

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a meeting of the **CABINET** held on **WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2019** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

### **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET PRESENT**

Councillors Meric Apak, Danny Beales, Patricia Callaghan, Abdul Hai, Adam Harrison, Angela Mason, Richard Olszewski and Jonathan Simpson

### **MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ABSENT**

Councillors Georgia Gould and Nadia Shah

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Steve Adams

**The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the Cabinet and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Georgia Gould.

### **2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

### **3. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There was no notification.

**6. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ABOUT WHY THE MEETING SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no representations received.

**7. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM A COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no matters referred.

**Please note that there were no alternative options considered or rejected by the Cabinet for the following items, unless indicated, although Cabinet Members duly considered, where applicable, options listed within the reports.**

**9. APPROVAL OF RESOURCE BASE FOR COUNCIL TAX (CS/2019/04)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the following be recommended to Council:-

- (i) That the calculation of the Council's tax base for 2019/20, as set out in the report, be approved;
- (ii) That in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by the London Borough of Camden as its council tax base for the year 2019/20 shall be 90,500 as shown in Appendix 2 to the report; and

*Cabinet - Wednesday, 16th January, 2019*

- (iii) That the tax base for the three Garden Squares, as shown in Appendix 3 of the report, shall be as follows:-

Gordon Square	24.50
Fitzroy Square	52.84
Mecklenburgh Square	87.17

**ACTION BY:           Committee Services**

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**10.    APPROVAL OF RESOURCE BASE FOR BUSINESS RATES (CS/2019/05)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the following be recommended to Council:-

- (i)     That the approach and assumptions for the calculation of the Council's business rates yield, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved;
- (ii)    That, in accordance with the Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013, the amount calculated by the London borough of Camden as its business rates yield for the year 2019-20 shall be £656 million as shown in line 17 of Appendix 1 to the report;
- (iii)   That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Corporate Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation, to make any adjustments to the calculation of the estimated business rates yield for the year 2019-20, in order to reflect any technical amendments to the calculations or late regulatory changes made by the Treasury or in respect of the London Pilot Pool; and
- (iv)    That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Corporate Services to submit the notification of the calculation of the estimated Non-Domestic Rates income to the Secretary of State and the Greater London Authority.

**ACTION BY:           Committee Services**

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND RENT REVIEW 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (SP/2019/05)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and to a late addendum setting out the views of the District Management Committees.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, having considered the views of the District Management Committees (Appendix G) and the Housing Scrutiny Committee, the following be agreed and that, subject to the agreement of the Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee, the following decisions be exempted from call in to facilitate the notice of rent change being given to tenants:

- (i) The Housing Revenue Account budget for 2019/20 (Appendix A of the report) be approved;
- (ii) The implementation of the Government mandated reduction of council rents by 1% from April 2019 (paragraph 2.1 of the report) be confirmed;
- (iii) The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (paragraph 2.3 of the report) be agreed and the revised MTFs savings target detailed in paragraph 2.4 and Appendix B of the report be noted;
- (iv) The revised tenant service charges for Caretaking, Communal Lighting, Mobile Security and Communal Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance (paragraph 3.1 of the report) be agreed;
- (v) A new service charge of £2.10/week for an enhanced CCTV service, to be levied from the April following the installation of a new CCTV service (paragraph 3.4 of the report), be agreed;
- (vi) That the Heating Pool scales remain unchanged and the surplus generated on bulk gas sites be refunded to tenants (paragraph 3.6 and Appendix E of the report);
- (vii) The revised service charges in the Housing Revenue Account hostels and supported housing (paragraph 3.7 and Appendix C of the report) be agreed;
- (viii) The revised Leaseholder Administration Charges (paragraph 3.8 and Appendix D of the report) be agreed.

**ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting People**

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**12. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE RENEWAL OF COMMUNAL HEATING SYSTEMS AT MAIDEN LANE, ALEXANDRA & AINSWORTH AND WEEDINGTON ROAD (SC/2018/66)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Better Homes.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the recommended procurement strategy, as summarised in paragraph 3.1.3 of the report, be approved; and
- (ii) THAT the award of each contract be delegated to the Executive Director Supporting Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Better Homes.

**ACTION BY: Executive Director Supporting Communities**

Reasons

For the reasons set out in the report.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

**CHAIR**

**Contact Officer: Vicky Wemyss-Cooke**

**Telephone No: 020 7974 5726**

**E-Mail: vicky.wemyss-cooke@camden.gov.uk**

**MINUTES END**