

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 19 September 2016	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/19.09.16/5	Executive (Councillors Sean Anstee, Mrs. Evans, Hyman, Myers and John Reilly)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD COUNCIL EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2016/17 TO 2019/20

1. That the publication of the Council's Efficiency Plan (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved.
2. That the 4 year funding settlement for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20 as set out in paragraph 1.4 to the report be accepted.
3. That the increased flexibility in the use of capital receipts described in section 2 of the report be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure a minimum guaranteed level of funding for the four year period to March 2020 and increase the Council's ability to make longer term transformational plans.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could choose not to take up this offer; however this would mean that the Council would then be subject to the existing yearly process to determining the local government finance settlement. Allocations for those councils who do not accept the offer could be subject to additional reductions dependant on the fiscal climate. At present we do not expect any further multi-year settlements to be offered over the course of this parliament.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2017/18 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO ALIGN WITH NATIONAL BENEFITS

That the Executive agree to the Council consulting with the public on aligning the Council Tax Support scheme with national benefits regulations.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council must adopt a local CTS scheme no later than 31 January before the start of the financial year to which the scheme applies in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 2012. The proposed change would keep at large the existing scheme but adopt changes that align the local scheme with national benefit both now and in the future. In order to be able to make any changes to the existing scheme the Council must first consult on the proposed changes to the scheme.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could decide not to propose any changes to the scheme and propose to Council the existing scheme for 17/18. However, this would mean the continuation of a local scheme that is no longer fit for purpose and increasingly more difficult to understand.

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BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 - PERIOD 4 (APRIL TO JULY 2016)

That the report and the changes to the Capital Programme as detailed in Paragraph 17 be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide information for Members of the current 2016/17 forecast outturn figures relating to both Revenue and Capital budgets; and to summarise the latest forecast position for Council Tax and Business Rates within the Collection Fund.

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None.

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