented in 2018-2019.
- (c) The Welfare Reform Act 2012 and Local Government Finance Act 2012 replaced the previous Council Tax Benefit scheme with a locally determined Council Tax Reduction Scheme (also referred to as Council Tax Support scheme), which is effectively a new type of Council Tax discount. We also agreed that the current Council Tax Reduction scheme should continue in its current form in 2018-2019. The recommended scheme for 2018-2019 is a continuation of the scheme that was originally set by the Council in 2013-2014.
- (d) The Council Tax Base is calculated in accordance with a nationally prescribed formula and represents the equivalent number of Band D properties within the area. The formula takes account of the number of properties in each band, the number of discounts given for single occupiers, empty dwellings, second homes and other eligible criteria, the prescribed proportions to convert numbers to Band D equivalents and the estimated collection rate. The relevant regulations were changed for 2013-2014 so that the tax base calculation includes a deduction for the equivalent number of Band D properties relating to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The Council Tax Base must be determined and be notified to the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the levying bodies. As in the past, these notifications must be made by 31 January.

- (e) The calculations as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report were considered which confirm a figure of 128,833.30 equivalent Band D properties for the whole city, 3,406.61 Band D equivalent properties for Queens Park and 95.68 Band D equivalent properties for Montpelier Square. The tax base calculation is based on the assumption that the recommendations in the report in relation to the level of Council Tax discounts and in relation to the Council Tax Resolution Scheme are adopted.
- (f) The parish of Queen's Park was created on 1 April 2014 under the Council's Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2013. The Queen's Park Community Council was elected on 22 May and consequently became a new precepting authority for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The calculations in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report considered by us confirm a tax base for Queen's Park Parish Council of 3,406.61 Band D equivalent properties.
- (g) The full report we considered is attached as Appendix A.

We recommend:

1. That the Council approve for the financial year 2018-2019.
 - (i) That the Council Tax discount for second homes remains at 0%.
 - (ii) That the Council Tax discounts for empty properties, including the discounts that replaced the previous Class A and C Council Tax exemptions remains at 0%.
 - (iii) That a long term Empty Property Premium is introduced at the maximum percentage allowed for by the relevant legislation
 - (iv) That the Head of Revenues and Benefits determines any individual local discount applications from vulnerable Council Taxpayers received during the course of the 2018-2019 financial year which will include a 100% Council Tax discount for Care Leavers for a period of 3 years.
2. That the Council approve the same Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018-2019 as operated successfully since 2013-2014 which is based on the Default Scheme Regulations and that War Disabled Pensions, War Widow, Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments are disregarded in full when calculating a claimant's income.
3. That the Council resolve that the Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 for the whole city is 128,833.30 equivalent Band D properties, for Montpelier Square alone 95.68 equivalent Band D properties and for Queen's Park 3,406.61 equivalent Band D properties.

Report of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 2018

Present: Councillors Tim Mitchell (Chairman), Melvyn Caplan and David Boothroyd

1. Council Meeting: 7 March 2018

- (a) Members will be aware that at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 8 November 2017 a full debate was held on Budget Proposals and the Council agreed the budget for 2018-2019. It was noted that the formal Council Tax Resolution would still require consideration and adoption at the Council meeting on 7 March. However, given that a full debate was held on 8 November, at the expense of the consideration of ordinary business it is recommended that the Extraordinary Council meeting on 7 March 2017 now be an Ordinary Council meeting. The report we considered is attached as Appendix B.
- (b) We recommend the Council accordingly as follows:
 - (i) That the Extraordinary Council meeting on 7 March 2017 be not held but that instead an Ordinary Council meeting be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7 March 2017 with provision on the agenda for all the business usually considered at an Ordinary Council meeting together with provision for a report from the Cabinet containing a recommendation to adopt a formal Council Tax resolution for 2018-2019.

Tim Mitchell, Chairman

Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

Background Documents:

Reports and Minutes from the General Purposes Committee – 10 January 2018

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