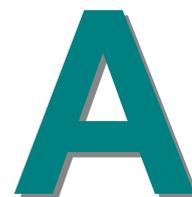




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Agenda

Prayers

To be said by Imam Arqam Momaya

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- 1 Apologies for Absence
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- 3 Declarations of Interest
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Agenda Item 2



HILLINGDON
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Minutes

COUNCIL

22 November 2018

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge

Councillor John Morgan (Mayor)
Councillor David Yarrow (Deputy Mayor)

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| | <p>MEMBERS PRESENT:</p> <p>Councillors: Shehryar Ahmad- Wallana Lynne Allen Simon Arnold Teji Barnes Jonathan Bianco Mohinder Birah Lindsay Bliss Wayne Bridges Nicola Brightman Keith Burrows Roy Chamdal Alan Chapman Farhad Choubedar Judith Cooper Philip Corthorne Nick Denys Alan Deville Jas Dhot Janet Duncan</p> <p>Ian Edwards Tony Eginton Scott Farley Duncan Flynn Neil Fyfe Martin Goddard Becky Haggar John Hensley Henry Higgins Patricia Jackson Allan Kauffman Kuldeep Lakhmana Eddie Lavery Richard Lewis Heena Makwana Michael Markham Stuart Mathers Ali Milani Douglas Mills</p> <p>Richard Mills Peter Money John Morse June Nelson John Oswell Jane Palmer Kerri Prince Ray Puddifoot MBE Devi Radia John Riley Paula Rodrigues Robin Sansarpuri Scott Seaman-Digby David Simmonds CBE Jagjit Singh Brian Stead Jan Sweeting Steve Tuckwell</p> |
| | <p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Fran Beasley, Jean Palmer, Paul Whaymand, Tony Zaman, Raj Alagh, Lloyd White, Mark Braddock, Beth Rainey and Nikki O'Halloran</p> |
| 9. | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Curling, Dhillon, Gardner, Graham, Hurhangee, Melvin and O'Brien.</p> |
| 10. | <p>MINUTES (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 be agreed as a correct record.</p> |
| 11. | <p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor congratulated the Ruislip Rifle Club on winning the London Mayors' Association London Inter Borough Small Bore Rifle Shooting Challenge Cup for the third year running. He also congratulated Vyners School for winning the Super 1s final at Lord's on 18 October 2018, which he and Councillor Corthorne had attended.</p> |

The Mayor thanked those who had attended or been involved in the Mayor's quiz that was held on 7 November 2018. He advised that the next quiz would be held on 30 January 2019.

Between September and November 2018, the Mayor had attended a range of wreath laying events around the Borough as well as the Safe Drive Stay Alive event which he recommended everyone make time to attend at least once.

The Mayor had switched on a number of Christmas lights and would be turning on the lights at the Civic Centre on 30 November 2018. He advised that there would be a Hillingdon float in London's New Year's Day Parade.

It was noted that the Mayor would be supporting the Big Sleep Out this year and that he would also be taking part in a Marathon Walk on 28 and 29 March 2019 to raise money for his charities and to promote health and wellbeing.

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council to make a statement regarding the Heathrow Legal Challenge.

Councillor Puddifoot stated that the 1972 Local Government Act enabled local authorities to prosecute, defend or appeal legal proceeding in relation to the promotion or protection of its residents. Together with five other local authorities and the Mayor of London, Hillingdon had commenced judicial review proceedings against the Government in relation to its decision to back the building of a third runway at Heathrow airport. The case had been set down for a ten day hearing starting on 11 March 2019 that would be heard by a High Court Judge and at least one judge from the Court of Appeal. It was noted that four other separate judicial review challenges had been commenced.

In November 2018, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had expressed concerns regarding the proposed third runway costs and timescales and stated that major doubts needed to be addressed by Heathrow decisively and urgently. The CAA had threatened enforcement action against Heathrow to force it to provide clear evidence about how it would finance the £14bn needed to build the runway. As public consultation on the proposed plans had been delayed until June 2019, the CAA had written to the Department of Transport expressing its concerns.

Back Heathrow Limited had recently made accusations in a press release regarding the way that staff at the London Borough of Hillingdon had handled a Freedom of Information (Fol) request. Although no Member of the Council had been aware of the Fol request, the Borough Solicitor had advised that an Fol request had been made by a representative of Back Heathrow Limited on 28 July 2018. Back Heathrow Limited had asked how much money the Council had spent on campaigning against Heathrow expansion (including as part of the 2M Group or any other coalition of councils). This information requirement included, but was not limited to, money spent on research, legal services, public relations, advertising, marketing, community engagement, referendums, consultations and stakeholder relations since August 2016. The organisation also asked that the Council disclose the support in funding and in kind that it had given since August 2016 to fifteen specified groups that had opposed Heathrow expansion. The Council's Fol team had informed the applicant that all information relating to expenditure over £500 was published on the Council's website.

On 18 September 2018, the Back Heathrow Limited representative requested an internal review as they were unable to locate the Council's expenditure on the legal

challenge. An internal review had been conducted by the Borough Solicitor's deputy who had determined that, in this case, the information should be provided. The Information Commissioner's Office had not directed that this review be undertaken and had not been involved in the FoI request at any stage.

In response to the FoI request, Back Heathrow Limited had been advised that, since August 2016, the London Borough of Hillingdon had spent £621,310.97 on campaigning against Heathrow expansion and had received £180,321.51 for contributions from partnering boroughs during that period. Therefore, the net spend had been £440,989.46, which included £100,800 given to Stop Heathrow Expansion and £174,000 to the No Third Runway Coalition.

