

COUNCIL Agenda

Place

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich
SE18 6PW

Date

Wednesday, 29 June 2022

Time

7.00pm

This meeting is open to the press and public and they are entitled to take photographs, film or record the proceedings.

Members are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council for the business as set out in the agenda below.

Agenda**1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies from Members of the Council.

2 Minutes

To agree the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 16 March 2022 and of the Annual Meeting (*to follow*)

No motion or discussion may take place upon the Minutes except as to their accuracy, and any question on this point will be determined by a majority of the Members of the body attending who were present when the matter in question was decided. Once confirmed, with or without amendment, the person presiding will sign the Minutes.

If you require further information about this meeting please contact the

Committee Services Officer:

Daniel Wilkinson

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3 Mayor's Announcements

4 Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any personal and financial interests in items on the agenda. Attention is drawn to the Council's Constitution, the Council's Code of Conduct and associated advice.

5 Notice of Members wishing to exceed the 5 minute rule

6 Submission of Petitions

Presentation to the Council of petitions for consideration

7 Petition responses

Appendix 6 and 7 to follow

8 Public Deputations on matters not otherwise on the agenda

9 Public Questions

Up to half an hour will be allowed for questions by Members of the Public.

Questions will be taken in the order notices are received by the Chief Executive. Each question to have no more than one part. No member of the public shall ask more than 2 questions at a meeting.

10 Questions from Members

- a. To receive written responses to questions submitted by Members in line with procedure Rule A1.38.
- b. Up to 10 minutes will be allowed for Members' oral questions in line with procedure Rule A1.43.

I1 Matters for early debate

Each political party may select an item of business, from the list of items on the agenda, for early debate.

I2 Appointments to Pension Board for 2022-23

I3 Changes to the Executive Functions Scheme of Delegation

I4 Decisions on Executive Functions taken under Urgency Procedures

I5 Motion “Additional Cost of Living Rebate of £50 for all households in Band A to D, and all households in receipt of Council Tax Support, in Greenwich”

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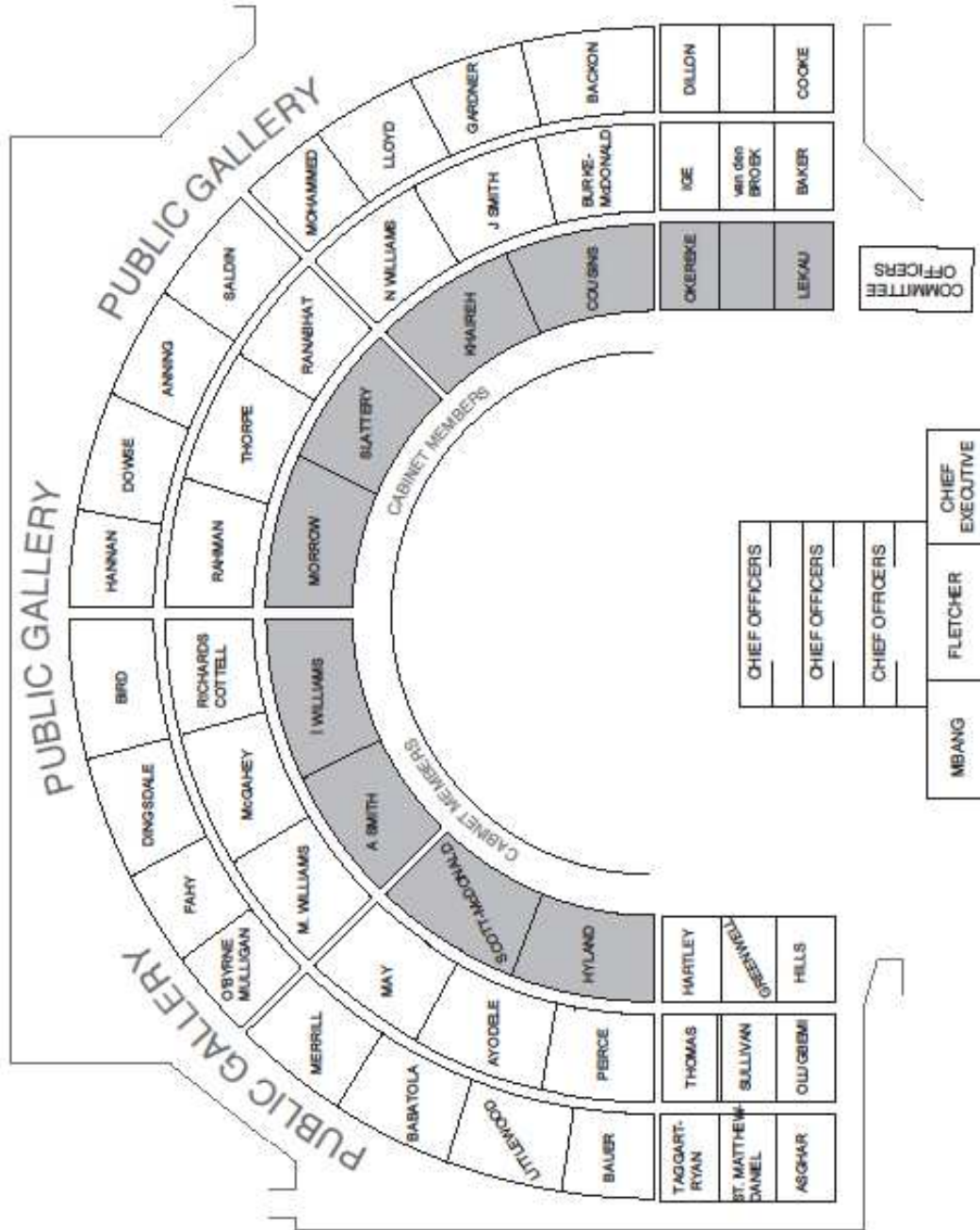
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SEATING PLAN OF COUNCIL CHAMBER



COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Cabinet Members and Portfolios

Councillor Anthony Okereke	Leader of the Council
Councillor Averil Lekau	Deputy Leader, Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Councillor Ann-Marie Cousins	Community Safety and Enforcement
Councillor Adel Khaireh	Equality, Culture and Communities
Councillor Mariam Lolavar	Inclusive Economy, Business and Skills
Councillor Matthew Morrow	Children and Young People
Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald	Health and Adults' Social Care
Councillor Pat Slattery	Housing, Neighbourhoods, Homelessness
Councillor Aidan Smith	Regeneration
Councillor Ivis Williams	Finance, Resources and Social Value

Overview and Scrutiny

Councillor Burke-McDonald	Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Nick Williams	Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Corporate Finance and Performance Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Linda Bird	Chair of Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Christine May	Chair of Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Rachel Taggart-Ryan	Chair of Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Elizabeth Ige	Chair of Housing and Anti-Poverty Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Laura Dingsdale	Chair of Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel

Planning and Licensing

Councillor Gary Dillon	Chair of Planning
Councillor Ann-Marie Cousins	Chair of Licensing

Other Bodies

Councillor Clare Burke-McDonald	Chair of Audit and Risk Management Panel
Councillor Olu Babatola	Chair of the Pension Fund Investment and Administration Panel
Councillor David Gardner	Chair of Highways Committee

Leader of the Opposition

Councillor Matt Hartley	Leader of the Conservative Group
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Party Whips

Councillor Peter Baker	Labour Party
Councillor Pat Greenwell	Conservative Party

Council Public Information

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Meetings of the Council

Meetings of the Full Council, when scheduled, ordinarily take place on a Wednesday. Additional meetings are sometimes arranged. A list of meetings and their dates can be found on the Council's [website](#) or at the Town Hall, or at The Woolwich, Eltham and Greenwich Centres. Alternatively you can contact the Committee Services Officer (details on the front of the agenda).

Outline of the Proceedings

Full Council is a meeting of all 55 Members of the Council ([elected Councillors](#)). The Mayor chairs the meeting (or the Deputy Mayor in his/her absence). The Deputy Mayor sits to the left of the Mayor and the Chief Executive to the right. The remaining Councillors sit in their Party Political groupings; a seating plan is included in this agenda. Council Officers (a representative from each directorate) sit on the benches in front of the Mayor. Officers attend to present reports if required, and/or answer any questions Councillors may have. They do not take part in making the decisions.

The Mayor oversees the meeting and controls the debate. All Councillors discuss the business on the agenda by addressing the Mayor; this helps to keep the debate in an orderly manner. The Mayor takes each item in turn and when he/she considers there has been sufficient debate, calls for a decision to be made or for the information to be noted. The Council may consider agenda items in a different order than they appear on the agenda.

Detailed information on the procedure to be followed when Council considers reports from Officers is set out later.

The Agenda

The Agenda is made up of the items of business to be considered at the meeting. It includes reports that ask the Council to make decisions and reports of Committee meetings.

