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COUNCIL AGENDA – REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Please refer to the [Council agenda 24 February 2022](#), along with the relevant reports, which summarise the reasons for recommendations and alternative actions considered in relation to each decision.

LIST REFERENCE: 1/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:

BUDGET REPORT 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23 TO 2026/27

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Council	24 February 2022	None	KD 5352	Matt Bowmer Interim Director Finance & Commercial matt.bowmer@enfield.gov.uk 0208 379 5580	No

DECISION

AGREED to:

1. Note:

- i. The budget is in a balanced position for 2022/23, however, this has required the one off use of reserves of £1.985m.
- ii. The total costs of Covid-19 in 2022/23 are estimated to be £6.339m; this will be funded from the £10m reserve which has been created to fund ongoing Covid-19 costs. At this stage the sector is not anticipating any further funding from the Government in respect of Covid-19.
- iii. Government funding assumptions continue to rely on Council Tax as a key source of funding for Adult Social Care through the Precept
- iv. The wider London Business Rate pool is not going ahead for 2022/23 due to uncertainty over whether participation would be financially beneficial for members. Enfield will however be joining a smaller pool of 8 authorities to pool business rates for 2022/23. This decision was approved by Cabinet on 13th October 2021. Members of the pool are: City of London, Barnet, Brent, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. The potential one-off benefits from the Pool will be realisable circa August 2023 and nothing is built into the MTFP at this stage.

2. Agreed:

- i. With regard to the Revenue Budget for 2022/23 to set the Council Tax Requirement for Enfield at £139.361m in 2022/23; and
- ii. To set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2022/23 at £1,446.12, being a 0.00% general Council Tax increase and a 1.00% Adult Social Care Precept

3. Agreed the Medium Term Financial Plan, including:

- i. The pressures set out in Appendix 1a totalling £22.009m in 2022/23 (excluding the Covid-19 reversals of 13.894m), which include:
 - a. £3.188m for Demographic pressures within Adults and Children's Social Care and SEN Transport to reflect growing demand in these areas. (in 2022/23 Adults gross expenditure budget will be £140.0m, net £87.4m; Children's Services gross expenditure budget will be £57.2m, net £46.4m; SEN Transport net budget will be £11.1m).

- b. £8.024m of Inflation and pay award funding
 - ii. £3.438m investment in transformation funded by the flexible use of capital receipts.
 - iii. full year effects of reversals of one-off prior year savings and income totalling £0.705m set out in Appendix 2a.
 - iv. the savings of £5.856m and income proposals of £2.840m in 2022/23 set out in Appendix 2b.
 - v. adopt the key principles set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan section below (paragraphs 220 to 225).
 - vi. note the £1.020m for Capital Financing included within the pressures figure to invest in proposals to deliver long term benefits to the Borough. £10.111m is set aside for Capital Financing over the lifetime of the MTFP.
4. Agreed the planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2021/22 being £1.501m and approve the planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2022/23, being £3.438m (paragraphs 181 to 182 and Appendix 3).
5. Agreed the Schools Budget for 2022/23 (paragraphs 183 to 205 and Appendix 4).
6. Agreed the changes in Fees and Charges for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 178 and Appendices 11 to 14 and to delegate authority to Executive Directors and Directors to negotiate discounts and make in year amendments where appropriate.
7. Agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance & Procurement in respect of any actions arising from the Government's recent announcement regarding the award of £150 Council Tax rebates and discretionary support (see paragraphs 70 to 73).
8. Note the gap remaining in the MTFP for 2023/24 of £13.295m; and of £45.600m for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27 and the actions being taken to address this challenging position.
9. Agreed that the New Homes Bonus funding of £0.172m is applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2022/23.
10. Note the detailed feedback from the Budget Engagement, which is set out in Appendix 5a of the report.
11. Note the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 12th January 2022 which are set out in Appendix 5b of the report.
12. Note that the delivery of the saving for digitalisation/decentralisation of MEQ & Complaints Team responsibilities will require members to utilise the new digital self-serve MEQ reporting system.
13. Agreed with regard to the robustness of the 2022/23 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances to:
- i. note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2022/23 budget and the MTFP (paragraphs 226 to 230) and agree the actions in hand to mitigate them;
 - ii. note the advice of the Executive Director of Resources regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves (paragraphs 231 to 237 and Appendix 8a) and have regard to the comments of the Director of Finance (paragraphs 257 to 259) when making final decisions on the 2022/23 budget; and
 - iii. agree the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (paragraphs 231 to 237).

