

## Report – Policy and Resources Committee

### Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grants Scheme 2017/18 Levy

*To be presented on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

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

#### SUMMARY

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.

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 2017.

We therefore report that on 6 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 19 January 2017 the Committee considered and approved the total amount of expenditure to be incurred in 2017/18 (i.e. £8.668m. £7.668m of which would come from the constituent councils of the Scheme) as well as the City Corporation's subscription to it (i.e. £7,744).
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 2017.

3. On 31 January 2017 London Councils confirmed that over two-thirds of constituent councils had agreed the expenditure to be incurred for 2017/18. As the Court of Common Council was not due to meet within this period its approval to issue the levies before the statutory deadline was sought under the urgency procedures.
4. Approval was subsequently given to the levy £7.668m applying to constituent councils for 2017/18 as set out in the appendix to this report.

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

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Mark Boleat**  
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

# Appendix 1

## Borough Subscriptions 2017/18

ONS Mid-2014 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2016/17 Base Borough Contribution (£)		ONS Mid-2015 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2017/18 Base Borough Contribution (£)	Base Difference from 2016/17 (£)
<b>Inner London</b>							
234.85	2.71%	247,537	Camden	241.06	2.78%	213,113	-34,424
8.07	0.09%	8,506	City of London	8.76	0.10%	7,744	-762
268.68	3.10%	283,195	Greenwich	274.80	3.17%	242,941	-40,253
263.15	3.03%	277,366	Hackney	269.01	3.10%	237,823	-39,543
178.37	2.06%	188,006	Hammersmith	179.41	2.07%	158,610	-29,396
221.03	2.55%	232,971	Islington	227.69	2.63%	201,293	-31,677
156.19	1.80%	164,628	Kensington	157.71	1.82%	139,426	-25,202
318.22	3.67%	335,411	Lambeth	324.43	3.74%	286,818	-48,593
291.93	3.37%	307,701	Lewisham	297.33	3.43%	262,859	-44,841
302.54	3.49%	318,884	Southwark	308.90	3.56%	273,088	-45,796
284.02	3.27%	299,363	Tower Hamlets	295.24	3.40%	261,012	-38,352
312.15	3.60%	329,013	Wandsworth	314.54	3.63%	278,074	-50,939
233.29	2.69%	245,893	Westminster	242.30	2.79%	214,209	-31,684
<b>3,072.49</b>	<b>35.42%</b>	<b>3,238,473</b>		<b>3,141.18</b>	<b>36.21%</b>	<b>2,777,011</b>	<b>-461,461</b>
<b>Outer London</b>							
198.29	2.29%	209,002	Barking	201.98	2.33%	178,564	-30,438
374.92	4.32%	395,174	Barnet	379.69	4.38%	335,671	-59,503
239.87	2.77%	252,828	Bexley	242.14	2.79%	214,068	-38,760
320.76	3.70%	338,088	Brent	324.01	3.74%	286,446	-51,642
321.28	3.70%	338,636	Bromley	324.86	3.75%	287,198	-51,438
376.04	4.34%	396,354	Croydon	379.03	4.37%	335,088	-61,267
342.12	3.94%	360,602	Ealing	343.06	3.96%	303,288	-57,314
324.57	3.74%	342,104	Enfield	328.43	3.79%	290,354	-51,750
267.54	3.08%	281,993	Haringey	272.86	3.15%	241,226	-40,767
246.01	2.84%	259,300	Harrow	247.13	2.85%	218,479	-40,821
245.97	2.84%	259,258	Havering	249.09	2.87%	220,212	-39,046
292.69	3.37%	308,502	Hillingdon	297.74	3.43%	263,222	-45,280
265.57	3.06%	279,917	Hounslow	268.77	3.10%	237,610	-42,306
169.96	1.96%	179,142	Kingston	173.53	2.00%	153,412	-25,730
203.52	2.35%	214,515	Merton	204.57	2.36%	180,853	-33,661
324.32	3.74%	341,840	Newham	332.82	3.84%	294,235	-47,606
293.06	3.38%	308,892	Redbridge	296.79	3.42%	262,382	-46,510
193.59	2.23%	204,048	Richmond	194.73	2.25%	172,154	-31,894
198.13	2.28%	208,833	Sutton	200.15	2.31%	176,946	-31,888
268.02	3.09%	282,499	Waltham Forest	271.17	3.13%	239,732	-42,767
<b>5,466.23</b>	<b>63.02%</b>	<b>5,761,527</b>		<b>5,532.55</b>	<b>63.79%</b>	<b>4,891,141</b>	<b>-870,387</b>
<b>8,538.72</b>	<b>98.44%</b>	<b>9,000,000</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,673.73</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>7,668,152</b>	<b>-1,331,848</b>

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