Declarations of interest

Members of the Council are required to declare any interests that they might have in an item on the agenda. In some cases the Councillor who has declared an interest may not take part in consideration of the item concerned, and must leave the Chamber whilst it is considered. However, depending on the nature of the interest, a Councillor may in certain circumstances, having declared an interest, speak and vote on an item.

Petitions

Members of the public may request any Member of the Council to present a petition at the meeting. The Councillor may read or briefly summarise the substance of the petition. There is no debate and the petition is referred to the appropriate Chief Officer to report back to the Council within two ordinary meetings. Only when the Council receives the report back may Members debate it and members of the Public ask to speak (see Provision for Other Public Involvement, below).

Deputations

Members of the public can request to make deputations to the Council on any issue in which the Council has powers or duties.

A person wishing to lead a deputation at the Council meeting should notify the Committee Services Officer not later than one week (5 working days) prior to the meeting concerned, giving reasons for the request. If the request is refused by the Mayor a letter will be sent explaining why.

Public Questions

Members of the Public may ask questions (up to a maximum of two per person, each question consisting of no more than one part). All questions must relate to issues in which the Council has powers or duties. The Chief Executive will identify the appropriate Cabinet Member to respond to each question. The Mayor may disallow any questions that he/she feels to be improper. If the request is refused a letter/email will be sent to the questioner explaining why. Notice of questions should be sent by [email](#), or in writing to the Committee Services Section, Town Hall, Woolwich SE18 6PW. It should be with the Committee Services Section by no later than 12 noon, five working days before the Council meeting. The notice must contain the name and address of the sender.

Other Provision for Public Involvement

Members of the Public may also request to speak at a Council meeting on an item that appears on the agenda (at the Mayor's discretion). If a member of the public wishes to do this they should notify the Committee Services Officer as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

Copies of Agenda and Minutes

A number of copies of the Agenda, and the Minutes (which are the official record of the decisions made at previous meetings) are available for public use during the meeting.

Copies of the Agenda for the Council and its main Member-Level Bodies are available from the Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich at least five days before the meeting; or on line via the Council's website at

<https://committees.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Committees.aspx> .

The Council will make every effort to provide a translated, Braille, audio or large print copy of an agenda item(s) if you request this from the Committee Services Officer named below, but this will take some time to prepare and may not be available in advance of the meeting.

Background Papers

Background Papers are listed at the end of each item. They are documents such as letters, memoranda, reports and previous items that the author has used to write the report. Members of the public can inspect and copy these documents by contacting the relevant report author listed at the bottom of each report.

Disabled Access, Interpreters/Signers

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Your Views

The Chief Executive is responsible for the arrangements and presentation of agendas, for meetings of the Council and its Member-Level Bodies. If you have any comments, complaints or questions about the meeting please contact:-

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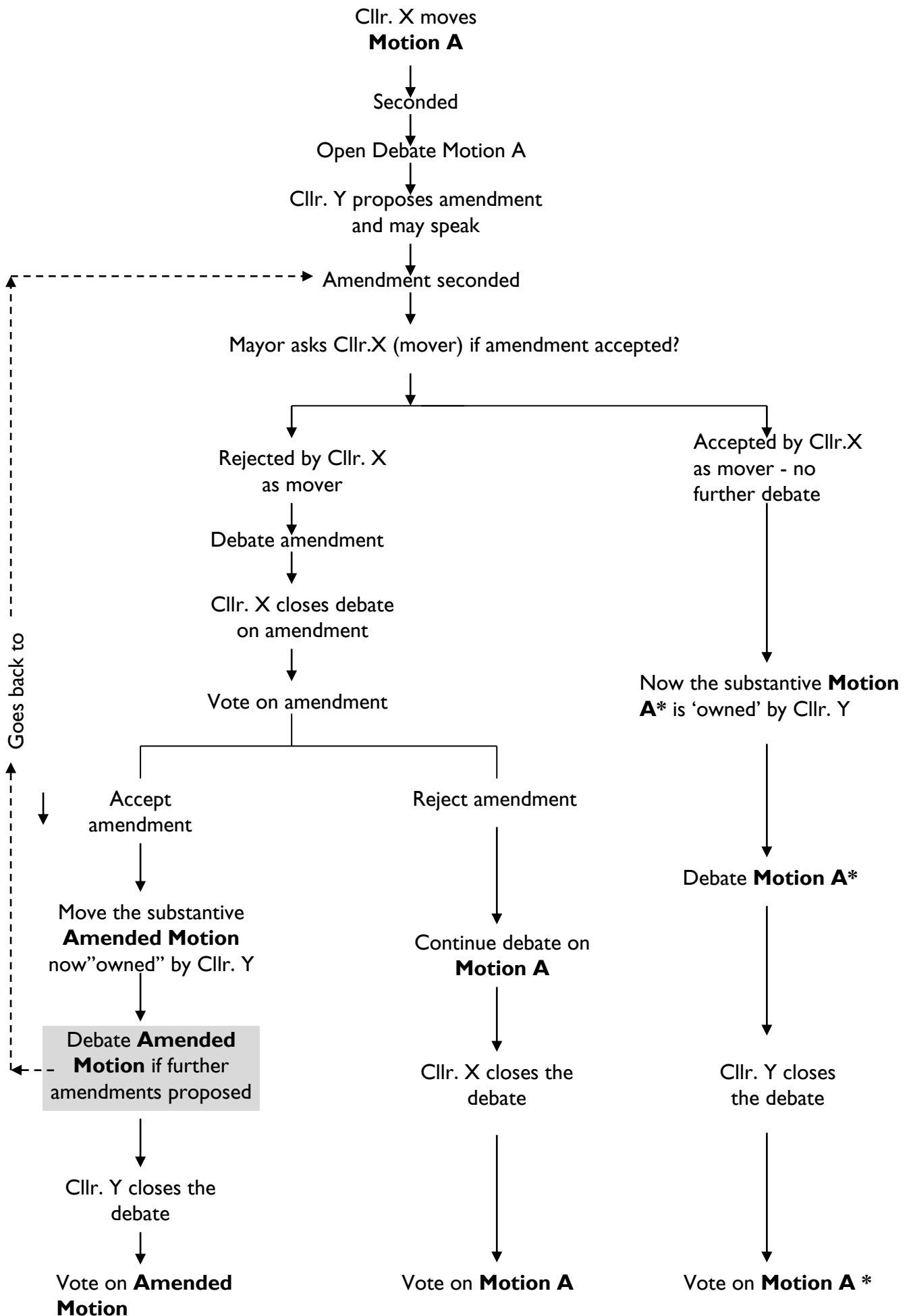
Procedure for Discussing Reports

1. The Mayor will call the item number of the report.
2. The Mayor will then take any written questions submitted by Members that relate to the report concerned.
3. Members of the public present at a meeting, who have asked to speak on the matter may be allowed to do so and if so, will be taken next.
4. The Mayor may invite the relevant Cabinet Member or another appropriate Councillor to move the decisions to be taken and to open the discussion of the report. Recommendations are usually contained within the report; these may be moved as printed, or with amendments, or different recommendations may be moved. In some cases the Mayor may move the recommendations in the report him/herself, a seconder is not required.
5. The Mayor will invite Members of the Council to indicate if they wish to speak on the report. Members may speak only once on each item except where permitted under the Constitution, Part 4, A1.72. Any amendments moved to the recommendations during the debate must be seconded.
6. At the end of a debate the Mayor will invite the Councillor who moved the original recommendations to respond to comments made in the debate before the Council is asked if it agrees the recommendations moved.

Notes:

Variations to this procedure may arise when the Council is considering different types of reports.

Procedures for debate are set out in the Council's Constitution, including procedures to enable recommendations to be moved, or amendments to be made to recommendations on the agenda.



COUNCIL	
TITLE Declarations of Interests	ITEM NO 4
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	

1. Decisions Required

Council is requested to:

- 1.1 Note the list of Councillors’ memberships (as Council appointed representatives) on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies.
- 1.2 Request that Members orally declare any personal or financial interests, including those detailed, in specific items listed on the agenda as they relate to matters under discussion.

2. Members’ Interests

- 2.1 Appended to this report is a list of the outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies that each member of Council has been appointed to by the Council or the Leader. The list does not include bodies with which a Member is involved in a personal or private capacity.

Personal interests

- 2.2 A Member has a personal interest where any business is likely to affect:
 - (a) them, or
 - (b) a relevant person or a relevant body (where the Member is aware that they have the interest);

more than a majority of those in the ward you represent.

A **relevant person** is defined as the member’s spouse or civil partner, a person who they are living with as husband and wife or as civil partners, or a person with whom they have a close association.¹

¹ See the guidance in Annex 1 of the Code of Conduct

A **relevant body** is defined as (a) any organisation, school governing body or outside committee or trust which they have been appointed to by the Royal Borough or by the Leader, or (b) any other voluntary organisation, school governing body or commercial organisation where you are a management committee member, school governor, trustee or director.

