

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 18th December 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Sheerin (the Mayor in the Chair); Councillors Ali Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Shakil Ahmed, Daalat Ali, Sultan Ali, Bamford, Besford, Blundell, Brett, Burke, Cocks, Dale, Davidson, Dearnley, Dutton, Neil Emmott, Susan Emmott, Emsley, Gartside, Hartley, Holly, Hornby, Howard, Kelly, Malcolm, Martin, Massie, Mir, O'Neill, O'Rourke, Paolucci, Rana, Rashid, Robinson, Rowbotham, Rush, Angela Smith, Sullivan, Taylor Wardle, Wazir, Donna Williams, Winkler, Wraighte, Zaheer and Zaman.

OFFICERS: S. Rumbelow (Chief Executive), G. Hopper (Director of Children's Services), N. Thornton (Director of Resources), J. Searle (Director of Economy), D. Wilcock (Assistant Director – Legal, Governance, and Workforce), E. Newsome (Head of Governance), D. Brierley (Head of Communications), M. Roberts (Neighbourhoods Directorate), R. Hall, D. Johnstone, N. Suleman, M. Taylor, M. Wood and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: approximately 30 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Beswick, Boriss, Farnell, Heakin, Hussain, Joinson, McCarthy, Meredith, Nickson, Nolan, Susan Smith, West and Peter Williams.

MINUTES

1 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2 There were no declarations of interests.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR 2020/2021

3 The Council considered the proposed Council Calendar of Meetings for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED:

1 the Calendar of Meetings for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as submitted, be approved;

2 the Chief Executive be authorised to amend the Calendar as necessary in consultation with the appropriate Committee Chairs or the Leader.

CORPORATE PLAN 2019 - 2022

4 The Council considered a report on the recommendations of the Cabinet on the adoption of the Corporate Plan 2019-22 as part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

RESOLVED

That the Corporate Plan 2019-22 be approved and adopted.

2020/21 COUNCIL TAX BASE

5 The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet in relation to their recommendation to agree the statutory Council Tax Base calculation for 2020/21, calculated in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as part of the 2020/21 Estimates process and to approve the precept payment dates for 2020/21.

RESOLVED:

1. The Council Tax base expressed as “Band D equivalent properties”, be approved as 55,745 for 2020/21 (55,176 2019/20) as detailed at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.
2. The proposed precepts payment schedule be as follows:

20th April 2020	20th October 2020
20th May 2020	20th November 2020
22nd June 2020	21st December 2020
20th July 2020	20th January 2021
20th August 2020	22nd February 2021
21st September 2020	22nd March 2021

2020/21 SETTING OF THE BUSINESS RATE BASE

6 The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet in relation to the setting of the Business Rates baseline for 2020/21 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Non-Domestic Rating Regulations 2013 and to approve the precept payment dates for 2020/21.

RESOLVED:

1. The draft Business Rate baseline figure of £63.991 million for 2020/21, be approved, subject to any changes which may result from:
 - a. The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2020/21.
 - b. The issue of the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) guidance on completion of the 2020/21 Business Rates baseline return (NNDR1), due in January 2020.
2. The Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, be authorised to conclude and agree the final Business Rates baseline return (NNDR1), due on 31st January 2020, should the final information yet to be received from MHCLG change the baseline figure for 2020/21.
3. That the precepts payment schedule detailed in the report be approved.

2020/21 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

7 The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet in relation to a report of the Chief Finance Officer which proposed changes to the Council's Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2020/21. The changes were

proposed so that the scheme remained fit for purpose for working age residents in receipt of Universal Credit.

RESOLVED:

1. That the findings of the consultation process for the review of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21 be noted;
2. That the introduction a banded income scheme for 2020/21 for working age residents in receipt of Universal Credit in line with Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of the submitted report, following the outcome of the consultation exercise as detailed in Section 7 of the report be approved;
3. That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21 be approved in accordance with Section 67 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY CHARGES

8 The Council considered the recommendations of Cabinet in relation to a report that sought approval to increase the council tax empty property premium from 100% to 200% with effect from 1st April 2020 for properties that have been empty in excess of 5 years.

RESOLVED:

The Council approves the increase to the council tax empty property premium from 100% to 200% with effect from 1st April 2020 for properties that have been empty in excess of 5 years.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9 RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for the Decision:

Should the press and public remain during debate on this item there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Parts 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

WASTE LEVY ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY AGREEMENT

10 The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet, at its meeting on 2nd December 2019, in relation to the update on the Levy Allocation Methodology Agreement (LAMA) for waste and recycling between the Greater Manchester Combined Authority – Waste and Resources and district members.

RESOLVED:

1. The new LAMA agreement is accepted and approved.

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2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to approve any further changes to the LAMA which are not considered material.