Following receipt of the information, Back Heathrow Limited had released a number of statements and press releases stating that, between January 2007 and August 2016, the London Borough of Hillingdon had spent £827,000 on legal services, campaigning and community engagement on the run up to the legal challenge. Since then, it had stated that the Council had spent £620,000 with £270,000 going to fund local campaign groups. No reference had been made to the contributions made by other parties involved or the Government which had had to pay all except £20,000 of the Council's legal fees from the 2010 case when the proposed expansion had been judged to be illegal. There had been a deliberate inclusion of gross rather than net figures.

This misrepresentation of the facts by Back Heathrow Limited had been poor. Furthermore, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, one of the company's directors, had stated that Councillors had not wanted residents to know that £1.4m of their hard earned cash had been wasted whilst local service had been cut to the bone. Mr Dhanda had gone on to state that there had been a lack of scrutiny in Hillingdon and that this expenditure went against local opinion on the new runway.

At the Council meeting in November 2016, referring to the legal challenge, the Leader had advised that the Council had made it clear to the Government that Heathrow continued to break the law with regard to air quality and, unless this could be resolved, the Council would progress the issue through the legal system. At the Council meeting in January 2017, the Leader had stated that, in the ten years since January 2007, after deducting £170,000 contributed by other councils, Hillingdon had utilised £587,078 of Council funds to fight Heathrow expansion (an average of £58,708 per year or 60p per year per household or 20p per year per resident).

The Leader stated that the Council would continue to provide the funding, sincerity and integrity necessary to defend and represent Hillingdon residents for however long it took to win the battle. He advised that the Conservative manifesto for the May 2018 local elections had clearly stated that they would continue to support and lead local residents who had once again be threatened with additional noise and air pollution; a devastating effect on local communities of an expanded Heathrow Airport. The Council had set aside sufficient funding to fight the proposed third runway at Heathrow through the various courts in the years ahead should it be required. The Leader was confident that the proposal would again be defeated.

Local opinion had favoured the Conservative administration who had been returned with an increased majority. A result the Leader believed had been achieved not only because of the policy on Heathrow expansion but also because, contrary to Mr Dhanda's statement, services had not been cut to the bone.

The Leader requested that Back Heathrow Limited provide the Council's Chief

Executive with the following information within 40 days: For each of the last three financial years, provide the name of all providers of finance together with the amount provided in each case as well as the description, value and names of providers of services and facilities to Back Heathrow Limited, including but not limited to facilities, travel, marketing and staff support. The Council would issue a press release containing the detail of this request and the response received which would also be published in Hillingdon People to allow residents to judge for themselves the validity and purpose of the organisation.

The Leader stated that Back Heathrow Limited was not a resident-focused organisation and was a control puppet of Heathrow Airport Limited. He doubted that the organisation would respond appropriately to the Council's request for openness and transparency but would instead demonstrate a complete lack of scrutiny that would go against the grain of local opinion. In contrast, the Council would remain open and transparent in defending its residents and its environment against the detrimental effects of Heathrow expansion, however much it cost and however long it took.

12. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES** (*Agenda Item 5*)

i) Urgent Implementation of Decisions

Councillor Puddifoot moved, and Councillor Simmonds seconded, the recommendation as set out on the order of business.

RESOLVED: That the recent urgent decisions taken be noted.

(ii) Local Government Boundary Commission Review of Electoral Arrangements

Councillor Puddifoot moved, and Councillor Simmonds seconded, the recommendation as set out on the order of business.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the Council submission to the Commission be noted.

iii) Amendment to the Council Constitution.

Councillor Puddifoot moved, and Councillor Simmonds seconded, the recommendation as set out on the order of business.

RESOLVED: That Ms Sandra Taylor be named as the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

13. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** (*Agenda Item 6*)

6.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RODRIGUES TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES - COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS:

"Can the Cabinet Member please update us about the school places position in Hillingdon?"

Councillor Simmonds advised that schools were a service in which the Council had a significant role and which touched the lives of a huge number of residents and, as

such, the local authority had been planning for the school places that would be needed for next year. The Council continued to fulfil its statutory duty to offer primary and secondary school places and should be proud of its record of applicants being able to secure one of their top three choices in Hillingdon. Councillors, many of whom were governors, played a part in this achievement.

The most recent OFSTED inspections indicated that 90% of schools in Hillingdon were rated as Good or Outstanding (in 2013/2014, this had been 80%). To cope with additional demand, three new schools had been built and 26 had been expanded, providing 6,825 new school places. The level of demand would be monitored closely by the Council as there had been a 0.3% decrease in primary school applications in Hillingdon and a 2.3% decrease across London.

It was noted that there had been a 4.4% increase in school place applications across London; in Hillingdon there had been a 0.7% with 3,441 applications for secondary school. 95% of Hillingdon applications had been given one of their top three secondary school choices; the London average was 93%. 98.6% of primary school applications in Hillingdon had been given one of their top three choices.

Following the baby boom of recent years, there had been a rise in the number of primary school places needed and these children were now moving on to secondary schools. The Council had invested £260m in its school expansion programme which demonstrated the priority that was being placed on this issue. To address the demand on secondary schools, Swakeleys and Oakwood had been rebuilt and attention was now being drawn to West Ruislip where pressure on school places remained. Options for this area were being reviewed and possible sites would be discussed in due course.

There was no supplementary question.

6.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CHOUBEDAR TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY, COMMERCE AND REGENERATION - COUNCILLOR D.MILLS:

“Would the Cabinet Member please update the Council on the situation regarding the proposal to assist local policing by purchasing Uxbridge Police Station and therefore contributing towards the running costs for a five year period?”

Councillor D Mills reminded Members that, in December 2017, the Council had opposed the closure of Uxbridge Police Station and suggested to MOPAC that the Council could pay £5m for the building and £250k for police operating costs per annum so that the station could remain open. Although MOPAC had closed Uxbridge police station, police officers were regularly seen entering the building.