2.3 Members must declare the existence and nature of any personal interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.

2.4 A Member who has a personal interest may stay, speak and vote, except where the business:

(a) affects the financial position of the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above, or

(b) relates to an interest that would be affected financially or relates to the determining to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above

Financial Interests

2.5 A Member has a financial interest where any business relates to or is likely to affect an interest set out in paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct, and which is the Member's interest or the interest of a person described in paragraph 2.2(a) above.

2.6 Members must declare the existence and nature of any financial interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.

2.7 A Member who has a financial interest must leave the meeting, but may attend to make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, and provided they leave the meeting immediately after doing so. The Member must not participate in the discussion nor the vote.

General

2.8 The Code also requires Members to declare interests in relation to relevant bodies for six months after ceasing from being a member and take the appropriate action in relation to financial interests.

Background Papers

Agenda and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council – 13 May 2020.

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Councillor	Organisation	Role	Governorship
Anning	Trinity Laban	Member	
Asghar	Greenwich Theatre Board	Member	
Ayodele	-		Discovery Primary
Babatola	London [Pensions] Collective Investment Vehicle	Member	
Backon	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Backon	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Member	
Baker	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Bauer	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Bird	Eltham United Charities	Member	
Bird	Greenwich Dance Agency	Member	
Burke-McDonald	Greenwich Housing Rights	Member	
Burke-McDonald	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Member	
Cooke	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Cousins	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Cousins	Safer Greenwich Partnership	Member	
Dillon	Greenwich & Docklands International Festival	Member	Thorntree Primary
Dillon	Greenwich Leisure Ltd	Deputy	
Dillon	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Deputy	
Dingsdale	-		
Dowse	Middle ParkCommunity Centre	Member	
Fahy	-		Charlton Manor Primary
Fletcher	-		
Gardner	Greenwich Millennium Village Management Ltd	Member	
Gardner	Local Government Information Unit	Member	
Gardner	London Road Safety Council	Member	
Gardner	St Luke's (Charlton) Parochial Charities	Member	

Greenwell	-		Haimo Primary
Hannan	-		
Hartley	-		
Hills	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Hills	Reserves Forces & Cadets Association	Member	
Hyland	Greenwich Enterprise Board	Member	
Hyland	Meridian Homestart	Observer	
Hyland	Woolwich Creative District Trust (Woolwich Works)	Member	
Ige	-		
Khaireh	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Khaireh	London Councils' Grant Committee	Member	
Khaireh	London Councils' Leader Committee	Deputy	
Khaireh	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Member	
Lekau	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Lekau	London City Airport Consultative Committee	Member	
Lekau	London Councils' Leader Committee	Deputy	
Lekau	London Council's Transport & Environment Committee	Member	
Lekau	London Local Partnership	Deputy	
Littlewood	Greenwich Wildlife Advisory Group	Member	
Littlewood	Walpole Estate Management Board	Member	
Lloyd	Greenwich Service Solutions	Member	
Lolavar	Blackheath Joint Working Party	Member	
Lolavar	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
May	-		
Mbang	Greater London Forum for Older People	Member	
Mbang	Greenwich Pensioners' Forum	Member	
Mbang	Learning Disability Partnership	Member	

Mbang	New Charlton Community Centre	Member	
Mbang	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Member	
McGahey	LGA General Assemlly	Member	
McGahey	Long Lane Football Club - Board	Member	
Merrill	Greenwich Service Plus	Member	
Merrill	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Mohammed	-		
Morrow	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Morrow	Wiseman & Withers Exhibition Foundation	Member	
O'Bryne Mulligan	DG Cities Limited	Member	
O'Bryne Mulligan	Sir John Evelyn Charity	Member	
O'Bryne Mulligan	Twinkle Park Trust	Member	
Okereke	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Okereke	LGA General Assemlly	Member	
Okereke	London Councils' Grant Committee	Member	
Okereke	London Councils' Leader Committee	Member	
Okereke	London Local Partnership	Member	
Olugbemi	LGA General Assemlly	Member	
Olugbemi	London City Airport Consultative Committee	Deputy	
Peirce	-		
Rahman	John Roan Foundation	Member	
Rahman	South East Enterprise	Member	
Ranabhat	Edmund Godson Charity	Member	
Ranabhat	Greenwich Leisure Ltd	Member	
Ranabhat	Greenwich Leisure Ltd - Libraries Board	Member	
Ranabhat	London Youth Games	Member	
Ranabhat	Plumstead Almshouses	Member	

Richards Cottell	-		
Saldin	Charlton Triangle Homes	Member	
Saldin	Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust	Member	
Scott-McDonald	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Member	
Scott-McDonald	Greenwich Charities of William Hatcliffe and the Misses Smith	Member	
Scott-McDonald	Greenwich Millennium Village Management Ltd	Deputy	
Scott-McDonald	Greenwich Peninsula Management Company	Member	
Scott-McDonald	Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust	Member	
Slattery	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Slattery	Greenwich Charities of William Hatcliffe and the Misses Smith	Member	
Slattery	Greenwich Pensioners' Forum	Member	
Smith, A	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Smith, A	Greenwich Leisure Ltd - Libraries Board	Member	
Smith, A	London Council's Transport & Environment Committee	Deputy	
Smith, A	Sir John Evelyn Charity	Member	
Smith, A	South East London Combined Heat & Power Co	Member	
Smith, J	Greenwich Leisure Ltd - Libraries Board	Member	
Smith, J	Tramshed Arts	Member	
Smith, J	Walpole Estate Management Board	Member	
St Matthew-Daniel	Blackheath Joint Working Party	Member	
St Matthew-Daniel	Greenwich Bluecoat Foundation	Member	
St Matthew-Daniel	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Deputy	
Sullivan	Woolwich Creative District Trust (Woolwich Works)	Member	
Taggart-Ryan	Middle Park Community Centre	Member	
Taggart-Ryan	Overview and Scrutiny Joint Health Committee	Member	
Thomas	Charlton Athletic Race and Equality Partnership	Member	
Thomas	DG Cities Limited	Member	

Thomas	Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency	Member	
Thomas	Greenwich Leisure Ltd	Member	
Thomas	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Member	
Thomas	Woolwich & Plumstead Relief in Sickness Fund	Member	
Thorpe	Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party	Member	
Thorpe	Woodlands Farm Trust	Member	
van den Broek	Charlton Triangle Homes	Member	
van den Broek	Destination Greenwich Tourism Management Company (AKA Vi	Member	
van den Broek	Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust	Member	
Williams, I	Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee	Deputy	
Williams, I	LGA General Assembly	Member	
Williams, I	London Councils' Grant Committee	Deputy	
Williams, I	London Councils' Greater London Employment Forum	Member	
Williams, I	Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party	Member	
Williams, I	Woodlands Farm Trust	Member	
Williams, M	Fostering Panel	Member	
Williams, N	London [Pensions] Collective Investment Vehicle	Deputy	

COUNCIL	DATE 29 June 2022	ITEM NO 7
TITLE Petition Responses	WARD (S) Various	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities, Environment and Central	CABINET MEMBER(S) Climate Change, Environment and Transport; Regeneration	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non exempt report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? Yes	

1. **Decision Required**

Council is requested to;

- 1.1 Note the action taken in response to petitions presented at recent meetings of the Council

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high level objectives as follows:

- A Strong Vibrant and Well-run Borough

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Under the Council's Constitution, Part 4, A1.19, petitions presented to Council are required to be referred to the relevant Chief Officer and reported back to Council within two meetings.

4. **Introduction and Background**

- 4.1 Attached at the appendices are responses to petitions submitted at recent meetings of the Council.

- 4.2 Petition responses relating to highways matters are considered by the Highways Committee prior to being presented to Council.

- 4.3 Appendices 1-5 were deferred from the March meeting of Council due to a clerical error which resulted in Appendices 1-4 not being printed correctly.

5. Available **Options**

5.1 Council may either

5.1.1. Note the action taken in response to the petitions

5.1.2 Return any particular response to the relevant Directorate for further consideration and for resubmission to the next meeting of Council.

6. **Preferred Option**

6.1 Council is constitutionally obliged to consider the petition responses.

7. **Reasons for Recommendations**

7.1 The Council considers petition responses in line with its Constitution, and as part of its commitment to community engagement.

8. **Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

8.1 The petition response is communicated to the lead petitioner. The lead petitioner is invited to attend and address Council if they so wish on the response to their petition.

8.2 The Council's decision is published to the Council website, or is otherwise available upon request from Committee Services.

9. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Paragraph A1.19 of the Council's constitution provides that any Member of the Council may present a petition. Petitions will be referred to the relevant Chief Officer for investigation and response. The outcome of the investigation is to be reported back to full Council within two meetings.	John Scarborough Director of Legal & HR, 21 June 2022
Finance and other resources	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook, Director of Finance June 2022

Equalities	The recommendations in the report have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users. This report has no impact on the Council's Equality and Equity Charter and the Council's Equality Objectives 2020-2024.	Nassir Ali, Scrutiny Manager 15 June 2022
Climate Change	The recommendations in the report have low relevance to or impact on climate change or the Councils carbon reductions commitments.	Nassir Ali, Scrutiny Manager 15 June 2022

10. **Appendices**

10.1 The following documents are the petition responses and are published as part of the report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Pedestrian Safety on Sandy Hill Road and at Trinity Walk
- Appendix 2 – Delafield Road Parking Petition
- Appendix 3 – Upper Colomb Street - obstructed pathway
- Appendix 4 – A petition to Greenwich Council to listen to US and stop the West Greenwich 'low traffic neighbourhood'
- Appendix 5 – Supporting outside eating and drinking for Westmount Café

to follow:

- Appendix 6 – Stop West Hallows being used as a cut through to the A20
- Appendix 7 – Urgent Relaunch Of Traffic Management Scheme For West Greenwich

Background Papers

Minutes of Council meetings of 27 October 2021, 26 January 2022, 24 February 2022, 16 March 2022

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Petitioner:	Walker Syachalinga
Petition:	Pedestrian Safety on Sandy Hill Road and at Trinity Walk
Number of signatures:	177
The petition read as follows:	<p>The RA has received reports of concerns about the safety of pedestrians at Trinity Walk and when crossing Sandy Hill Road to Woolwich New Road. Residents had reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vehicles failing to slow down or indicate when turning left from Woolwich New Road to Sandy Hill Road; • vehicles aggressively beeping at those crossing the road on foot; • vehicles using Trinity Walk as a shortcut and failing to slow down while driving across the estate. <p>As a result the RA is petitioning the Royal Borough of Greenwich to ask them to</p> <p>(1) install a pedestrian crossing at the junction between Sandy Hill Road and Woolwich New Road and</p> <p>(2) introduce traffic calming measures such as road humps across roads at Trinity Walk.</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment, Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Ward:	Woolwich Common
Current Ward:	Woolwich Common
Directorate:	DRES

Submitted to Council on:	27 October 2021
Presented by:	Councillor David Gardner

I. **Petition Response**

I.1 Note the petition to improve Pedestrian Safety on Sandy Hill Road and at Trinity Walk.

I.2 Royal Greenwich has proposals for a review of the traffic management in this road which would involve introducing a one-way on Sandy Hill Road between

the Crescent Road and Brookhill Road, so vehicles would need to proceed in northbound direction at this section. This would be expected to reduce traffic volumes turning into Sandy Hill Road from Woolwich New Road.

- 1.3 Officers from the Royal Borough of Greenwich Traffic Team will subsequently explore the option to implement or enhance the existing crossings on Sandy Hill Road near the junction with Woolwich New Road.

2 **Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

2.1 To note the receipt of the petition and:

- Officers from the Traffic Team to explore the option to implement a crossing on Sandy Hill Road near the junction with Woolwich New Road. Funding for any scheme progressed will need to be identified as part of the future programme. Officers will progress with outlining scheme estimates to identify funding.
- Should any scheme be taken forward, this will be subject to public consultation and the promotion of any statutory Traffic Management Orders. Objections and/or comments can be received and will be considered before a decision is made on how to progress.

Petitioner:	Vikki Barrie
Petition:	Delafield Road Parking Petition
Number of signatures:	89
The petition read as follows:	<p>I am very concerned about RBG's proposals on new parking restrictions. The removal of the 2-hour free parking and the expansion of the Charlton CPZ (the 'C' zone) will have a hugely negative impact on the residents of Delafield Road, and surroundings streets. It will become even more difficult for Delafield Road residents to park on our already over-crowded street.</p> <p>I call upon the council to retain the 2-hour free parking and to give the streets surrounding Charlton Station its own designated parking zone e.g. CS (Charlton Station).</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment, Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Ward:	Charlton
Current Ward:	Charlton Village and Riverside
Directorate:	DCEC

Submitted to Council on:	26 January 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Linda Perks

I. **Petition Response**

- I.1 Note the petition raising concern regarding the proposed removal of the 2-hour free parking within the Charlton Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and the proposed expansion of the C permit zone and to include the comments within the recent Charlton CPZ consultation. The petition lead will be informed that the petition will be included with all other comments received from the public consultation.
- I.2 The results of the non-statutory consultation (informal) will need to be reported before a decision is made on how to progress with the Charlton CPZ. This report will include all comments and/or objection received during the consultation – which includes the petition from Delafield Road residents.

The report will subsequently include what changes (if any) should be taken forward within Delafield Road.

2 **Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

2.1 To note the receipt of the petition and:

- The comments received within the petition will be duly considered with the Charlton CPZ review.
- The suggested alterations requested by the residents of Delafield Road will also be included within the CPZ review.
- Any changes to the existing parking arrangements to Delafield Road that are progressed further, will require additional consultation, and therefore all directly affected residents will be notified of any proposed scheme or amendments on street in due course.

Petitioner:	Barbara Ward
Petition:	Upper Colomb Street - obstructed pathway
Number of signatures:	39
The petition read as follows:	<p>The undersigned residents of Upper Colomb Street request that consideration is given to identifying and implementing an appropriate solution to the obstructed pathway outside 21/23 Colomb Street,(not including the removal of the tree).</p> <p>Residents also request a consideration of general neighbourhood accessibility including the overall position and useability of dropped kerbs within the locality</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Ward:	Peninsula
Current Ward:	East Greenwich
Directorate:	DCEC

Submitted to Council on:	26 January 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Denise Scott-McDonald

I. **Petition Response**

- I.1 Note the petition received for improvements to be made to the footway along Colomb Street. Local area accessibility is key and whilst the current footway is in good condition, it is noted that some mature trees within the area (and in particular outside 21 – 23 Colomb Street) can create an obstruction to pedestrians.
- I.2 Unfortunately there are no plans for the mature street tree to be removed. Removal of the established street tree would be contrary to both the Council’s Green Strategy and Highway Maintenance Plans.
- I.3 The petition highlights that the street layout and existing trees lead to some inconvenience and issues for vulnerable road users. This is however a historical issue in this older section of the borough and is a result of trees being planted more than 30 years ago. The streets and houses were built pre-

1890 and there are similar issues experienced in other parts of the Royal Borough and London as a whole.

- 1.4 Following receipt of the petition and noting the localised footway obstruction issues within Columb Street, it is agreed that the Council will investigate the site further and review pedestrian and footway accessibility.

2 **Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

2.1 To note the receipt of the petition and to:

- Arrange further investigation of the site to identify whether an additional pedestrian dropped kerb and/or informal crossing can be implemented. If this can be provided, it would deliver a route to avoid the pinch point located outside 21 – 23 Colomb Street.
- Whilst it is accepted that the street trees and direct obstruction cannot be removed at this time, further review of the pedestrian facilities will be considered locally.
- A review of a route avoiding the tree, and assessment of crossing points has already been undertaken. The Council carries out a regime of continuous highway safety inspections. Colomb Street and the surrounding streets are inspected for safety and serviceability defects every three months, whilst Trafalgar Road is done monthly. The inspections are designed to identify and arrange repairs for defects that are considered a hazard to road users, particularly pedestrian and other mobility impaired users. Other non-hazardous defects are also repaired such as raised kerb at crossing points. This regime will continue in line with the Council's approved highway maintenance plan.

Petitioner:	Sally Hughes
Petition:	A petition to Greenwich Council to listen to US and stop the West Greenwich 'low traffic neighbourhood'
Number of signatures:	422
The petition read as follows:	<p>We, the undersigned, call on the Royal Borough of Greenwich to admit that the West Greenwich Traffic Scheme has improved the amenity privileged residents of the 'Hills and Vales' at the expense of increased congestion and pollution on Blackheath Hill, Greenwich South Street and other overburdened boundary roads, such as Trafalgar Road, intensifying inequality and reducing life chances for the many that live there.</p> <p>The scheme obstructs vital journeys by the emergency services, holds up public transport, causes danger to pedestrians and reduces the livelihoods of essential workers. At the same time, the Council has failed to provide evidence to justify its actions and misled the government by claiming to promote 'safety' and COVID measures to justify the current Orders underpinning the scheme. We ask the Council to take appropriate action to put this right by ending the Scheme.</p> <p>We also call on the Council to acknowledge that the 'Greener Safer Greenwich' consultation does not directly address major problems, including hardship arbitrarily inflicted on many residents who depend on vehicles: blue badge holders; those with urgent or long-term conditions needing care and support from key workers, relatives and friends; people with disabilities; those who rely on public transport or trade vehicles; parents of small children; and school pupils. We ask the council to take into account, fairly and openly, the views of all those affected by the scheme, whether or not they benefit privately at this public expense.</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Environment Sustainability and Transport
Current Cabinet Member:	Climate Change, Environment and Transport
Original Wards:	Greenwich West and Peninsula
Current Wards:	Greenwich Park and Greenwich Creekside
Directorate:	DCEC

Submitted to Council on:	26 January 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Aidan Smith

1. **Petition Response**

- 1.1 The West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) trial was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Order, which meant public consultation happened whilst the experimental scheme was in place. This allowed people to provide feedback based on their actual experiences of the changes. The results of the engagement exercise ended on the 18th February 2022.
- 1.2 The new petition received will be considered within the analysis of the wider West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) experimental scheme consultation, so that the petition can be considered alongside other local feedback received since the scheme was implemented.
- 1.4 The petition follows several other petitions concerning this scheme, considered at previous meetings of the Highways Committee. These previous petitions will all be included and considered in decision reports on how the scheme is taken forward.