BACKGROUND

Please refer to Item 6 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
TEN YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2031/32							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/A	Council	24 February 2022	None	KD 5352	Matt Bowmer and Olu Ayodele Director of Resources and Head of Capital and Projects matt.bowmer@enfield.gov.uk olu.ayodele@enfield.gov.uk 0208 3795580	No
DECISION							
<p>AGREED to</p> <p>Following the approval and recommendation by Cabinet on the 16th February, Council</p> <p>Approved the 2022/23 Capital Programme and to note the 2023/24 to 2031/32 Ten Year Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.</p>							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 7 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 3/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET 2022/23, RENT SETTING AND BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	ALL	Council	24 February 2022	None	KD 5354	Joanne Drew Director of Housing joanne.drew@enfield.gov.uk	No
DECISION							
<p>Following the approval and recommendation by Cabinet on the 16th February, AGREED to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the HRA 30-Year Business Plan shown in Appendix 1 2. Approve the detailed HRA Revenue Budget for 2022/23 as shown in paragraph 77. 3. Approve the 10-year HRA Capital Programme of £1,121m and borrowing requirements to deliver 3,500 council led homes. 4. Approve a rent increase of 4.1% (CPI + 1%) in line with Government guidelines noting the social and affordable rent levels for circa 10,484 HRA properties in 2022/23. 5. Approve the level of service charges for 2022/23 for those tenants and leaseholders receiving eligible services. 6. Approve the charges for garages and parking bay rents as set out in paragraph 64. 7. Approve the charges for community hall hire, including a deposit system, and delegate authority to the Director of Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Social Housing to review and implement a new policy with a view to a more flexible charging system in appropriate circumstances. 8. Approve entering into the GLA grant agreement as part of the Affordable Housing Programme 21/26 and acceptance of the successful GLA grant bid of £166.5m and for starts from 2023 to 2028. 9. Note the heating charges for 2022/23 for those properties on communal heating systems (both electric and gas), including a mid-year review to understand the impact of the energy contract renewal which will apply from September. 10. Approve the establishment of 4 posts in the 2022/23 revenue budget to support the Building Safety requirements of our high-rise blocks. To note the Housing Team will be progressing with resident engagement on the introduction of a new service charge in 2023/24 in relation to these costs. 11. Approve that Enfield, as one of the ten Constituent Authorities of the LHC (London Housing Consortium) Joint Committee, withdraws from the LHC Joint Committee, resulting in its potential disbandment in December 2022 at the earliest. This means that the LHC will no longer be an outside body subject to council nominations. 							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 8 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 4/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT FOR 2022/23							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	ALL	Council	24 February 2022	None	KD 5355	Bola Tobun Finance Manager – Pensions & Treasury bola.tobun@enfield.gov.uk Tel no. 020 8132 1588	No
DECISION							
<p>AGREED to</p> <p>1.</p> <p>i) Agree the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2022/23 and to note the Ten Year Treasury Strategy forecast;</p> <p>ii) Note the Economic context & Interest rate forecast (Appendices A and B);</p> <p>iii) Agree the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix D;</p> <p>iv) Agree the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement (Appendix E); and</p> <p>v) Agree Counterparty List and Limits set out in Appendix F.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>Note the General Purposes Committee will:</p> <p>vi) Receive and review the Treasury Management Practices annually; and</p> <p>vii) Receive and review quarterly Treasury Management monitoring reports.</p>							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 9 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 5/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
RETENDER OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENT - OPTING INTO THE NATIONAL PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/A	Council	24 February 2022	None	KD 5413		No
DECISION							
<p>AGREED</p> <p>That the Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' invitation to opt into the sector-led option for the appointment of external auditors to principal local government for five financial years from 1 April 2023.</p>							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 10 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 6/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER ROLE							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/a	Council	24 February 2022	None	Non Key	Jeremy Chambers Director of Law & Governance	No
DECISION							
<p>AGREED</p> <p>To designate Terry Osborne as the Monitoring Officer with effect from 1st March 2022 until such time as a permanent appointment is made to the post of Director of Law & Governance and a further report is brought to Council.</p>							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 11 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 7/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/A	Council	24 February 2022	None	Non Key	N/A	No
DECISION							
NOTED there were no amendments to Committee memberships.							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 13 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 8/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date of Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	N/A	Council	24 February 2022	None	Non Key	N/A	No
DECISION							
NOTED there were no amendments to outside bodies.							
BACKGROUND							
Please refer to Item 14 on the Council agenda for 24 February 2022.							

LIST REFERENCE: 10/52/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS PROGRAMME							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	Enfield Highway. Ponders End, Southgate, Upper Edmonton	Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Rick Jewell)	Monday 7 March 2022	None	KD 5401	Ian Russell Principal Engineer, Watercourses Ian.Russell@Enfield.gov.uk 020 8132 0964	Friday 4 March 2022
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the works to construct wetlands and related sustainable drainage measures at several sites across the borough including Oakwood Park, Durants Park, Wilbury Way Open Space and Oakthorpe Primary School. To accept up to £690k of external funding from project partners and spend up to £165k from Enfield's Borough Capital funding for Watercourses and Flood Alleviation projects. To delegate authority to the Head of Highway Services to authorise the placing of orders through any of the Council's existing relevant term contracts or to invite and evaluate tenders/quotations and, where suitable tenders/ quotations are received, to authorise the award of contracts for the works as appropriate. 							
OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<p>The proposals aim to reduce flood risk and pollution as well as improving the environment for people and wildlife. To do nothing would lose the opportunity to create a more resilient drainage system, make Enfield safer and cleaner, with healthier rivers, connect communities, improve the public realm and restore habitats. This would also mean the loss of opportunity to access external funding, and collaboratively work with external companies, thus losing investment in Enfield's infrastructure.</p>							
REASONS FOR PROPOSAL							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced flood risk, through the provision of wetlands and SuDS measures, such as rain gardens and swales, as highlighted in Enfield's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2016). Improved water quality in Enfield's rivers by removing harmful pollutants from the drainage system prior to entering rivers. Enhanced biodiversity by creating valuable wetland habitat and planting a wide variety of species including wildflowers, trees and shrubs in the areas surrounding the new wetlands. 							

4. Creation of a varied landscape with diverse natural features providing enhanced interest for park users, thereby encouraging more people to visit these sites and spend more time when there.
5. Improved public understanding and perception of urban drainage issues through community engagement and provision of interpretation features.
6. Inspiring more Blue-Green Infrastructure (BGI) development and collaborative approaches to public realm projects across the borough.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.