

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grants Scheme 2016/17 Levy

To be presented on Thursday 3rd March 2016

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council.

SUMMARY

1. The City of London Corporation is responsible for issuing the annual levies for subscriptions to all the constituent councils of the London Councils Grants Scheme (LCGS). The Court of Common Council can only consider the levies if at least two-thirds of the constituent councils (i.e. 22 out of 33 of the London local authorities) have approved the total expenditure to be incurred under the Grants Scheme.
2. Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget had been agreed by over two thirds of the Constituent Councils, the approval of the Court was sought under the urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2016.
3. We therefore report that on 2 February 2016, approval was given in accordance with Standing Order No. 19 to issue the levies as set out in the appendix of this report.

Main Report

1. The budget for the London Councils Grants Scheme and the City of London Corporation's contribution to the Scheme is considered on an annual basis by your Policy and Resources Committee. At its meeting on 21 January 2016 the Committee considered and approved the total amount of expenditure to be incurred in 2016/17 (i.e. £10.486m. £9m of which would come from the constituent councils of the Scheme) as well as the City Corporation's subscription to it (i.e. £8,047).

2. The City Corporation is also responsible for issuing levies for subscriptions to all the constituent councils of the Scheme. This element of the Grants Scheme can only be approved by the Court of Common Council. The London Councils' Grants Scheme operates under section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985 which requires at least two-thirds of the constituent councils (i.e. 22 out of 33 of the London local authorities) to have approved the total expenditure to be incurred. Constituent councils have until 1 February to do this and a decision to issue the levies cannot be taken until such time as this has happened. The Court is therefore required to make its decision as levying body between 1 and 15 February each year as, in accordance with regulations, levies have to be issued before 15 February 2016.
3. On 27 January 2016 London Councils confirmed that over two-thirds of constituent councils had agreed the expenditure to be incurred for 2016/17. As the Court of Common Council was not due to meet within this period its approval to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2016 was sought under the urgency procedures.
4. Approval was subsequently given to the levy £9m applying to constituent councils for 2016/17 as set out in the appendix to this report.

All of which we submit to the judgment of this Honorable Court.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2016.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Mark John Boleat
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

Borough Subscriptions 2016/17

ONS Mid-2013 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2015/16 Base Borough Contribution (£)		ONS Mid-2014 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2016/17 Base Borough Contribution (£)	Base Difference from 2015/16 (£)
Inner London							
229.70	2.73%	245,610	Camden	234.85	2.75%	247,537	1,927
7.60	0.09%	8,126	City of London	8.07	0.09%	8,506	380
264.00	3.14%	282,286	Greenwich	268.68	3.15%	283,195	909
257.40	3.06%	275,229	Hackney	263.15	3.08%	277,366	2,137
178.70	2.12%	191,078	Hammersmith and Fulham	178.37	2.09%	188,006	-3,072
215.70	2.56%	230,640	Islington	221.03	2.59%	232,971	2,330
155.60	1.85%	166,378	Kensington and Chelsea	156.19	1.83%	164,628	-1,750
314.20	3.73%	335,963	Lambeth	318.22	3.73%	335,411	-552
286.20	3.40%	306,024	Lewisham	291.93	3.42%	307,701	1,677
298.50	3.55%	319,175	Southwark	302.54	3.54%	318,884	-292
272.90	3.24%	291,802	Tower Hamlets	284.02	3.33%	299,363	7,561
310.8	3.69%	332,327	Wandsworth	312.15	3.66%	329,013	-3,314
226.80	2.69%	242,509	Westminster	233.29	2.73%	245,893	3,384
3,018.10	35.86%	3,227,147		3,072.49	35.98%	3,238,473	11,325
Outer London							
194.40	2.31%	207,865	Barking and Dagenham	198.29	2.32%	209,002	1,137
369.10	4.39%	394,666	Barnet	374.92	4.39%	395,174	508
236.70	2.81%	253,095	Bexley	239.87	2.81%	252,828	-267
317.30	3.77%	339,278	Brent	320.76	3.76%	338,088	-1,190
317.90	3.78%	339,919	Bromley	321.28	3.76%	338,636	-1,283
372.80	4.43%	398,622	Croydon	376.04	4.40%	396,354	-2,267
342.50	4.07%	366,223	Ealing	342.12	4.01%	360,602	-5,621
320.50	3.81%	342,699	Enfield	324.57	3.80%	342,104	-595
263.40	3.13%	281,644	Haringey	267.54	3.13%	281,993	349
243.40	2.89%	260,259	Harrow	246.01	2.88%	259,300	-959
242.10	2.88%	258,869	Havering	245.97	2.88%	259,258	389
286.80	3.41%	306,665	Hillingdon	292.69	3.43%	308,502	1,837
262.40	3.12%	280,575	Hounslow	265.57	3.11%	279,917	-658
166.80	1.98%	178,353	Kingston upon Thames	169.96	1.99%	179,142	788
203.20	2.41%	217,275	Merton	203.52	2.38%	214,515	-2,760
318.20	3.78%	340,240	Newham	324.32	3.80%	341,840	1600
288.30	3.43%	308,269	Redbridge	293.06	3.43%	308,892	623
191.40	2.27%	204,657	Richmond upon Thames	193.59	2.27%	204,048	-609
195.90	2.33%	209,469	Sutton	198.13	2.32%	208,833	-636
265.80	3.16%	284,211	Waltham Forest	268.02	3.14%	282,499	-1,712
5,398.90	64.14%	5,772,853		5,466.23	64.02%	5,761,527	-11,325
8,417.00	100.00%	9,000,000	Totals	8,538.72	100.00%	9,000,000	0

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