2 **Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition**

- 2.1 Prior to the Highway Committee meeting (2nd March 2022) where the recent petition has been presented, a decision has now been formally made on the West Greenwich LTN Scheme. It has therefore been agreed for the removal of the West Greenwich LTN (and the return of streets to how there were before the trial period) by allowing the existing experimental Traffic Management Order to expire. Officers will now begin the process of developing an alternative LTN traffic scheme for West Greenwich.
- 2.2 The petition lead will be notified of the recent decision and any further scheme taken forward will be subject again to public consultation

Petitioner:	Liz Polat
Petition:	Supporting outside eating and drinking for Westmount Café
Number of signatures:	2691
The petition read as follows:	<p>We the undersigned note that Royal Borough of Greenwich Council have refused planning permission for the Westmount Cafe to retain the pergola which provides sheltered seating to the front of the shop.</p> <p>The pergola at the front of Westmount Cafe is a well used feature and has been invaluable to the Eltham community during the recent lockdowns.</p> <p>In the future we would like to continue to have a sheltered place to sit at the front of the Westmount Cafe and call upon Royal Borough of Greenwich Council to reverse its decision and grant planning permission for the retention of the pergola.</p>

Previous Cabinet Member:	Regeneration and Good Growth
Current Cabinet Member:	Regeneration
Original Ward:	Eltham North
Current Ward:	Eltham Park and Progress
Directorate:	DRES

Submitted to Council on:	26 January 2022
Presented by:	Councillor Spencer Drury

I. **Petition Response**

- I.1 Planning permission was refused on the 20th January 2022 for the installation of new ducting at the rear of the property with two additional A/C units, new temporary light-weight timber pergola at the front to accommodate a temporary sheltered outdoor seating area due to the concerns with the design and appearance of the timber pergola.
- I.2 Planning permission was granted for outside external seating as part of the original permission (18/3159/F) and as such, officers are not concerned with

the principle of external seating at the application site but instead the appearance and materiality of the timber pergola.

2 Current actions being taken in relation to matter raised in petition

- 2.1 Officers have discussed the application internally and have held a meeting with the applicant, Cllr Drury and Clive Efford MP on the 7th February 2022. During this meeting, officers advised the applicant that the principle of a pergola for the application site to provide additional shelter for customers using the outside seating is not opposed to in principle. However, the main concern of officers is the polythene sheeting to the sides of the pergola and the lack of details of the materials used for the roof. Officers have advised the applicant to explore the use of planters to the side and/or roof of the pergola as an alternative or to consider the use of a more temporary method of shelter which would only be used on occasions when the weather is not suitable. The applicant is currently looking into this further and Officers have agreed to review any revised proposals prior to any re-submission to assist the applicant further.

COUNCIL	DATE 29 June 2022	ITEM NO 12
TITLE Appointments to Pension Board for 2022/23	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	CABINET MEMBER(S) Leader of the Council	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non exempt report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? Yes	

1. **Decision Required**

Council is requested is requested to agree:

- 1.1 The appointment of Councillor Nick Williams as Chair of the Pension Board
- 1.2 The appointment of Councillor Issy Cooke to the Pension Board in place of Councillor Miranda Williams

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high-level objectives as follows:

- A Healthier Greenwich
- A Safer Greenwich
- A Great Place to Grow Up
- Delivering Homes Through Economic Growth
- A Cleaner, Greener Greenwich
- Economic Prosperity for All
- A Great Place to Be
- A Strong Vibrant and Well-run Borough

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

3.1 To appoint a Chair of the Pension Board and to appoint a replacement Member for the Pension Board.

4. Introduction and Background

- 4.1 Pension Board is not a committee constituted under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. As such it is not subject to political proportionality.
- 4.2 Councillor Miranda Williams has indicated she wishes to stand down from the Board. Councillor Issy Cooke has been chosen as her replacement.
- 4.3 The Terms of Reference for the Pension Board of the Royal Borough of Greenwich states that a Chair shall be appointed for the Board by the Administering Authority.

5. Available Options

- 5.1 Not applicable, the authority must make appointments.

6. Preferred Option

- 6.1 To agree the appointments

7. Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 The administering authority must appoint members to the Pension Board, and must appoint a Chair of the Pension Board

8. Consultation Results

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Communication and Implementation of the Decision

- 9.1 The agreed nominations will be published on the Council's website.

10. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 requires administering authorities of public service pensions to establish a Pension Board. The "Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Guidance on the creation and	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 21 June 2022

	operation of Local Pension Boards in England and Wales” Section 5.34 advises that a Pension Board should create a Term of Reference (ToR). The ToR for the Royal Borough of Greenwich states that the Chair of the Board is appointed by the administrating authority (ie Full Council)	
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook, Director of Finance 21 June 2022
Equalities	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users. This report makes no direct contribution to the Council’s Equality and Equity Charter and the Council’s Equality Objectives 2020-2024.	Nassir Ali, Scrutiny Manager and Acting Committee Services Manager 13 June 2022
Climate change	This report makes no direct impact to the Greenwich Carbon Neutral Plan agreed by Cabinet on 18 October 2020.	Nassir Ali, Scrutiny Manager and Acting Committee Services Manager 13 June 2022

11. Background Papers

Pension Board of the Royal Borough of Greenwich Terms of Reference

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COUNCIL	DATE 29 June 2022	ITEM NO 13
TITLE Changes to the Executive Functions Scheme of Delegation	WARDS Various	
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	CABINET MEMBER Leader of the Council	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Information report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? The report is for noting only	

1. **Decision Required**

Council is requested to;

- 1.1 Note the changes made to the executive functions scheme of delegation.

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high level objectives as follows:

- A Strong Vibrant and Well-run Borough

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Paragraph C1(e) of Part 4C of the Constitution provides that the Leader of the Council may vary or withdraw delegation of an executive function at any time, either generally or in relation to a specific decision, and may allocate the matter to himself or herself or to:

- The Cabinet or a committee of the Cabinet;
- A Cabinet member;
- An officer;
- Joint arrangements with one or more local authorities; or
- Another local authority.

- 3.2 Paragraph B of Part 3 of the Constitution provides that the Leader of the Council may vary or withdraw a delegation to a Cabinet member at any time, either generally or in relation to a specific decision, and may allocate the matter to himself or herself, to the Cabinet, to another Cabinet member, to a Chief Officer or to a joint committee. Any change must be in writing and will

take effect when only received by the Monitoring Officer. The Leader will provide a written record of any change of delegation to the next Council meeting.

4. Changes to the Scheme of Delegation

The following changes have been made to the scheme of delegation:

- 4.1 On 11 May 2022 the Leader of the Council agreed, by notice, to vary the scheme of delegation in Part 3 of the Constitution and withdrew the delegation to the Leader of the Council in respect of “Scheme & Estimate (S&E) Report – Community Centre refurbishment works Clockhouse and Shrewsbury House” and allocated the decision to the Deputy Leader of the Council.
- 4.2 On 13 June 2022 the Leader of the Council agreed, by notice, to vary the scheme of delegation in Part 3 of the Constitution and appointed Councillor Ivis Williams to the London Councils' Greater London Employment Forum in place of Councillor Mariam Lolavar.

5. Available Options

- 5.1 To note the report.

6. Preferred Option

- 6.1 Not applicable. The report is for noting only.

7. Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 Not applicable. The report is for noting only.

8. Consultation Results

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Communication and Implementation of the Decision

- 9.1 The decision will be published on the Council’s website.

10. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	<p>The Local Government Act 2000 makes provision for the discharge of functions by local authorities with executive arrangements.</p> <p>The Constitutional position is set out in section 3 of the report.</p>	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 21 June 2022
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook, Director of Finance 21 June 2022
Equalities	<p>The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p> <p>This report as an information report has no impact the Council's Equality and Equity Charter and the Council's Equality Objectives 2020-2024.</p>	Veronica Johnson, Head of Corporate Governance and Democratic Services 13 June 2022
Climate Change	The decisions recommended in the report have low relevance to or impact on climate change or the Councils carbon reductions commitments.	Veronica Johnson, Head of Corporate Governance and Democratic Services 13 June 2022

11. Background Papers

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COUNCIL	DATE 29 June 2022	ITEM NO 14
TITLE Decisions on Executive Functions taken under Urgency Procedures	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	CABINET MEMBER Leader of the Council	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Information report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? This report is for noting only	

1. **Decision Required**

Council is requested to;

- 1.1 Note the decisions taken under urgency procedures at Section 4 of the report.

2. **Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's agreed high level objectives as follows:

- A Strong Vibrant and Well-run Borough

3. **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Part 4, Schedule B (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) Procedure Rule Para B10 (a) states that the call-in procedure in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules does not apply where the decision being taken is urgent. A decision is urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would prejudice the Council's or the public interest. The Chief Executive or his/her nominee must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency under this paragraph must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

4. **Decisions taken under urgency procedures**

- 4.1 The Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills on 22 February 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below:

Title:

Consider application for Charlton Neighbourhood Forum and Area Designation

Decision:

1. Approved the designation of the Charlton (London) Neighbourhood Forum.

2. Approved an amended boundary for the Charlton (London) Neighbourhood Area.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 prescribe time limits for the determination of a neighbourhood area application. The prescribed date by which a decision must be made is 13 weeks from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised. The neighbourhood area application which is the subject of this report was publicised on 24th November 2021, and the prescribed date is therefore 24th February 2022. If this deadline is not met, the Council as the local planning authority must designate the Forum and all of the Neighbourhood Area applied for.

Accordingly, if the decisions recommended by this report would not be exempted from call in; there is a risk that the decisions could be called in and in that situation the neighbourhood area application would not be determined before the prescribed date. It follows from this that the outcome of such a call in would necessarily result in both the Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Area being approved by default as applied for, thereby prejudicing the Council's ability to exercise its decision-making powers in respect of the application

In line with the above, there are clear grounds for urgency to make the decisions recommended in this report and it would not be prudent, nor practical or in the public / taxpayer's interest to wait for either:

- 28 days' notice to be given for a key decision; and
- call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above, the Deputy Chief Executive has agreed both that the decisions proposed are reasonable and are to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's ability to exercise its decision-making powers, and in this way would be prejudicial to the public interest.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed in accordance with D15 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

- 4.2 The Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport on 24 February 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below:

Title:

West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood experimental scheme

Decision:

1. Noted and considered the information provided in the main 'West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood experimental scheme report ("the Main Report") and the addendum report ("the Addendum Report") about the operation of the West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) experimental scheme, the results of the engagement exercise until 18th February 2022, and the options set out for its future.
2. Approved the removal of the West Greenwich LTN (and the return of the streets to how they were before the trial) by allowing the existing Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to expire on 25th February 2022; and to authorise Council officers to begin the process of developing an alternative LTN traffic scheme for West Greenwich (Option 3 in the Main Report)
3. Noted that the figures quoted in the Addendum Report supersede all other figures previously used.

Reasons for Urgency:

The West Greenwich traffic reduction scheme was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which was made on 25th August 2020. Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are legal documents that enable a local highway authority to prohibit, restrict or reduce the use of a road by traffic.

An ETRO can stay in force for up to a maximum of 18 months while the effects are monitored and assessed, this period ends and the ETRO expires on 25th February 2022. The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 allow for the modification of experimental traffic orders, no more than 12 months after the order was made otherwise the option to make the order permanent is lost. Informed by the results of the consultation undertaken at that point, in August 2021, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport took a decision to amend the ETRO.

If the Council wishes to convert the ETRO into a permanent TMO at the end of the experimental period, it will be necessary to take a decision on the West Greenwich experimental scheme after the consultation closes on 18th February 2022 and before the ETRO expires on 25th February 2022.

The Council, therefore, needs to consider now whether to make the experimental scheme permanent.

For the reasons set out above, there are clear grounds for urgency, and it would not be prudent, nor in the public / taxpayer's interests to wait for call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above and in accordance with paragraph B10 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution, the Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and is to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the public interest.

- 4.3 The Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport on 23 March 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below

Title:

Strategic Cycle Route - Greenwich to Woolwich

Decision:

- I. Noted and agreed the decision to advertise and make an Experimental Traffic Order for the amended Greenwich to Woolwich strategic cycle route scheme.

2. Delegated authority to the Director of Communities, Environment and Central to consider any representations or objections received from statutory consultation bodies before the order is made.
3. Noted and agreed the proposed changes to the Greenwich to Woolwich cycle route scheme, agreeing construction of the scheme to be undertaken by Transport for London.
4. Noted and agreed the proposed change to the operating hours of the bus lanes on the Anchor and Hope Lane to Woolwich Ferry section of the route, from 24-hour operation to 07:00 – 19:00. Noting that the impact of this change, particularly on buses, will be monitored closely with TfL and further amendment may need to be considered in-line with the Scheme of Delegation set out in the constitution, if issues arise.
5. Noted and agreed the proposed monitoring for the experimental period.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Greenwich to Woolwich Scheme was implemented as part of the London Streetspace Plan under a series of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs), covering the three different sections of the route. The first of the TTROs was made on 2nd September 2020. Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are legal documents that enable a local highway authority to prohibit, restrict or reduce the use of a road by traffic.

A TTRO can stay in force for up to a maximum of 18 months. This period ends and the first TTRO expires on 1st March 2022.

If the Council wishes to retain the scheme with amendments it will be necessary to make a new TRO once the existing TTRO expires. It is proposed to create an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for this purpose and to allow an experiment of the measures to be put in place. The Royal Borough is legally required to give Notice in the local press of the making of the changes under a new TRO. The new experimental TRO will take effect after the existing TTRO has expired.

The consultation undertaken received a significant response, as outlined in Section 9. The process of thoroughly considering these responses and developing the alternative scheme presented here in collaboration with TfL, prevented this decision from being made before now.

The Council, therefore, needs to consider now whether to proceed with making amendments to the scheme under a new TRO.

For the reasons set out above, there are clear grounds for urgency, and it would not be prudent, nor in the public / taxpayer's interests to wait for call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above and in accordance with paragraph B10 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution, the Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and is to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the public interest.

- 4.4 The Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport on 23 March 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below

Title:

East Greenwich (Peninsula) Low Traffic Neighbourhood experimental scheme

Decision:

1. Noted the information provided in the report about the operation of the Peninsula Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) experimental scheme, the outcome of the engagement exercise, and the options set out for its future and their potential impacts.
2. Agreed to implement the preferred option, Option 1, to make permanent the traffic management measures introduced as part of the Peninsula LTN. To convert where possible hard closures with an ANPR camera in response to feedback received from residents and emergency services.
3. Agreed that the Director of Communities, Environment and Central begin the process of making the requisite order.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Peninsula traffic reduction scheme was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which was made on 24th September 2020. Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) are legal documents that enable a local highway authority to prohibit, restrict or reduce the use of a road by traffic.

An ETRO can stay in force for up to a maximum of 18 months while the effects are monitored and assessed, this period ends and the ETRO expires on 24th March 2022. The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 allow for the modification of experimental traffic orders, no more than 12 months after the order was made if the right to make the order permanent before it expires is to be retained.

If the Council wishes to retain the ability to convert the ETRO into a permanent TMO at the end of the experimental period it will be necessary to take a decision on the Peninsula experimental scheme before the ETRO expires on 24th March 2022.

The Council, therefore, needs to consider now whether to make the experimental scheme permanent.

For the reasons set out above, there are clear grounds for urgency, and it would not be prudent, nor in the public / taxpayer's interests to wait for:

- 5 clear days notice to be given before the decision is taken; or
- call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above and in accordance with paragraph B10 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution, the Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and is to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the public interest.

Given that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred, the agreement of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has been obtained under paragraph D16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution that the decision be taken without giving the notice referred to above.

4.5 The Leader of the Council on 28 March 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below

Title:

Support for Energy Bills Council Tax Rebate 2022/23

Decision:

- I. Agreed to implement the administration and payment of a £150 non-repayable Council Tax rebate for households in England in Council Tax

bands A to D (known as the Council Tax Rebate) as described in paragraphs 5.1-5.22 of the report.

2. Agreed to implement and administer the discretionary funding received from the Government for local authorities to support households who are in need but are not eligible for the Council Tax Rebate, known as the Discretionary Fund, as described in paragraphs 6.1–6.9 of the report.
3. Agreed to delegate to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Lead Member of Finance and Resources our local Discretionary Fund policy to best make use of this funding.
4. Noted that the Government has recognised the implementation of the schemes will place an additional burden on local authorities. Following its New Burdens doctrine, the Government will assess the expected reasonable additional costs associated with the implementation of the schemes.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Government has announced a package of support known as the Energy Bills Rebate to help households with rising energy bills in 2022-23.