Despite regular reminders, a reply had not been received until September 2018. In this response, MOPAC had advised that there would be no property or financial benefits to accepting the Council’s offer.

The Leader had responded in mid-September 2018, detailing the financial benefits and savings to MOPAC from not having to borrow money. He also explained how MOPAC would be better off with a net benefit of £528k on day-to-day expenditure. To date, although no response had been received, the Mayor of London continued to state that he did not have enough money to tackle crime in the capital.

There was no supplementary question.

6.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RADIA TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:

“Could the Leader of the Council, in his role as Older People’s Champion, please provide an update on recent developments in services for older residents in Hillingdon?”

Councillor Puddifoot advised that the Older People’s Plan set out a range of actions to address issues of importance to older residents. As Older People’s champion, the Leader regularly monitored the Plan. Action had been taken which included the supply and fitting of burglar alarms whereby 9,500 alarms had already been fitted with a further 1,000 planned in phase 2 of the scheme. In addition, Telecareline was available free to those residents aged 75+ and dementia-friendly events and facilities had been made available to residents.

Help was also available to older people wanting to downsize their homes and it was anticipated that the Grassy Meadow extra care housing would be fully occupied by Christmas. Electric mobility scooter storage had been provided at Mandella House with other blocks of flats also being assessed for similar facilities.

Keeping active was important for older people and, as such, funding had been provided by the Council for a range of events across the Borough. The tea dances had proved very popular, as had the free swimming and swimming lessons and the brown badge parking scheme (1,077 new badges had been issued making a total of 12,292 active users in Hillingdon).

Age UK offered financial health checks to older people. These assessment had generated £921,810 of additional income for local residents. Heater grants and loans were also available to older residents and formed just part of a comprehensive package of support.

There was no supplementary question.

14. **MOTIONS** (*Agenda Item 7*)

7.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BURROWS

Councillor Burrows moved, and Councillor Tuckwell seconded, the following motion.

“That this Council notes that during the May local elections, residents were keen to see further improvements in the quality of roads and footpaths in the Borough. Council further notes that as a result of the sound financial management of this administration, resources to resurface a further 36 carriageways and 33 footpaths have been released since May.

“Council agrees that this is a record to be proud of, especially in straightened financial times for local government, and resolves to continue to put residents first by ensuring resources are efficiently allocated to local priorities.”

Following debate (Councillors Morse, Puddifoot and Sweeting), it was put to the vote and:

RESOLVED: That this Council notes that during the May local elections, residents were keen to see further improvements in the quality of roads and

footpaths in the Borough. Council further notes that as a result of the sound financial management of this administration, resources to resurface a further 36 carriageways and 33 footpaths have been released since May.

Council agrees that this is a record to be proud of, especially in straightened financial times for local government, and resolves to continue to put residents first by ensuring resources are efficiently allocated to local priorities.

7.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUNCAN

Councillor Duncan moved, and Councillor Sansarpuri seconded the following motion:

“That this Council requests the Cabinet to examine the issue of acquiring properties for housing where this will evict tenants who are then made homeless, but meet the Council’s criteria for housing support. This means the evicted families are put in costly bed and breakfast accommodation which is disruptive to education and employment for the families concerned. It would be beneficial for cost, common sense and compassionate reasons to maintain qualifying families within their existing homes and allow them to continue their lives undamaged by Council actions.”

Following debate (Councillor Corthorne), the motion was put to the vote and lost.

7.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS

Councillor Simmonds moved, and Councillor Lewis seconded, the following motion:

“That this Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

“We therefore welcome the UK Government’s announcement on 11 December 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

“This Council resolves to fully adopt the IHRA definition and is of the opinion that, whilst defending the principle of freedom of speech, those who have expressed such anti-Semitic tropes when criticising Israel or the Jewish community have no place in public life in this Borough.”

Following debate (Councillors Bianco, Money, Puddifoot and Riley), the motion was put to a recorded vote:

Those voting for: The Mayor (Councillor Morgan), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Yarrow), Councillors Ahmad-Wallana, Allen, Arnold, Barnes, Bianco, Birah, Bliss, Bridges, Brightman, Burrows, Chamdal, Chapman, Choubedar, Cooper, Corthorne, Denys, Deville, Dhot, Duncan, Edwards, Eginton, Farley, Flynn, Fyfe, Goddard, Haggar, Hensley, Higgins, Jackson, Kauffman, Lakhmana, Lavery, Lewis, Makwana, Markham, Mathers, Milani, D Mills, R Mills, Money, Morse, Nelson, Oswell, Palmer,

Prince, Puddifoot, Radia, Riley, Rodrigues, Sansarpuri, Seaman-Digby, Simmonds, Singh, Stead, Sweeting and Tuckwell,

Those voting against: None

Those abstaining: None.

The motion was unanimously carried and it was:

RESOLVED: That this Council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

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7.4 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MATHERS

Councillor Mathers moved, and Councillor Morse seconded, the following motion:

“That this Council calls on the Cabinet to introduce live streaming on YouTube for Executive Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committees in line the current arrangements for Full Council, planning and licencing committees.”

Following debate (Councillor Sweeting), Councillor Bianco moved, and Councillor R Mills seconded, the following amendment:

“That this Council asks the Corporate Services, Commerce & Communities Policy and Overview Committee to look at the issues pertaining to adding the Executive Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committees to those already streamed live on our YouTube channel and to report their recommendations in due course to Cabinet for a final decision”.

