

RECORD OF COUNCIL DECISIONS – WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2020

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Item No	Report Title	Record of Decision
9	Proposed changes to the items of business for Ordinary Council meetings during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic	<p>Approved the changes to the items of business for Ordinary Council meetings during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic as set out in the report.</p> <p>Authorised the Monitoring Officer to make the temporary changes to the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution as set out in Appendix B of the report.</p>
10	Statement of Accounts 2019/20	<p>Noted the Audit Findings Report as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1b - Royal Borough of Greenwich • Appendix 2b – Pension Fund. <p>Noted the comments of the Audit and Risk Management Panel at Appendix 3 of the report</p> <p>Approved the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 at Appendix 1d, incorporating agreed amendments.</p> <p>Agreed that the Mayor signs and dates the revised Statement of Accounts</p>

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11	Treasury and Capital Mid-year update	<p>Agreed the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2020/21 (Sections 4-10 of the report).</p> <p>Agreed the Capital Mid-Year Report for 2020/21 (Sections 11-12 of the report).</p> <p>Agreed the capital proposals set out in section 13 of the report, at a value of £11,314,850.</p> <p>Agreed the flexible use proposals set out in section 14 of the report, at a value of £779,000.</p> <p>Noted the receipt of an additional £1,104,653 of in-year school capital funding from the Department for Education.</p>
12	Licensing Act 2003 – Adoption of Revised Statement of Licensing Policy	Adopted the revised Royal Borough of Greenwich Statement of Licensing Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 at Appendix A of the report.
13	Ward Boundary Review – Ward Pattern submission	Approved the Ward Pattern and supporting evidence as set out in Appendix A of the report as the submission of the Royal Borough to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as part of their consultation on warding arrangements

14	Proposed changes to Part 2 of the Constitution	Approved the changes to Part 2 of the Constitution set out in Appendix B of the report
15	Motion - “Sanctuary”	<p>Resolved -</p> <p>This Council reaffirms its commitment to being a welcoming home and sanctuary to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants and upholds the principles of dignity and respect for all. The current pandemic has underlined the huge role that migrants have played in the NHS, care and other frontline services too often paying the ultimate sacrifice to protect Britain from harm and save lives. In particular, we mourn the tragic loss of four NHS professionals in our Lewisham and Greenwich Trust.</p> <p>In an age of growing xenophobia with the globalisation of the far right from Trump to Orban, UK Hostile Environment policies have blurred the distinction between service provision and immigration enforcement with the most vulnerable having no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and being left destitute. Recognising our history and ethos of welcoming refugees over many decades and our enduring commitment to diversity and inclusion:</p> <p>This Council commits to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying the “City of Sanctuary” flag on World Refugee Day and to work with the local organisations towards becoming a Royal Borough of Sanctuary. 2. Encouraging our residents to exercise their existing rights in conjunction with excellent local advice organisations, ensuring continued routine access to interpreters and immigration advice.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Continue to work with community networks to provide practical support to those in despair and destitution 4. Review the advantages and concerns around an embedded Home Office secondee examining different practices in other local authority NRPF teams, taking account of the reduction to a part-time position and the Overview and Scrutiny recommendations. 5. Working towards all residents being able to access voluntary and statutory services to meet their basic healthcare, housing, and income needs including further support vulnerable groups by continuing to investigate rogue landlords. 6. Improving access to employment continuing to support English as a Second Language courses helping migrants to access employment opportunities through LSEC and other providers. We continue to be committed to improving understanding of the career paths available, and focused advice for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic candidates through GLLaB and with local Universities. <p>And asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Home Secretary asking the government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the recommendations of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into detention, end the shameful practice of “indefinite detention” and work towards the closure of all detention centres. 2. Honour its commitment to the “Dubs amendment” and reopen the scheme to provide sanctuary to 10,000 child refugees over the next ten years (3-5 per local authority) and properly fund local authorities to support Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.
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<p>17</p>	<p>Motion - “Woolwich Barracks”</p>	<p>Resolved -</p> <p>Council welcomes the announcement by the Ministry of Defence that the King’s Troop Royal Horse Artillery will remain in Woolwich as their “long-term home”, thus continuing our Borough’s long-established links with the Royal Artillery; but notes with concern that disposal of the rest of the historic Woolwich Barracks site is scheduled to continue “as planned”.</p> <p>Council reaffirms its unanimous cross-party resolution of December 2016 to oppose the closure of Woolwich Barracks; notes that this opposition is shared by thousands of local residents who have signed petitions on the subject in recent years; and calls on the Government urgently to reconsider the disposal of this site, and keep Woolwich Barracks open.</p>