

## If Minutes

### EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27 September 2018

Meeting held at Committee Room 6 - Civic Centre,  
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



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	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Henry Higgins (Chairman), John Riley (Vice-Chairman), Simon Arnold, Wayne Bridges, Peter Curling, Nick Denys, Peter Money, John Morse and Tony Little (Representative Member for Education Issues)</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Mark Braddock (Democratic Services)</p>
19.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>All Members were present.</p>
20.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>No interests were declared by Members present.</p>
21.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2018</b> (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
22.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>Items were considered and public and private as set out on the Cabinet agenda.</p>
23.	<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF ANY CALL-INS</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Members gave consideration to the Cabinet reports of 27 September 2018 and the decisions made by Cabinet on them earlier that evening.</p> <p>Reviewing the budget monitoring report, Labour Members present noted that Government funding for higher needs and early years had increased between 2017/18 and 2018/19, contrary to the information in the report and that the pressure showing was due to a clawback of funds. Labour Members also stated that the effect of the cut in funding for section 17 accommodation would mean more money would be used from the Children's Services budget.</p> <p>On the report relating to granting two schools a licensed deficit, Committee Members agreed on the need for the Council to closely monitor the schools concerned going forward. Members also discussed the clear responsibility of the Schools Forum in overseeing the Dedicated Schools Budget, whilst noting that the Council had a restricted role in this regard. Labour Members informed the Committee of a recent court ruling that had found that cuts to the Higher Needs budget were unlawful.</p>

The Committee decided not to call-in any decisions made by the Cabinet. However, the Committee did request minor clarifications on information within some reports and it was agreed that these would be provided outside the meeting informally.

**RESOLVED: – That the decisions made by the Cabinet at their meeting on 27 September 2018 be endorsed and that no call-in be made.**

The meeting, which commenced at 7.35 pm, closed at 7.51 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Mark Braddock on Senior Manager, Democratic Services. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.