

Subject: The 2017/18 GLA Group Budget

Report to: Budget and Performance Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 5 January 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information in relation to Budget and Performance Committee questions to senior representatives from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), and the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) about plans for the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group Budget in 2017/18.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report, puts questions to the guests on the 2017/18 GLA Group Budget and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Budget and Performance Committee's key responsibility is its annual scrutiny of the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year. This involves detailed examination of the Mayor's plans for spending his budget to help ensure taxpayers' money is spent appropriately and effectively.

The annual budget setting process

- 3.2 Each summer the Mayor publishes Budget Guidance to the functional bodies on the preparation of their budgets. This contains information about the likely level of funding available for the next financial year as well as the Mayor's priorities for each organisation.
- 3.3 In the autumn the Committee publishes its Pre-Budget Report, based on evidence from the GLA and functional body representatives, making recommendations to the Mayor for his draft Budget, which he publishes for consultation annually - usually in December.
- 3.4 The Committee produces a formal response to the Mayor's draft budget, which informs the full Assembly's debate and vote on the Mayor's proposals in February. The Assembly has the power to amend the total budget requirement for each functional body if a two-thirds majority agree to do so. The Mayor then publishes his final Budget before the start of the financial year in April.

2017-18 budget setting

- 3.5 On 24 November 2016, the Committee put questions to the following guests as part of its discussion on the initial proposals for the GLA's budget:
- David Bellamy, Mayor's Chief of Staff, GLA;
 - Dr. Nick Bowes, Mayoral Director, Policy, GLA;
 - Jeff Jacobs, Head of Paid Service and Executive Director (Communities and Intelligence), GLA;
 - Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources, GLA;
 - Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment, GLA;
 - David Lunts, Executive Director of Housing and Land, GLA; and
 - Leah Kreitzman, Mayoral Director, External and International Affairs.
- 3.6 The Committee published its Pre-Budget Report on 19 December 2016.¹

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the 2017/18 budget for police:
- Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, GLA;
 - Rebecca Lawrence, Director of Strategy, MOPAC;
 - Annabel Cowell, Head of Strategic Finance and Resource, MOPAC ; and
 - Alex Anderson, Strategic Finance and Resource Management Accountant, MOPAC.
- 4.2 The following guests have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the 2017/18 budget for LLDC:
- David Goldstone CBE, Chief Executive, LLDC; and
 - Gerry Murphy, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, LLDC.
- 4.3 The following guests have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the 2017/18 budget for OPDC:
- Victoria Hills, Chief Executive Officer, OPDC; and
 - Doug Wilson, Chief Finance Officer, OPDC.
- 4.4 The Committee has arranged to meet representatives from the Transport for London and the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority on 4 January 2017, and is due to meet the Mayor, his Chief of Staff, and the GLA Executive Director of Resources on 10 January 2017.

¹ Available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/pre-budget-report-2016>

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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