

Appendix A Routine Financial Matters

The following routine financial matters are requested to be approved or noted as appropriate by the Committee:

A1 Budget Virements: Central Expenses

These are for £3.272m of non-pay inflation and £0.503m for employer's pension contribution increases to directorates to be funded by the central expense budget:

Department	Description	Amount £'000
Adults & Health	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	1,453,216
Children's Family Services	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	736,207
Growth & Corporate Services	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	637,342
Environment	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	362,824
Resources	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	49,291
Assurance	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	33,595
Resources Central Expenses	21/22 Share of Non-Pay Inflation	(3,272,475)
Children's Family Services	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	158,308
Environment	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	122,799
Adults & Health	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	102,213
Resources	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	38,883
Growth & Corporate Services	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	38,779
Assurance	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	30,493
Public Health	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	11,387
Resources Central Expenses	Budgeted cost of Employer's Pension contribution rate increase based on triennial valuation	(502,862)

A2 Budget Virements: Grant Funding

Based on final confirmation of 2021/22 grant funding announced after March 2021 Full Council, the council will receive £0.341m of Public Health grant and £0.347 for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Administration grants over 2020/21 allocations:

Department	Description	Amount £'000
Public Health	Grossing up of 2021/22 Public Health Grant	340,588
Corporate Accountancy - Grants	Grossing up of 2021/22 Public Health Grant	(340,588)
Resources Contingency	Grossing up of 2021/22 Housing Benefit and Council Tax Administration Grant	346,820
Corporate Accounting - Grants	Grossing up of 2021/22 Housing Benefit and Council Tax Administration Grant	(346,820)

A3 Budget Virements: Between Directorates

Approval is requested from Committee for two budget virements over £250k between directorates and for Committee to note a budget virement under £250k between Adults and Health and Growth and Corporate Services:

Department	Description	Amount £'000
Children's Family Services	Transfer of Domestic Violence commissioning and MOPAC funding	970,062
Assurance	Transfer of Domestic Violence commissioning and MOPAC funding	(970,062)
Resources	Pensions Administration transfer	474,562
Growth & Corporate Services	Pensions Administration transfer	(474,562)
Adults & Health	Transfer of service responsibility	242,000
Growth & Corporate Services	Transfer of service responsibility	(242,000)

A4 2020/21 Year End Budget Virement: Insurance Recharges

Committee is asked to note the following budget virement processed for under £250k between directorates for 2020/21 only as part of finalising 2020/21 year end outturn for insurance recharges. This was approved by the Section 151 Officer:

Service	Amount
Adults and Health	119,999
Assurance	18,509
Children's Family Services	111,296
Streetscene & Waste	192,981
Growth and Corporate Services	165,052
Public Health	18,929
Resources	77,345
Regional Enterprise	(1,939)
Highways & Management	229,769

A5 Debt-Write Offs: Sundry Debt

Sundry income totalling £6,258.60 are recommended for write off. An individual debt for £6,258.60 is over £5,000 from 2019/20 is recommended for write-off as it is uneconomic to pursue.

A6: Debt-Write-Offs: Housing Revenue Account Tenant Arrears

All the debts detailed relate to closed accounts and are considered:

- 'statute barred' where the Council is legally unable to recover any monies from the tenants as the time allowed by law for such recovery has passed.
- low level debts of £20 or under where the recovery of the monies is deemed uneconomical
- Debts between £20-£100 where contact has been attempted with no success are deemed uneconomical.

Attempts to recover the monies owed by former tenants including following up on known contact details, referring cases to external expert agencies, such as search and debt recovery agencies and working with other local authorities/ housing agencies and probate checks. The definition of "Unsuccessful from Agency" is where the debt has been assigned to an external agency, but they have been unsuccessful in recovering any of the debt or have been unable to trace the former tenant.

The following are debts for over £5,000 that are recommended to the Committee for write-off:

Years	Reason	Total
2013/14	Statute Barred	£14,712.30
2014/15	Statute Barred	£70,300.05
Total		£85,012.35

The committee is asked to note the following debts under £5,000 totalling £376,920.28 which have been approved for write-off through a delegated powers report

Debt Category	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Deceased with Estate	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Statute Barred	£232,085.86	£136,207.13	£8,243.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£376,536.11
Unable to Trace	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Uneconomic to Pursue	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.65	£229.41	£66.14	£27.97	£384.17
Unsuccessful from Agency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£232,085.86	£136,207.13	£8,243.12	£0.00	£60.65	£229.41	£66.14	£27.97	£376,920.28

A7: Debt-Write-Offs: General Fund Tenant Arrears

The following are debts for over £5,000 that are recommended to the Committee for write-off:

Years		Total
2013/14	Statute Barred	£22,311.86
2014/15	Statute Barred	£156,138.64
Total		£178,450.50

The committee is asked to note the following debts under £5,000 totalling £357,675.02 which have been approved for write-off through a delegated powers report:

Debt Category	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Deceased with Estate	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Statute Barred	£9,168.35	£342,430.58	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£351,598.93
Unable to Trace	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Uneconomic to Pursue	£0.00	£38.56	£0.00	£0.06	£0.00	£5.32	£19.13	£73.34	£136.41
Unrecoverable: Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEPE)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,485.46	£2,454.22	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,939.68
Unsuccessful from Agency	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£9,168.35	£342,469.14	£0.00	£3,485.52	£2,454.22	£5.32	£19.13	£73.34	£357,675.02

A8: Release of Capital Financing to TfL

The London Borough of Barnet (the Sponsor) wishes to have the bus services enhanced through the provision of an extension to the route of the services for a certain period of time and/or the provision of a higher frequency of buses operating on the Services. However, such an enhancement to the bus services could not be provided without the need for additional expenditure being incurred by the TfL under the terms of its agreement with the bus operator.

