



Report – Policy and Resources Committee

London Councils Grants Scheme 2015/16 Levy -Report of Urgent Action Taken

To be presented on Thursday 5th March 2015

*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 2015.
3. We therefore report that on 2 February 2015, 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 22 January 2015 the Committee considered and approved the total amount of expenditure to be incurred in 2015/16 (i.e. £10.5m. £9m of which would come from the constituent councils of the Scheme) as well as the City Corporation's subscription to it (i.e. £8,126).

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 2015.
3. On 26 January 2015 London Councils confirmed that over two-thirds of constituent councils had agreed the expenditure to be incurred for 2015/16. 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 2015 was sought under the urgency procedures.
4. Approval was subsequently given to the levy £9m applying to constituent councils for 2015/16 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, 2014.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Mark John Boleat
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

Borough Subscriptions 2015/16

ONS Mid-2012 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2014/15 Base Borough Contribution (£)		ONS Mid-2013 Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2015/16 Base Borough Contribution (£)	Base Difference from 2014/15 (£)
Inner London							
224.96	2.71%	243,687	Camden	229.70	2.73%	245,610	1,923
7.60	0.09%	8,233	City of London	7.60	0.09%	8,126	-106
260.07	3.13%	281,720	Greenwich	264.00	3.14%	282,286	566
252.12	3.03%	273,108	Hackney	257.40	3.06%	275,229	2,121
179.85	2.16%	194,822	Hammersmith and Fulham	178.70	2.12%	191,078	-3,744
211.05	2.54%	228,619	Islington	215.70	2.56%	230,640	2,022
155.93	1.88%	168,910	Kensington and Chelsea	155.60	1.85%	166,378	-2,533
310.20	3.73%	336,023	Lambeth	314.20	3.73%	335,963	-60
281.56	3.39%	304,998	Lewisham	286.20	3.40%	306,024	1,025
293.53	3.53%	317,965	Southwark	298.50	3.55%	319,175	1,211
263.00	3.17%	284,893	Tower Hamlets	272.90	3.24%	291,802	6,909
308.31	3.71%	333,975	Wandsworth	310.80	3.69%	332,327	-1,648
223.86	2.69%	242,495	Westminster	226.80	2.69%	242,509	14
2,972.04	35.77%	3,219,447		3,018.10	35.86%	3,227,147	7,700
Outer London							
190.56	2.29%	206,423	Barking and Dagenham	194.40	2.31%	207,865	1,442
363.96	4.38%	394,258	Barnet	369.10	4.39%	394,666	408
234.27	2.82%	253,772	Bexley	236.70	2.81%	253,095	-677
314.66	3.79%	340,854	Brent	317.30	3.77%	339,278	-1,576
314.04	3.78%	340,182	Bromley	317.90	3.78%	339,919	-263
368.89	4.44%	399,598	Croydon	372.80	4.43%	398,622	-976
340.67	4.10%	369,029	Ealing	342.50	4.07%	366,223	-2,806
317.28	3.82%	343,692	Enfield	320.50	3.81%	342,699	-993
258.91	3.12%	280,463	Haringey	263.40	3.13%	281,644	1,181
242.38	2.92%	262,557	Harrow	243.40	2.89%	260,259	-2,298
239.73	2.89%	259,686	Havering	242.10	2.88%	258,869	-817
281.76	3.39%	305,215	Hillingdon	286.80	3.41%	306,665	1,450
259.05	3.12%	280,615	Hounslow	262.40	3.12%	280,575	-40
163.91	1.97%	177,555	Kingston upon Thames	166.80	1.98%	178,353	799
202.22	2.43%	219,054	Merton	203.20	2.41%	217,275	-1,779
314.08	3.78%	340,226	Newham	318.20	3.78%	340,240	14
284.62	3.43%	308,313	Redbridge	288.30	3.43%	308,269	-44
189.14	2.28%	204,885	Richmond upon Thames	191.40	2.27%	204,657	-228
193.63	2.33%	209,749	Sutton	195.90	2.33%	209,469	-280
262.57	3.16%	284,428	Waltham Forest	265.80	3.16%	284,211	-217
5,336.33	64.23%	5,780,553		5,398.90	64.14%	5,772,853	-7,700
8,308.37	100.00%	9,000,000	Totals	8,417.00	100.00%	9,000,000	0

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