Following debate (Councillors Duncan, Milani, Puddifoot and Simmonds), the amended motion was put to a vote and carried.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote it was:

RESOLVED: That this Council asks the Corporate Services, Commerce & Communities Policy and Overview Committee to look at the issues pertaining to adding the Executive Scrutiny and Policy Overview Committees to those

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| already streamed live on our YouTube channel and to report their recommendations in due course to Cabinet for a final decision. |
| The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.12 pm. |

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

(i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the next full Council meeting.
2. Since those noted at the 22 November 2018 Council meeting, the following decisions have been made using urgency procedures:

| Date of Decision | Decision Type / Nature of Decision | Decision-Maker |
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| 21/11/2018 | Environmental and Recreational Initiatives 2018/19: Works to the road approaching the Uxbridge Early Years Centre, off Chippendale Way and conversion of the disused hard play area parallel to the centre into a controlled car park. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 27/11/2018 | Appointment of a scaffolding contractor at the Grade 2 Listed The Dower House, Harlington, to protect it from further deterioration. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 28/11/2018 | Housing Revenue Account Major Adaptations to Property 2018/19 - No 10 – works to various properties to assist residents with disabilities. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 13/12/2018 | Renewal of Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager Software to support the Council's technology. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 14/12/2018 | HRA Adaptations Release 11 – funding release for works to an individual property to assist a resident with disabilities. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 14/12/2018 | HRA Adaptations Release 12 - funding release for works to an individual property to assist a resident with disabilities. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |
| 20/12/2018 | Housing Revenue Account New General Needs Housing Stock (Housing Buy-Back Scheme) Release No 6 – purchase of various properties in the Borough to supplement affordable housing. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |

| Date of Decision | Decision Type / Nature of Decision | Decision-Maker |
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| 03/01/2019 | Housing Revenue Account Works to Stock Programme 2018/19: Colne Park fencing repairs and replacement of missing fencing around the Park and adjacent to British Airways land. | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services |

Background Papers: Decision Notices

ii) **PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

RECOMMENDATION: That the timetable of meetings for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A, be approved and the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Chief Whip of the Majority Party be authorised to make any amendments that may be required throughout the course of the year.

Members should note that during the course of the year meeting times and dates of some meetings may change or additional meetings may be called in order for the effective conduct of the council's business.

Background Papers: None

(iii) **REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - RESIDENTS SERVICES SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS - SCHEDULE OF MATTERS WHICH WILL BE REPORTED TO COMMITTEE FOR DETERMINATION**

RECOMMENDATIONS: That

a) the Schedule of Matters to be reported to Planning Committees, as contained in the Residents Services Scheme of Delegations be amended as shown below (in *bold italics*):

- a) All applications for which petitions of 20 or more signatures or 20 or more separate written responses have been received.
- b) Authorisation and issue of Enforcement Notices and Breach of Condition Notices under the Town and Country Planning Act & Planning and Compensation Act.
- c) Any application where the Ward Councillor requests, in writing to the Head of Planning, Transportation & Regeneration within 21 days of the publication of the relevant weekly list of applications received by the Council, that it be determined by a Committee. ***The Ward Councillor must include in their request***
 - i) ***the valid planning reasons why they wish the application to be determined by Committee and their desired outcome for the application.***
 - ii) ***Should the desired outcome subsequently be in accord with the Officer's Recommendation then the application will not be referred to Committee.***

Determination of what constitutes a valid planning reason, and thus a valid referral, will be made by the Head of Planning, Transportation & Regeneration in consultation with the relevant Planning Committee Chairman. In exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Head of Planning, Transportation & Regeneration the 21 day rule may be waived.

- d) All telecommunication mast applications where the statutory time constraints allow for determination.
- e) Personal planning applications from Councillors and Chief Officers and officers directly involved in the processing of planning applications (excludes certificates of existing and proposed lawful use).
- f) ***Sites where enforcement action has been agreed by Committee has been taken and where the development that is the subject of the planning application, relates directly to the subject of the enforcement action agreed by Committee.***

ADDITIONALLY, APPLICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES SHALL BE REPORTED TO COMMITTEE FOR DETERMINATION BUT ONLY WHERE THE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION IS FOR APPROVAL: -

Addition: ***Permission in Principle applications, but only where the statutory time constraints allow for determination by Committee.***

- b) **the Scheme of Planning Delegations be amended by the deletion of the reference to the determination of applications for Conservation Area Consent for demolition in Conservation Areas.**
- c) **the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committees be amended to remove the following:**
 - **To approve the Council's response to development proposals not requiring planning applications for example, from Government Departments or adjoining local authorities.**
 - **To adopt supplementary planning guidance specific to the area.**

Information

1. Recommendation a): Members will be aware that the Scheme of Delegations relating to the determination of planning matters within the authority includes a provision for Ward Councillors to have an application 'called-in' for determination by the appropriate Planning Committee even if that application would normally have been dealt with by officers under delegated authority.
2. It is recommended that this provision should be exercised in a similar manner to that in relation to Licensing applications where the Ward Councillor must provide valid reasons for the request for referral.
3. The proposed amendment to f) above, is designed to address the problem of officers having to refer applications to Committee on matters that have nothing to do with earlier enforcement action.

4. The Council has not actually determined a 'Permission in Principle' application yet (one was lodged, then withdrawn). However, if one is received then the authority has only 56 days to determine it, hence it would seem prudent to apply the same referral criteria as telecom masts (d).
5. Recommendation b): Applications for Conservation Area Consent for demolition in Conservation Areas no longer exist and, therefore, it is prudent to remove this reference from the scheme of delegation.
6. Recommendation c): these are functions of the Cabinet and therefore should be removed from the Terms of Reference.

Legal Implications.

The changes proposed are procedural in nature and appropriate for Council to determine. Should representations be made by a Ward Councillor, it is perfectly in order for the Council to adopt the proposed procedure for those representations to be heard by the Committee.

Financial Implications.

None arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

(iv) LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Members will recall that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of the London Borough of Hillingdon's local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review will be implemented for the May 2022 Council elections.
- 1.2 The purpose of an electoral review is to consider the:
 - number of Councillors elected to the Council,
 - number & names of wards,
 - ward boundaries and
 - number of Councillors per ward.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to update Members with progress of the review and to outline the next stage.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That

- a) **the warding arrangements as proposed by the LGBCE be noted.**
- b) **the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to submit comments on the LGBCE proposals to the LGBCE by 18 March 2019 for the composition, size and name of wards for the London Borough of Hillingdon from May 2022 onwards.**

2. Background

- 2.1 Periodically the LGBCE will conduct a review of all local authority electoral arrangements using the following statutory criteria:-
- The need to secure electoral equality (a consistent number of electors per Councillor)
 - Community identity (strong ward boundaries that reflect communities); and
 - Securing effective and convenient local government (coherent wards)
- 2.2 The current LBH electoral arrangements were established after the previous review in 1999 and resulted in 22 wards and 65 Councillors.

3. Review Stages 1&2

- 3.1 At the meeting of full Council on 13 September 2018, Members noted that the first, or preliminary, stage of the current review had resulted in the LGBCE being minded to recommend that, w.e.f May 2022, the Council size will be 53 Members.
- 3.2 Council authorised the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit proposals for consideration to the LGBCE by 5 November 2018 for the composition, size and name of wards for the London Borough of Hillingdon from May 2022 onwards.
- 3.3 At the meeting of full Council on 22 November 2018, Members noted details of the submission made. The Council's submission, along with all others received can be found on line at:
<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/hillingdon>

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 On 8 January 2019, the Commission produced a first set of draft recommendations based on their consideration of all the submissions received. This is now subject to a second period of consultation which lasts until 18 March 2019 and which, again, will be open to all interested parties within the Borough to respond.
- 4.2 The proposals of the LGBCE are shown in the map at Appendix B and are based on a warding pattern comprising:
- Twelve, three-Member wards:
 - Belmore,
 - Colham and Cowley,
 - Eastcote,
 - Hayes Town,
 - Hillingdon East
 - Ickenham and South Harefield
 - Pinkwell,
 - Ruislip,
 - South Ruislip,
 - Uxbridge
 - West Drayton and
 - Wood End

- Eight, two-Member wards:
 - Barnhill,
 - Charville,
 - Heathrow Villages,
 - Hillingdon West,
 - Northwood,
 - Northwood Hills,
 - Ruislip Manor and
 - Yiewsley

- One, one-Member ward
 - Harefield Village

4.3 It is recommended that the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to give due consideration to the proposals of the LGBCE and make a further submission on behalf of the Council.

4.4 A final decision will then be expected in June 2019 for implementation at the Council elections in May 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The decision of the LGBCE to reduce the number of elected Members to 53 will result in financial implications in 2022. The scale of these implications will not be quantified fully until the completion of the review.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out the duty placed on the LGBCE to undertake an electoral review of every principal local authority in England 'from time to time'. Decisions regarding electoral arrangements in the Borough are reserved to Full Council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

