

**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****29 June 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Ruth Dombey (Chair), Councillor Simon Wales (Vice-Chair) and Councillors David Bartolucci, Richard Broadbent, Richard Clifton, Tim Crowley, Neil Garratt, David Hicks, Jayne McCoy, Wendy Mathys, Steve Penneck, Colin Stears and Jill Whitehead

**5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marlene Heron and Marian Radford.

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors. The Chief Executive declared that in relation to item 17 Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, the three statutory officers of the Council had an interest and so himself, the Strategic Director of Resources and the Monitoring Officer would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

**7. MINUTES****Resolved**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 March 2015 and 18 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**8. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

There were no items which the Chair deemed urgent.

**9. 2014/15 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT**

The Committee considered the end of year Performance and Finance Report for 2014/15. Following questions in relation to the percentage of waste diverted from landfill and whether the current target should be reviewed due to performance being significantly higher than the target the Executive Head of Housing and Regeneration stated he would provide a written response to Cllr David Hicks and other members of the committee.

**Resolved**

1. That progress against priorities be noted.
2. That the principles outlined in section 4 for the review of performance management be endorsed.
3. That the outturn position of a net underspend of £1.37m (0.9%) against an agreed revenue budget of £151.7m be noted.

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4. That the proposed revenue budget carry forwards of £1.344m set out in appendix E be approved.
5. That the proposed reserve transfers as set out in appendix F be approved.
6. That the capital budget carry forward of £3.5m into the 2015/16 Capital Programme (para 4.28 and appendix G) be approved.

**10. COMMISSIONING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2016-17 TO 2018-19**

The Committee considered a report relating to Commissioning and Financial Planning for 2016/17 through to 2018/19. The Strategic Director - Resources reported that there was an error in paragraph 8.3 in relation to proposed savings target and circulated the following updated table to members of the committee.

	<b>People Services</b>	<b>Chief Executive's</b>	<b>Environment, Housing and Regeneration</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revised target 2016/17 to 2018/19	18,527	908	7,346	737	27,518

**Resolved**

1. That the Medium Term Financial Forecast to 2018/19 summarised in Appendix A, showing a cumulative budget gap of £27.5m by 2018/19, be noted
2. That the Directorate savings targets set out in paragraph 8.3 subject to the amendment set out above, be agreed.
3. That the commissioning priorities for 2016/17, which are unchanged from 2015/16, as set out in paragraph 4.4 be agreed.

**Note:** Councillors Crowley, Hicks and Garratt abstained from the vote in relation to recommendations 2 and 3.

**11. PEOPLE PLAN**

The Committee considered a report relating to the People Plan and workforce transformation.

**Resolved**

That the decision making with regard to the People Plan be delayed until September 2015, with a consequent implementation date of April 2016 to allow further time to reach agreement through negotiation – if possible.

**12. OPPORTUNITY SUTTON LTD GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered a report relating to the governance arrangements for Opportunity Sutton Ltd.

**Resolved**

1. That the terms of reference for the Opportunity Sutton Ltd Sub-Committee be agreed
2. That Full Council is recommended to formally set up the Sub-Committee and incorporate into the Council's constitution, with a first meeting of the Sub-Committee to take place in July.
3. That the indicative framework of the company documentation set out in this report be noted and that finalisation of this be delegated to the new Sub-Committee.

**13. A NEW DELIVERY MODEL FOR HOUSING NEEDS, HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORT BROKERAGE SERVICES**

The Committee considered a report relating to a New Delivery Model for Housing Needs, Homelessness and Support Brokerage Services.

**Resolved**

1. That the strategic direction for Housing Needs, Homelessness and Support Brokerage services set out in the report be approved
2. That the development of a full business plan to implement a Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) be approved.

**14. CARE ACT ADVOCACY – EXTENSION AND INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR ADVOCACY CONTRACTS FOR 2016/17**

The Committee considered a report proposing an extension and increase in funding for advocacy contracts for 2016/17.

**Resolved**

1. That an exemption from the Contract Standing Orders be agreed to extend the Council's IMCA service for one year from April 2016 to end of March 2017, for the delivery of IMCA and Care Act Advocacy interventions.
2. That the contract sum of the IMCA and Professional Advocacy services is increased to the amounts set out in exempt Appendix A for the financial year 2016/17 in order to meet the Council's new Advocacy duties under the Care Act.

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**15. INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

The Committee considered a report relating to the provision of information and advice services.

**Resolved**

1. That the services in scope as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report and the overall savings proposed be agreed.
2. That the outcomes being sought as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report be agreed and the evidenced based approach taken to setting them be noted.
3. That a restricted tender process be agreed with authority delegated to the Chief Executive to complete the tender process, including the final contract sign off.

**Note:** Councillors Crowley, Hicks and Garratt abstained from the vote.

**16. PUBLIC HEALTH - PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES UPDATE ON CHANGE TO TIMELINE**

The Committee considered a report requesting delegated authority for the Director of Public Health to complete the procurement process for the commissioning of services across the four major services lines within public health: healthy lifestyles, sexual health and family planning, substance misuse and children's health.

**Resolved**

That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health to deselect bidders and agree the specification at each stage, up to and including the invitation to submit final tender, and to award the contracts in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Public Health.

**17. EUROPEAN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Committee considered a report relating to securing European Funding.

**Resolved**

1. That the approach to securing European Funding aligned to the Council Plan priorities be agreed.
2. That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to approve all future applications for European Funding, in consultation with the relevant Chair and the Leader of the Opposition will be informed of any applications as part of this process, and invited to comment.

**18. OUTSIDE BODIES REVIEW**

The Committee considered a report which was part of the Governance Review, which set out results of a review of outside body appointments. The Committee noted that some appointments remained vacant it was therefore proposed that authority was delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Lead Member to agree outstanding appointments. The groups agreed to provide any outstanding nomination within a week of the meeting.

**Resolved**

1. That the list of outside bodies to be appointed to be agreed, as set out in Appendix A, and that the reasons be noted.
2. That the names of those appointed as set out in Appendix A be agreed with authority delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Lead Member to agree any outstanding appointments when nominations were provided by the relevant political group.
3. That the procedures rules for appointments to outside bodies be agreed and that Full Council be recommended to include in the Council's Constitution, as set out at Appendix B.
4. That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to develop and implement guidance for members appointed to outside bodies.
5. That appointments to outside bodies be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that appointments to outside bodies meet the corporate priorities of the Council.

**19. SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATION PROCESS**

The Committee considered a report which outlined changes to the school governor nomination process following change to government regulations and guidance.

**Resolved**

1. That the open application process for LA governor appointments as set out in the report be agreed.
2. That the minor constitutional amendments as set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report be recommended to Full Council.

**20. SUTTON SOUTH, CHEAM AND BELMONT LOCAL COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION - BELMONT WAR MEMORIAL**

The Committee considered a recommendation from Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee.

**Resolved**

That the addition of names to the Belmont War Memorial be approved subject to the validity of those names being established.

**21. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (STANDING ORDERS) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015**

The Committee considered a report outlining changes to the procedure for dealing with matters of misconduct and poor performance relating to the three statutory officers – Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer following government regulations.

**Resolved**

1. That the Council is recommended to authorise the changes to the Council's constitution in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 as set out at paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6.
2. That Council is recommended to delegate to its Senior Officer Appointments Committee responsibility for the new arrangements provided by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 including the establishment of a relevant panel.
3. That Council is recommended to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution arising from this report.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm

Chair: .....

Date: .....