This includes:

- A £150 non-repayable rebate for households in England in council tax bands A to D, known as the Council Tax Rebate.
- £144 million of discretionary funding for billing authorities to support households who are in need but are not eligible for the Council Tax Rebate, known as the Discretionary Fund.

It is crucial for many local residents that the Royal Borough of Greenwich provides this support to them as soon as possible.

The funding is due to be paid to local authorities by the end of March 2022. Funding for the Council Tax Rebate will be based on the number of eligible properties recorded in the 2021 Council Tax base.

The council is expected to 'pass on' the funding directly as one-off £150 grants to households that are eligible for the Council Tax Rebate or one-off

grants of up to £150 in respect of those households that are supported via the Discretionary Fund Scheme.

The Government expects Council Tax Rebate grants to be awarded by local authorities as soon as practicably possible from April 2022.

In accordance with the Government's New Burdens doctrine the council should receive a grant allocation in respect of reasonable additional costs associated with the implementation of the Council Tax Rebate and the Discretionary Fund.

This report provides details of the Council Tax Rebate and the Discretionary Fund and requests agreement to create and administer the application and payment process for both schemes following the parameters provided by the Government outlined in this report.

The Government has allocated the council £15,111,600 in respect of the Council Tax Rebate scheme and £891,750 in respect of the Discretionary Fund.

Given the ongoing economic difficulties being experienced by many local residents and the expectation upon the Royal Borough to award the Council Tax Rebate and Discretionary Fund from April, there are clear grounds for urgency, and it would not be prudent, nor in the public / taxpayers' interest to wait for either:

- 28 days' notice to be given for a key decision
- 5 clear days' notice to be given before the decision is taken
- call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above, the Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and is to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the public interest.

Given that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred, the agreement of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained under paragraph D16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution that the decision be taken without giving the notice referred to above.

4.6 The Director of Finance on 29 April 2022 took a decision that was classified as urgent and was not available for call in, as detailed below:

Title:

Support for Energy Bills 2022/23 – Energy Rebate Discretionary Fund

Decision:

1. In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, approved the Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme as set out in paragraph 6.2 of this report, which includes the arrangements for residents who live in a dwelling in Council Tax bands E, F, G and H.
2. Agreed to implement and administer the discretionary funding received from the Government for local authorities to support households who are in need but are not eligible for the Council Tax Rebate, known as the Discretionary Fund, as described in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.15 of the report.
3. Noted the restrictions of the Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme regarding payments and unspent funding that are set out in paragraph 5.3 of this report.
4. In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to make changes that may be required to the Discretionary Scheme following any review during April 2022 – November 2022.
5. Noted that the Government has recognised the implementation of the scheme will place an additional burden on local authorities. Following its New Burdens doctrine, the Government will assess the expected reasonable additional costs associated with the implementation of the scheme.

Reasons for Urgency:

The Government has announced a package of support known as the Energy Bills Rebate to help households with rising energy bills in 2022-23.

This includes:

- A £150 non-repayable rebate for households in England in council tax bands A to D, known as the Council Tax Rebate.

- £144 million of discretionary funding for billing authorities to support households who are in need but are not eligible for the Council Tax Rebate, known as the Discretionary Fund.

It is crucial for many local residents that the Council provides this support to them as soon as possible.

The funding was paid to local authorities on 30 March 2022.

This report provides details of the RBG Discretionary scheme following the parameters provided by the Government. Unfortunately, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DHLUC) did not finalise their guidance to Local Authorities on the Council Tax Rebate and Discretionary Fund until 23 March 2022.

The Government has allocated the council £891,750 in respect of the Discretionary Fund.

Given the ongoing economic difficulties being experienced by many local residents and the expectation upon the Council to award the Council Tax Rebate and Discretionary Fund from April, there are clear grounds for urgency, and it would not be prudent, nor in the public / taxpayers' interest to wait for either:

- 28 days' notice to be given for a key decision
- call in to expire.

For the reasons set out above, the Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable and is to be treated as a matter of urgency because any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the public interest.

Given that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed under paragraph D15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution that that it is impracticable to defer the decision until the 28 days' notice referred to above has been given.

5. **Available Options**

5.1 To note the report.

6. **Preferred Option**

6.1 Not applicable. The report is for noting only.

7. **Reasons for Recommendations**

7.1 Not applicable. The report is for noting only.

8. **Consultation Results**

8.1 Not applicable.

9. **Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

9.1 The decision will be published on the Council's website.

10. **Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications**

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	<p>The Local Government Act 2000 makes provision for the discharge of functions by local authorities with executive arrangements.</p> <p>The Constitutional procedures around call-in and urgency are set out in section 3 of the report.</p> <p>Part 3 of the Constitution delegates to the Chief Executive the power to act on behalf of the Leader, Cabinet Member, Cabinet or Chief Officer in respect of any of their functions on a matter which in her opinion is urgent.</p>	John Scarborough, Director of Legal & HR, 21 June 2022
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook, Director of Finance 21 June 2022

Equalities	<p>The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.</p> <p>This report as an information report has no impact the Council’s Equality and Equity Charter and the Council’s Equality Objectives 2020-2024.</p>	<p>Veronica Johnson, Head of Corporate and Democratic Services 13 June 2022</p>
Climate change	<p>The decisions recommended in the report have low relevance to or impact on climate change or the Councils carbon reductions commitments.</p>	<p>Veronica Johnson, Head of Corporate Governance & Democratic Services 13 June 2022</p>

11 Background Papers

Decision: [Consider application for Charlton Neighbourhood Forum and Area Designation](#)

Decision: [West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood experimental scheme](#)

Decision: [Strategic Cycle Route - Greenwich to Woolwich](#)

Decision: [East Greenwich \(Peninsula\) Low Traffic Neighbourhood experimental scheme](#)

Decision: [Support for Energy Bills Council Tax Rebate 2022/23](#)

Decision: [Support for Energy Bills 2022/23 – Energy Rebate Discretionary Fund](#)

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COUNCIL		DATE 29 June 2022
TITLE Motion - advice from Chief Executive		ITEM NO 15
LEAD OFFICER Chief Executive	CABINET MEMBER n/a	

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise Council that a motion on the agenda “could have financial, legal or significant other implications”.

2. Summary

2.1 Paragraph A1.60 of Part 4 of the Constitution states that “Where a motion could have financial, legal or significant other implications for the Council, the Chief Executive will draw these to the attention of the Council.”

3. Implications of Motion

3.1 Council is advised that with regard to the motion “Additional Cost of Living Rebate of £50 for all households in Band A to D, and all households in receipt of Council Tax Support, in Greenwich” at Item 15 of the Agenda, that the Chief Executive’s view is that additional financial and staffing resources would be required to implement the substance of the motion and that in particular, the Motion identifies these from resources set aside as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23+ report, approved by Council on 24 February 2022 - paras 1.9 / 9.5 / Table 12 refer, whereby £4.988m of residual funding was set aside for “recovery and renewal” – “to support the ongoing Covid costs in 2022/23 and any actions that support recovery and renewal post-Covid which will be set out in the council’s future strategic plans from 2022 onwards”.

3.2 If the motion is agreed, the financial, staffing, legal and other implications will be set out in detail in a report to Cabinet.

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COUNCIL

29 JUNE 2022

ITEM NO: 16

TITLE: “Additional Cost of Living Rebate of £50 for all households in Band A to D, and all households in receipt of Council Tax Support, in Greenwich”

PROPOSING COUNCILLORS: Matt Hartley, Pat Greenwell, John Hills

I. Additional Cost of Living Rebate

This Council:

- I.1. Notes the financial support being received by Greenwich residents in 2022/23, both via Government-funded schemes delivered by the Council, and via schemes delivered by Central Government directly – but remains highly concerned about the impact of the current cost of living crisis on households across Greenwich.
- I.2. Requests that Cabinet considers at its meeting on 20 July 2022 the introduction of an Additional Cost of Living Rebate of £50 for:
 - a) all households in Council Tax Bands A to D, whether or not they receive Council Tax Support
 - b) all households in Bands E to H who receive Council Tax Support.– benefiting a total of 99,770 households across Greenwich.
- I.3. Requests that as part of I.2, Cabinet considers recommending to Council at its meeting on 20 July 2022 that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate is funded by deploying the as-yet unallocated £4.988 million funding from Central Government provided via the one-off Services Grant in 2022/23. This sum remains unallocated in the Council’s budget, since the adoption of the Medium Term Financial Strategy by Full Council in February 2022.
- I.4. Requests that, subject to I.2, Cabinet agrees to distribute the Additional Cost of Living Rebate using the same mechanism that the Council has already established to deliver the Government’s Council Tax Rebate Scheme.