Appendix A – Programme of Meetings 2019/20

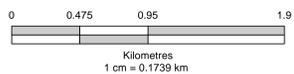
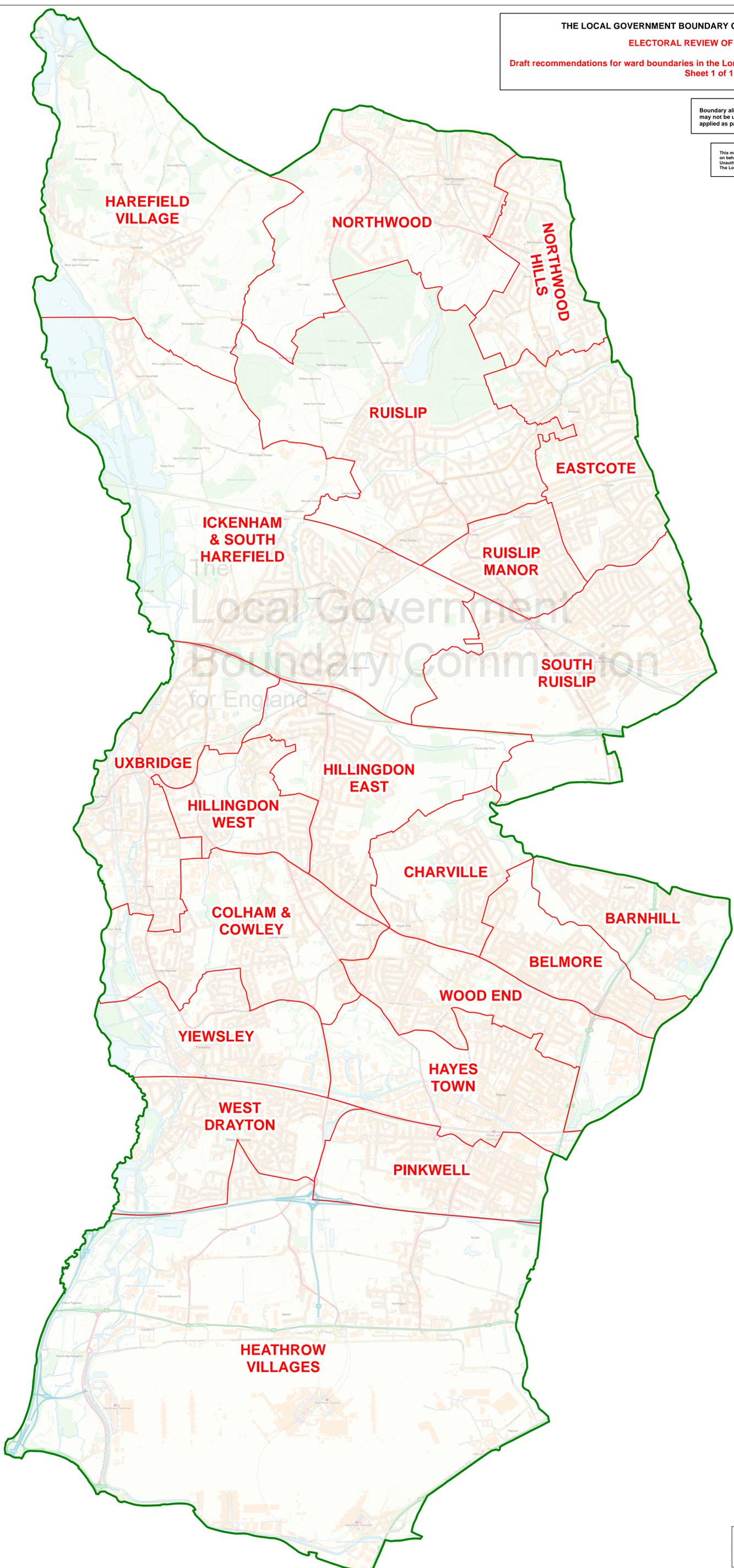
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| MEETING (and start time) | May | June | July | Aug' | Sept' | Oct' | Nov' | Dec' | Jan' | Feb' | Mar' | April | May |
|---|-------------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------------|
| COUNCIL (7.30pm) | 9 (AGM)* | | 4 | | 12 | | 21 | | 16 | 20 | | | 7 (AGM) |
| Whips Meeting (5pm) | | | 2 | | 10 | | 19 | | 14 | 18 | | | |
| CABINET (7pm) | 23 | 20 | 25 | | 26 | 24 | 14 | 12 | 23 | 13 | 12 | 23 | 21 |
| Petition Hearings with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling (7pm) | 22 | 12 | 10 | | 11 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 13 |
| Petition Hearings with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services (7pm) | | 25 | | | 24 | | 26 | | 29 | | 24 | | |
| Petition Hearings with other Cabinet Members (dates & times tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central & South Planning Committee (7pm) | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| North Planning Committee (7pm) | 15 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 20 |
| Major Applications Committee (6pm) | 15 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 20 |
| Major Applications Sub-Committee (HS2) (dates & times tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pensions Committee (5pm) | | | 24 | | | 30 | | | 22 | | 18 | | |
| Audit Committee (5.10pm) | | | 22 | | | 17 | | | | 3 | | 23 | |
| Health & Wellbeing Board (2.30pm) | | 25 | | | 24 | | | 3 | | | 2 | | |
| Health & Wellbeing Board Working Group (dates tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Licensing Committee (10am) | | | 11 | | | 14 | | | 14 | | | 9 | |
| Licensing Sub-Committee (10am) (dates tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Executive Scrutiny Committee (7.15 pm or at the rising of Cabinet) | 23 | 20 | 25 | | 26 | 24 | 14 | 12 | 23 | 13 | 12 | 23 | 21 |
| Social Care, Housing and Public Health Policy Overview Committee (7pm) | | 12 | 31 | | 25 | 23 | 27 | | 15 | 6 | 25 | 16 | |
| Residents, Education & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee (7pm) | | 26 | 18 | | 4 | 15 | 4 | | 21 | 25 | 19 | 14 | |
| Corporate Services, Commerce & Communities Policy Overview Committee (7:30pm) | | 18 | 23 | | 19 | 10 | 5 | | 14 | 4 | 4 | 7 | |
| External Services Select Committee (6pm) | | 12 | 9 | | 5 | 9 | 7 | | 14 | 11 | 26 | 29, 30 | |
| Standards Committee (7pm) | | 3 | | | 2 | | | 9 | | | 3 | | |
| Registration & Appeals Committee (dates / times tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hillingdon SACRE (5.30pm) | | 6 | | | | | 7 | | | | 26 | | |

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Boundary alignment and names shown on the mapping background may not be up to date. They may differ from the latest boundary information applied as part of this review.

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| KEY | |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| | LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL BOUNDARY |
| | PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARY |
| | PROPOSED WARD NAME |

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COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATES FORECAST 2019/20

Reporting Officer: Corporate Director of Finance

SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposed Council Tax Base and Business Rates Forecast for 2019/20 in accordance with the legislation for approval by the Council. The Council is required to calculate both its Council Tax Base as at 30 November 2018 by 31 January 2019 and the Business Rates forecast for the forthcoming year by 31 January 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That:

- a) the report of the Corporate Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council Tax Base and the Business Rates Forecast be approved;
- b) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 the amount calculated by the London Borough of Hillingdon as its Council Tax Base for 2019/20 shall be 100,470.
- c) the Corporate Director of Finance be authorised to submit the 2019/20 NNDR1 return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) and the Greater London Authority (GLA).
- d) the continuation of the Government-funded Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for 2019/20 and new Retail Relief for 2019/20 as announced in the Chancellor's October 2018 Budget, be noted.

COUNCIL TAX BASE

The calculation of the Council Tax Base is prescribed under the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 and represents the equivalent number of Band D Properties within the Borough. The calculation of the Council Tax Base is based upon the following formula:

$$((H-Q+E+J)-Z) \times (F \text{ divided by } G)$$

Where:

H is the number of chargeable dwellings for the band on the relevant day less the number of exempt dwellings on that day;

Q is a factor to take account of the discounts to which the amount of council tax payable was subject on the relevant day;

E is a factor to take account of premiums, if any, to which the council tax payable, was subject on the relevant day;

J is the amount of any adjustment in respect of changes in the number of chargeable dwelling or premiums calculated by the authority;

Z is the total amount that the authority estimates will be applied as a result of the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme expressed as an equivalent number of chargeable dwellings in that band;

F is the number appropriate to that band which is used in determining the Band D equivalent (i.e. Band A = 6, Band B = 7, Band C =8, Band D = 9, Band E = 11, Band F = 13, Band G = 15 and Band H = 18);

G is the number applicable to Band D i.e. 9.