The Committee is asked to approve the release of £0.891m of s106 funds (breakdown below) to TfL.

Under section 177 of the GLA Act, LBB as the sponsor authority and TfL (The Corporation) have powers to enter into agreements under which LBB (The Sponsor) contributes towards the expenditure incurred by any person providing a public passenger transport service. Under the provisions of section 164 of the GLA Act, TfL is permitted to exercise this power, and TfL is willing to secure enhancements to the services on the basis that LBB will contribute to the costs of operating the services as set out in this Agreement.

Providing the Enhanced Service during a five-year term of this Agreement and which will not be offset by the revenue it retains in relation to the Enhanced Service.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the total sum shown in table below (see below) shall be paid by LBB to TfL irrespective of the actual costs incurred and revenue received by TfL during the term of this Agreement. TfL will be responsible for payment of the difference between the Cost Limit to be paid by LBB and the estimated Net Deficit Sum.

It is agreed that TfL shall retain all on-bus and off-bus revenue. The 125 bus route extension has already happened and the sponsored route agreement needs to be signed off and payment must be made to TfL for the 125 bus route extension. The 125 route extension went to public consultation by TfL from October to November 2017 and the consultation report was published in June 2018. See here: https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/routes-125-303-305/user_uploads/colindale-bus-service-changes-consultation-report.pdf

Colindale and Burnt Oak is a large area of housing and office development that is increasing demand for public transport in the area. It is included in the London Plan of the Greater London Authority (GLA) as a growth area with at least 12,000 new homes and 2,000 jobs to be provided. This development is concentrated around Edgware Road, Colindale Station, Grahame Park and Aerodrome Road. The 125 bus route was extended to respond to this. The route extension was planned to add capacity to the already busy and growing corridors between Finchley, Hendon and Colindale and to create a new orbital link across the London Borough of Barnet, with new direct links as follows:

- New London Borough (LB) of Barnet headquarters at Colindale for staff and visitor who live on the east of the borough;
- Aerodrome Road to Colindale Station;

- Colindale to Hendon town centre, Finchley, Whetstone and LB Enfield;
- Hendon/Finchley Lane to Ballards Lane/North Finchley;
- Middlesex University main campus to student accommodation at Colindale.

The summary of funding to be applied is:

App No	Site Address	Covenant	Available (£)
H/04167/10	Zenith House, Edgware Road	Bus Improvement Contribution' means the sum of £155,000 (one hundred and fifty-five thousand pounds) Index linked comprising (a) £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) towards bus stop improvements in accordance with the priorities identified in the CAAP and (b) £135,000 (one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds) Index Linked towards bus enhancements in accordance with the priorities identified in the CAAP	20,405.00
H/04167/10	Zenith House, Edgware Road	Bus Improvement Contribution' means the sum of £155,000 (one hundred and fifty-five thousand pounds) Index linked comprising (a) £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) towards bus stop improvements in accordance with the priorities identified in the CAAP and (b) £135,000 (one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds) Index Linked towards bus enhancements in accordance with the priorities identified in the CAAP	149,940.48
H/05828/14	Homebase, Rookery Way	Bus Service Contribution means the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Pounds (£275,000) Index-Linked towards upgrading bus services in the vicinity of the Development for five (5) years	140,308.29
W01708X/99	Part Inglis Barracks Site	2.2 The monies paid to the Council by the Developer pursuant to paragraph 2.1 above shall be expended by the Council for public transport and highway improvements in the vicinity of the Development including the provision of or improvements to bus routes	26,715.00
F/00821/13	Carmelite Monastery 119 Bridge Lane	Public transport contribution means the sum of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) Index Linked towards the costs of providing required changes and improvements to the public transport provisions within the Borough of Barnet	10,000.00
H/03551/14	Barnet and Southgate College	Bus Service Contribution means the sum of £95,000 Index-Linked per year for 5 years (£475,000 total Index Linked) payable by the Owner towards improvements to bus services in the vicinity of the site	102,276.60
H/03551/14	Barnet and Southgate College	Bus Service Contribution means the sum of £95,000 Index-Linked per year for 5 years (£475,000 total Index Linked) payable by the Owner towards improvements to bus services in the vicinity of the site	102,276.60
H/00342/09	Colindale Hospital Colindale Avenue London NW9 5HG	Means the sum of £500,000 Index Linked to be paid to the Council by the Owner for the purpose of making improvements to the public transport infrastructure within the area of the CAAP.	100,000.00

App No	Site Address	Covenant	Available (£)
	Colindale Office Project	Capital funding from Colindale Office capital budget	240,000.00
Total			891,921.97