



MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 12 June 2024
(7.30 - 8.18 pm)

Present:

Councillor Ray Morgon (Leader of the Council), Chairman

Councillor Gillian Ford

Councillor Oscar Ford

Councillor Paul McGeary

Councillor Paul Middleton

Councillor Barry Mugglestone

Councillor Christopher Wilkins

Councillor Graham Williamson

Cabinet Member responsibility:

Lead Member for Adults & Wellbeing

Lead Member for Children and
Young People

Lead Member for Housing &
Property

Lead Member for Digital,
Transformation & Customer
Services

Lead Member for Environment

Lead Member for Finance

Lead Member for Regeneration

In attendance: Cllr Martin Goode (EHRG)

Also in the Chamber, Cllr Matt Stanton (LAB), Cllr Stephanie Nunn (HRA)

194 ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Chair, there was an announcement about the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

195 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Natasha Summers gave apologies, but was present via videoconference but under the relevant legislation, was unable to vote on any item as she was not physically present in the Council Chamber.

196 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

197 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on **15th May 2024**, were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.

198 **USE OF THE LBLA BARRISTERS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AS AND WHEN SERVICES ARE REQUIRED**

Report: **London Boroughs Legal Alliance, Barristers Framework**

Presented by: **Councillor Chris Wilkins. Lead Member for Finance**

1. This report seeks Cabinet approval to access a multi-provider London Boroughs Legal Alliance (LBLA) framework agreement (the “Framework”) for the provision of services by barristers to the Council providing significant savings on the cost of these services instructed through Legal Services.
2. The Council gains access to the Framework as a member of the London Boroughs Legal Alliance (LBLA) of 28 boroughs and the new agreement replaces the current framework utilised by the Council. The London Borough of Ealing has acted as lead authority for the LBLA for the re-procurement. Using the Framework, Legal Services are able to deliver corporate savings to the Council when representation or advice from counsel is required.

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Agreed to enter into the London Boroughs’ Legal Alliance (LBLA) Barristers Framework to call off services as and when required until 31st December 2026 (plus a further 1 year, in the event that the London Borough of Ealing exercises the option to extend the Framework).

199 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY TO MANAGE THE PROPERTIES LEASED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHALKHILL**

200 **INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS FROM 1ST JULY 2024**

Report: **Insurance arrangements from 1st July 2024 – Contract Extension.**

Presented by: **Councillor Chris Wilkins - Finance**

The report seeks Cabinet approval to extend the main insurance contract following expiry of the initial six-year period on 30th June 2024 based on an indication of terms. The contract commenced on 1st July 2018 and awarded by Cabinet on 13th June 2018 with an option to extend for up to three years from 1st July 2024.

There are three suppliers across the main insurance contract of four lots, Lot 1) Property, Lot 2) Casualty & FG, Lot 3) Motor and Lot 4) PA Group Travel. Revised terms and an indication of premium cost, based on the risk exposure at 1st Jul 2023 renewal has been provided to inform the contract extension decision.

"It was confirmed with Councillor Goode that he had indeed received the restricted papers that were within his Agenda Pack."

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- 1. Agreed** the extension of the Main Insurance Contract with the existing suppliers for 1+1+1 years based on the indicative terms as set out in the report detail.
- 2. Delegated** authority to the Insurance Manager in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources to agree final terms and agree the extensions on an annual basis during the 36-month extension period.
- 3. Noted** the progress made in identifying and compiling available property risk information and the need to invest in improving the level of detail available including surveys and valuation programme.

201 COUNCIL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2023/24

Report: **Council Revenue and Capital Outturn Report 2023/24**

Presented by: **Councillor Chris Wilkins (Cabinet Member for Finance)**

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This Report sets out the revenue outturn position for the Council and includes commentary on the variances to budget by service. The report also includes explanation of mitigating corporate items and explains how the outturn position will be financed.
- 1.2. The report also sets out the Capital outturn for 2023/24 compared to revised budget and explains the variances and slippage on the budget.
- 1.3. The table included sets out the final revenue outturn position of the Council which is a £18.1m overspend. This table also provides a comparison to the Period 9 forecast which was submitted to cabinet in March
- 1.4. Further details of the reported variances are set out in Section 4 of this report. There are then sections setting out the Corporate position, including Treasury management.

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- 1.5. **Noted** the revenue outturn position for the Council and the financing of the overspend (section 8 of the report)
- 2.2 **Approved** the Capital Outturn position for 23/24 as set out in section 9 of this report
- 2.3 **Noted** the outturn position for the Council's earmarked reserves and General balances as set out in section 7 of this report

202 **REPORT OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD - PARKING ENFORCEMENT TASK & FINISH GROUP**

Report Title: **Report of Overview and Scrutiny Board - Parking Enforcement Task and Finish Group**

Presented by: **Councillor Barry Mugglestone, Cabinet Lead for Environment**

The report before Cabinet recommends:

“That, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Cabinet considers the report and whether to adopt the recommendations within it. The Cabinet is further requested to give its reasons for not adopting any of the report’s recommendations.”

To allow Cabinet to fully consider the comments by OSB I have asked officers to prepare a presentation, responding to those points considered by the Task and Finish Groups. I will now ask Imran Kazalbash to present that. After that, as per normal I will invite comments and questions from Cabinet and thereafter from Group Leaders.

Leader’s response;

“Cabinet considered the report submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Board in relation to parking enforcement.

“Cabinet considered the underlying grounds of requisition in open session of Cabinet by way of officer presentation and subsequent questioning of the appropriate officers.

“Having considered the matter, Cabinet hereby acknowledges the good work of the task and finish group and endorses the responses to the questions raised by the group as set out within the attached supplementary agenda. Where further actions are suggested, these will be progressed accordingly.”

Chairman