Table 1 sets out a summary of the Council Tax Base for 2019/20 including the estimated collection rate and allowance made for contributions in lieu of Council Tax in respect of Forces Barracks and Married Quarters. The detailed calculation is set out in Appendix A to this report.

| Table 1: Total Number of Band D equivalent properties | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Band | Number of properties |
| A | 510 |
| B | 3,440 |
| C | 17,088 |
| D | 38,782 |
| E | 19,908 |
| F | 12,787 |
| G | 7,441 |
| H | 839 |
| Total | 100,795 |
| Equivalent number adjusted for the estimated collection rate (99%) | (1,008) |
| Plus the contribution in Lieu of Council Tax in respect of Forces Barracks and Married Quarters | 683 |
| Council Tax Base for 2019/20 | 100,470 |

CHANGES IN COUNCIL TAX BASE SINCE 2018/19

In calculating the Council Tax Base for 2019/20, the authority has to estimate the various changes that will occur during the financial year, which result in an increase of 1,400 Band D Equivalent Properties, taking the tax base to the 100,470 outlined in Table 1 above. This movement consists of a 1,221 Band D increase from new developments, 200 Band D reduction in the cost of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and corresponding by 21 Band D decrease in the Collection rate allowance. Of those additions from new developments, 1,014 have been identified from the pipeline of major developments across the borough, with a further 207 from smaller developments.

Impact on 2019/20 General Fund Budget

The actual impact of the new Council Tax Base on Hillingdon's General Fund budget for 2019/20 is an increase of 1,400 Band D equivalents properties generating £1,558k in additional funding for the General Fund in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19. This

position reflects the outlook presented within the draft budget considered by Cabinet on 13 December 2018.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

It is noted that this report falls within the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Any member who is two or more months in arrears with his/her Council Tax must declare the fact and not vote on the recommendations in this report.

BUSINESS RATES INCOME FORECAST

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 introduced a mechanism whereby Councils will retain a proportion of business rates as a revenue funding stream and as a result, the business rates income forecast for 2019/20 has a direct impact upon the Council's finances and is therefore submitted to Council for approval alongside the Council Tax Base.

The Business Rates Income forecast for 2019/20 has been derived from the 2018 local rating list. Following allowance for the current levels of both mandatory and discretionary reliefs, the Council anticipates a gross yield of £387,894k.

The Local Government Act 2012 permitted the retention of 30% revenues by London Boroughs, with the remainder being split between Central Government and the Greater London Authority. In December 2018, the Government approved a 75% Business Rates Retention Pool for London in 2019/20, which would increase the 30% retention for the Council to 48%.

Under the current 30% scheme which was reported to Cabinet in December 2018, Hillingdon's share of projected 2019/20 income amounts to £55,859k, which is made up of the baseline rates income of £47,310k plus retained growth of £8,549k.

The Council is required to submit a certified NNDR1 return, containing a more detailed analysis of this business rates forecast, to both DCLG and GLA by 31 January 2019. A recommendation to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance to submit this return is included in this report.

Impact on 2019/20 General Fund Budget

The £55,859k income retained by the Council will be reflected in the budget presented to Cabinet for approval in February 2019, an increase of £2,138k from 2018/19 due to new development and a 2.4% inflationary uplift as reflected in the draft budget presented to Cabinet in December 2019.

Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme

The scheme was designed to utilise grant funding announced by the Government in March 2017 following increases in Rateable Value for businesses following the 2017 Revaluation. 2019/20 is the third of four years in which funding is being made available for this scheme.

The Government's extra funding only supports relief schemes targeted at businesses facing an increase in their Business Rates bills following the 2017 revaluation. This funding was allocated by the Government to billing authorities, including Hillingdon, on the basis of numbers of properties with a Rateable Value of less than £200k and an increase of more than 12.5% in their bills before application of any reliefs. Hillingdon's allocation of this grant funding for 2019/20 is £170k.

The level of support offered to businesses meeting the above criteria has been estimated at 2.7% of their increase in Business Rates from 2016/17, which would distribute the £170k available funding over the 1,474 properties expected to meet the above criteria during 2019/20.

Proposed Retail Rate Relief

The Chancellor in his Autumn Statement 2018 announced that retail businesses with a rateable value of up to £51k will receive a third reduction in their business rate bills for 2019/20 and 2020/21. An estimate for the local cost of this scheme will be included in the NNDR1 returned to MHCLG, however due to the relatively late announcement of this new relief billing software providers are not expected to have developed necessary system functionality in advance of annual billing. Those businesses affected will receive a second bill confirming the level of discount available. In line with other Government-directed discounts, the Council will be reimbursed for lost income through a Section 31 Grant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The forecasts outlined in this report for both Council Tax and NNDR revenues in 2019/20 were included within the draft budget published for public consultation in December 2018. Income collected during 2019/20 will be closely monitored and any variation from the projections outlined above captured through future refreshes of the Medium Term Financial Forecast process.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Borough Solicitor reports that the legal implications are contained in the body of the report.

Background papers: The Council's Budget: Medium Term Financial Forecast 2019/20 - 2023/24- 13 December 2018.

Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2019/20

Appendix A

| CALCULATION OF 'H' (The number of chargeable dwellings on valuation list) | Band A | Band B | Band C | Band D | Band E | Band F | Band G | Band H | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Number of properties in the valuation list as at 03.12.18 | 1,027 | 6,095 | 24,895 | 46,230 | 18,530 | 9,875 | 5,144 | 461 | 112,257 |
| Exempt Properties | (58) | (251) | (565) | (934) | (480) | (330) | (450) | (9) | (3,077) |
| Properties re Disabled Persons relief - Drop a Band | | (6) | (53) | (213) | (123) | (97) | (36) | (20) | (548) |
| Properties re Disabled Persons relief - Drop a Band | 6 | 53 | 213 | 123 | 97 | 36 | 20 | | 548 |
| Value of 'H' | 975 | 5,891 | 24,490 | 45,206 | 18,024 | 9,484 | 4,678 | 432 | 109,180 |
| CALCULATION OF 'Q' (the value of discounts allowed) | | | | | | | | | |
| Equivalent number of properties entitled to single occupancy discount/ Disregard (i.e. actual number x 25%) | (111) | (839) | (2,506) | (2,459) | (940) | (444) | (162) | (5) | (7,466) |
| Equivalent number of properties entitled to 50% discount as all residents disregarded (i.e. actual number x 50%) | 0 | (7) | (9) | (6) | (7) | (7) | (12) | (5) | (53) |
| Empty Property Discount | (2) | (18) | (43) | (30) | (12) | (3) | (3) | 0 | (111) |
| Value of 'Q' | (113) | (864) | (2,558) | (2,495) | (959) | (454) | (177) | (10) | (7,630) |
| CALCULATION of 'E' (Any premiums payable on empty properties) | | | | | | | | | |
| Calculation of Premiums applicable | 2 | 10 | 40 | 42 | 24 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 144 |
| Value of 'E' | 1 | 5 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 73 |
| CALCULATION OF 'J' (Expected adjustments to number of properties on valuation list) | | | | | | | | | |
| New properties added to valuation list since 03.12.18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Properties completed but not yet shown on valuation list | 26 | 18 | 239 | 86 | 50 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 437 |
| Properties known to be on valuation list but to be taken out of list as demolished | (12) | 0 | (2) | (18) | (7) | (4) | 0 | 0 | (43) |
| Assumed increase in no of properties over year | 66 | 598 | 652 | 223 | 48 | 15 | 21 | 0 | 1,623 |
| Estimated in year changes to discounts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated in year changes to exemptions | (3) | (12) | (26) | (44) | (22) | (15) | (20) | (0) | (143) |
| Value of J | 77 | 604 | 863 | 247 | 69 | 9 | 6 | (0) | 1,874 |
| Value of (H+Q+E+J) | 940 | 5,636 | 22,815 | 42,979 | 17,146 | 9,046 | 4,513 | 423 | 103,497 |

Calculation of the Council Tax Base 2019/20

Appendix A

| CALCULATION OF 'H' (The number of chargeable dwellings on valuation list) | Band A | Band B | Band C | Band D | Band E | Band F | Band G | Band H | Total |
|---|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Value of (H+Q+E+J) | 940 | 5,636 | 22,815 | 42,979 | 17,146 | 9,046 | 4,513 | 423 | 103,497 |
| CALCULATION of 'Z' (Band adjustment due to Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme) | | | | | | | | | |
| Equivalent Band reduction based upon estimated monetary values of Council Tax Support Grant | (179) | (1,235) | (3,648) | (4,256) | (867) | (195) | (49) | (3) | (10,432) |
| Estimated in year changes | 4 | 22 | 57 | 59 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 154 |
| Value of 'Z' | (175) | (1,213) | (3,591) | (4,197) | (857) | (193) | (49) | (3) | (10,278) |
| Value of H+Q+E+J-Z | 765 | 4,423 | 19,224 | 38,782 | 16,288 | 8,852 | 4,464 | 420 | 93,219 |
| Convert to band D equivalent properties (F/G) where G = 9 and F = number shown in column. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 18 | |
| Band D Equivalent properties by Band Value of ((H+Q+E+J)-Z)*(F/G) | 510 | 3,440 | 17,088 | 38,782 | 19,908 | 12,787 | 7,441 | 839 | 100,795 |
| Collection rate allowance 2019/20 | 99.0% | | | | | | | 0 | (1,008) |
| Estimated Collectable Band D Properties | | | | | | | | | 99,787 |
| Ministry of Defence properties | | | | | | | | | 683 |
| COUNCIL TAX BASE 2019/20 | | | | | | | | | 100,470 |

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

7.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BLISS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, HEALTH & WELLBEING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE:

50 families in Yeading have been given notice to vacate their long term homes as the properties have been sold by Palace Capital to Barnet Council. Can the Cabinet Member update us on the discussions between Hillingdon and Barnet Council? Some families are due to lose their homes on the 15th February, and are desperate to know where they can go for help with their housing needs.

7.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ARNOLD TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT:

Would the Leader of the Council please update Council, and in due course the residents of this Borough, on the outcome of the request made to Back Heathrow Ltd. at the Council Meeting held on 22nd November 2018.

Following a number of misleading and disingenuous statements made by the organisation Back Heathrow Ltd., the Leader of the Council requested, for the purpose of openness and transparency that they supply the Council with details of providers of finance and support received for the last three financial years, within 40 days.

The Leader stated that Back Heathrow Ltd. was not a resident-focussed organisation but was a puppet of Heathrow Airport Ltd. and that he doubted that the organisation would respond appropriately but would instead demonstrate a complete lack of scrutiny that would go against the grain of local opinion. Is he now in a position to confirm his assessment?

7.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BRIGHTMAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, HEALTH & WELLBEING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE:

Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the matter raised in the motion from Councillor Duncan at the Council Meeting on 22nd November 2018, when it was suggested that the Council was "acquiring properties for housing where this will evict tenants who are then made homeless"?

7.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RILEY TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CENTRAL SERVICES, CULTURE AND HERITAGE – COUNCILLOR LEWIS:

Could the Cabinet Member please let us know what the Council is doing to mark Holocaust Memorial Day which takes place on the 27th January?

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