- 1.5. Requests that, subject to 1.2, Cabinet agrees distribute the Additional Cost of Living Rebate to all eligible Council Tax Payers who pay by Direct Debit no later than September 2022, and encourages all non-Direct Debit Council Tax Payers to apply as soon as possible, and by no later than February 2023.
- 1.6. Requests that, given the urgency described below, Cabinet considers the introduction of the Additional Cost of Living Rebate at its meeting on 20 July 2022.

2. Existing cost of living support schemes for Greenwich residents

Council notes:

- 2.1. That Greenwich households are receiving financial support in 2022/23 through a range of schemes that are being delivered by the Council using funding from Central Government, as shown in *Table 1*.

Table 1 – Financial support for Greenwich residents in 2022/23 being delivered by the Council and funded by Central Government

Scheme	Support and eligibility	Funded by
Council Tax Rebate (Band A to D)	£150 payment to all households in Bands A to D	Central Government (£15,111,600 for Greenwich)
Council Tax Rebate (Discretionary Fund)	£150 payment to Band E-H households in receipt of Council Tax Support, £65 payment to all other Band E	Central Government (£891,750 for Greenwich)
Further £175 Council reduction agreed in MTFS	Further £175 reduction in Council Tax for all current and new working age Council Tax Support recipients in 2022/23	Underspend in Covid Hardship Fund in previous two financial years (£0.658m) plus balance from additional council tax resources to meet overall cost (estimated to be around £1m)
Household Support Fund (1st)	Targeted support payments to vulnerable households,	Central Government (£2.378m for Greenwich)

April to 30th September 2022)	and grants through existing schemes e.g. Emergency Support Scheme	
Household Support Fund (1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023)	As above	Central Government (funding tbc)
Holiday Activities and Food Programme	HAF programme in Easter, Summer, Winter holidays 2022	Department for Education grant (£1.2m for Greenwich)

- 2.2. That this support comes on top of the Council Tax Support Scheme that has offered 100% support for residents on the lowest incomes since 2020, as well as the Emergency Support Scheme, and the Council’s increased funding for advice provision via new Advice Hubs.
- 2.3. That households in Greenwich are also receiving further Cost of Living Support in 2022/23 through schemes delivered directly by Central Government through the welfare system and via energy bills, as announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 26 May 2022 and summarised in *Table 2*.

Table 2 – Financial support schemes for Greenwich residents in 2022/23 being delivered directly by Central Government

Scheme	Support and eligibility	Funded by/via
Energy Bills Support Scheme	£400 grant credited to energy bills in 6 instalments over winter 2022/23	Central Government, credited directly to energy bills
Cost of Living Payment	£650 one-off payment for those on means-tested benefits, paid in two instalments (£326 paid on 14 July, and £324 paid in Autumn)	Central Government, direct payment via welfare system
Pensioner Cost of Living Payment	£300 one-off payment to support pensioners who receive the Winter Fuel Allowance	Central Government, direct payment via welfare system

Disability Cost of Living Payment	£150 one-off Disability Cost of Living Payment for those receiving disability benefits	Central Government, direct payment via welfare system
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2.4. That despite this significant level of support – delivered both via the Council and by Central Government directly – households across Greenwich continue to struggle with the cost of living crisis.

3. Overall impact of Council Tax increases in 2022/23

Council notes:

3.1. That Greenwich households have seen significant increases in Council Tax in 2022/23, with a 1.99% increase in the Borough Element and a further 1.00% increase via the Adult Social Care Precept.

3.2. That this has resulted in total increases in the total Borough Element of Council Tax for Greenwich residents ranging from £25 to £76 across Council Tax bands, amounting to £38 for Band D, as shown in *Table 3*.

Table 3 – Impact of Council Tax increases on Greenwich residents in 2022/23

Valuation Band	ASC Precept +1.00% £	Borough Element +1.99% £	Total RBG Council Tax increase £	Mayoral/ GLA Precept +8.8% £
A	+9	+16	+25	+21
B	+10	+20	+30	+25
C	+11	+23	+34	+28
D	+13	+25	+38	+32
E	+16	+31	+47	+39
F	+18	+37	+55	+46
G	+21	+43	+64	+53
H	+26	+50	+76	+64

3.3. That these increases were joined by an 8.8% increase in the GLA Precept announced by the Mayor London, adding an additional £32 for Band D, and additional amounts for other Bands as shown in *Table 3*.

3.4. That these Council Tax increases in both the Borough Element and GLA Precept have further added to the financial burden facing Greenwich households amidst the current cost of living crisis.

4. Effect of proposed Additional Cost of Living Rebate

This Council:

- 4.1. Believes that more should be done to support Greenwich households through the cost of living crisis, over and above the Government-funded support being delivered by the Council, and the schemes being delivered by Central Government directly.
- 4.2. Notes that a total of £4.988 million of Central Government funding through the one-off Services Grant for 2022/23 remains unallocated in the Council's budget, since the adoption of the Medium Term Financial Strategy by Full Council in February 2022.
- 4.3. Notes that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate will more than cancel out this year's total borough element of Council Tax increase for all households in Bands A to D, as shown in *Table 4*.

Table 4 – Effect of the proposed Additional Cost of Living Rebate for households in different Council Tax bands – non-CTS recipients

Valuation Band	Borough Element £	Total RBG Council Tax increase 22/23 £	Additional Cost of Living Rebate £	Net effect of both measures £	Net effect of both measures %
A	851	+25	-50	-25	-2.9%
B	993	+30	-50	-20	-2.0%
C	1,135	+34	-50	-16	-1.4%
D	1,276	+38	-50	-12	-0.9%
E	1,560	+47	0*	+47	+3.0%
F	1,844	+55	0*	+55	+3.0%
G	2,127	+64	0*	+64	+3.0%
H	2,553	+76	0*	+76	+3.0%

* Note: Council Tax Support recipients in Bands E to H will receive £50

- 4.4. Notes that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate can be administered through the same mechanisms already set up by the Council to deliver the Government's Council Tax Rebate Scheme – with direct payments to all Council Taxpayers who

pay by Direct Debit, and using the same claim mechanism that has been set up for non-Direct Debit Council Tax payers.

- 4.5. Notes that the introduction of the Additional Cost of Living Rebate has been costed at £4.938 million for Band A to D households, and £0.050 million for households in receipt of Council Tax Support in Bands E to H, as shown in *Table 5*.

Table 5 – One Offs Capacity Deployment

One Offs Position	£m
Unallocated Services Grant 2022/23	(4.988)
(i) Additional Cost of Living Rebate Bands A-D	4.938
(ii) Additional Cost of Living Rebate Bands E-H (CTS)	0.050
One Off Capacity c/f	0.000

- 4.6. Notes that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate will benefit a total of 99,770 households across the borough, with households in lower Council Tax Bands and Council Tax Support recipients benefiting the most.
- 4.7. Notes that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate will benefit a high proportion of households in every ward, as shown in *Table 6*.

*Table 6 – Number and proportion of households who will benefit from the Additional Cost of Living Rebate in each ward**

Ward	Number of households eligible*	Proportion of all households eligible*
Abbey Wood	6,229	96%
Blackheath Westcombe	4,239	57%
Charlton Hornfair	4,211	88%
Charlton Village & Riverside	3,819	89%
East Greenwich	5,306	75%
Eltham Page	3,377	93%
Eltham Park & Progress	3,267	76%
Eltham Town & Avery Hill	4,356	65%
Greenwich Creekside	3,970	69%
Greenwich Park	3,371	67%
Greenwich Peninsula	4,875	80%
Kidbrooke Park	3,045	73%
Kidbrooke Village & Sutcliffe	2,497	77%

Middle Park & Horn Park	2,993	81%
Mottingham, Coldharbour & New Eltham	3,667	61%
Plumstead & Glyndon	7,239	94%
Plumstead Common	5,995	95%
Shooters Hill	3,999	80%
Thamesmead Moorings	4,360	95%
West Thamesmead	3,775	94%
Woolwich Arsenal	6,025	92%
Woolwich Common	4,636	88%
Woolwich Dockyard	4,519	91%
Total across the borough	99,770	81%

* modelled

4.8. Notes that the Additional Cost of Living Rebate would further respond to the results of the 2022/23 Budget public consultation, as outlined in the Medium Term Financial Strategy presented to Full Council in February 2022, which found that:

- 60% of respondents want the council to prioritise spending on reducing poverty and trying to support residents struggling with the cost-of-living crisis
- 59% want the council to prioritise spending on supporting families in dealing with the cost-of-living crisis
- 64% want the council to reduce poverty by helping working age residents on the lowest incomes.

