

RESOURCES AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, TOWN HALL, JUDD STREET, LONDON WC1H 9JE

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SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillors Ajok Athian (L), Nina De Ayala Parker (L), Julian Fulbrook (L), Lorna Greenwood (L), Matthew Kirk (LD), Izzy Lenga (L), Nazma Rahman (L) and Gio Spinella (C)

L = Labour, C = Conservative, LD = Liberal Democrat, G = Green

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THERE ARE NO PRIVATE REPORTS

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AGENDA

Wards

- 1. APOLOGIES**

- 2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA**

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If you have asked to address the meeting, you are deemed to be consenting to having your contributions recorded and broadcast, including video when switched on, and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.'

Any other announcements

4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

Requests to speak at the Committee on a matter within its terms of reference must be made in writing to the clerk named on the front of this agenda by 5pm two working days before the meeting.

5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

6. REVIEW OF THE CAMDEN MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY **All Wards**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living.

(Pages 7 - 66)

This report provides an update on:

- The Council's current financial position and the risks, issues and uncertainties facing the Council over the medium term.
- The financial position of the Council's Housing Revenue Account
- Financial resilience and sustainability of the Council
- The latest outlook for the Council's funding and spending
- Spending Review – Autumn Budget update
- Economic Outlook
- Reserves and balances position including planned use
- Forecast outturn position for 2023/24
- Recommended Fees & Charges for 2024/25

7. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT 2024/25 **All Wards**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living.

(Pages 67 - 138)

This report sets out Camden's proposals to provide a Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTS) for the year 2024/25.

Camden's current scheme is one of the most generous CTS schemes in the country with income bands based on the London Living Wage, with over 16,000 households (including over 5,000 pensioners) in Camden currently receiving 100% support and do not pay any Council Tax.

The coronavirus pandemic saw the number of claimants increase substantially and the subsequent Cost of Living crisis means that the Council is having to invest more to support our residents and communities.

Given the severe economic climate and financial hardship within the borough, it is proposed that the current scheme remains in place for 2024/25, with minor updates in line with legislative changes and prescribed requirements. The updates will have no negative impacts and retaining the current scheme will provide certainty for residents. Income bands will also be uplifted in line with the new levels for London Living Wage.

The report is coming to the Cabinet because The Local Government Finance Act 2012 amends the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which sets out the requirement for the Council to agree a CTS scheme on an annual basis.

8. INSIGHT, LEARNING AND IMPACT REPORT - QUARTER 2 2023-24 **All Wards**

(Pages 139 - 204)

Report of the Executive Directors of Adults and Health, Children and Learning, Supporting Communities and Corporate Services

This report focusses on Quarter 2 2023-24 using a broad range of measures from each directorate and division across the organisation. This quarter, directors have been asked to provide a narrative covering key areas of challenge, opportunity, and learning (both current and future needs).

This report is divided into two main sections:

- A summary which highlights key responses from directorates and highlights particular cross-cutting themes;
- A detailed summary of individual service responses Quarter 2 2023-24 across each of our three Directorates.

Appendix A contains the data dashboard with key measures and latest data from services across the Council.

9. WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24 AND ACTION TRACKER **All Wards**

(Pages 205 - 214)

Report of the Executive Director Corporate Service.

This paper provides an outline of the 2023/24 work programme and provides an update on actions requested at previous meetings of the Committee in the Action Tracker.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 22 January 2024 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

