

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY and RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 6.00pm in Office 1, Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, Queen's Park, London W10 4JL

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Musa Ahmed, Philip Andokou, Katie Cowan (6.30pm), Gill Fitzhugh, Julius Hogben, Emma Morgan, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate, Emma Sweeney

Also in attendance: Cllr Ryan Dalton  
Linda Butcher – Director  
1 member of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any dis-closable pecuniary interests and interest other than pecuniary interests, as defined under Queen's Park Community Council's Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda. None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive any questions, or brief representations, from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No. 3 e, f, g and h.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014

**P&R.139** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **FINANCE**

#### 2014-2015 Budget Reports

The Director explained the budget reports as presented and these were **NOTED**.

#### 2015-2016 Budget Proposals

The Director confirmed that the precept for the current year is £136,897.19 and that the tax base for 2015-2016 has increased to 3156.38 equivalent Band D properties. This equates to £43.37 per Band D household if the same total precept is required.

She then explained that a 1% increase would make an additional 43p per Band D property. If the precept was rounded up to £137,000 this would increase the Band D contribution by 3p per year.

2015-2016 Precept Recommendation

The Committee then discussed the implications of increasing the precept for 2015-2016. Member's Allowances had not yet been decided and this will be pursued with Westminster City Council.

In answer to a query from the Director it was

**P & R.140 RESOLVED** that unspent budgets would be carried forward within that spending head although it may be necessary to re-consider some of the budget headings in the future.

It was suggested that perhaps the Council could seek a grant from the Minor Estate Improvements Grant in order to pay for the additional notice boards.

During the discussions it was also AGREED that the Council would need to try and generate more revenue for the Council.

**P & R.141 RECOMMEND** to Council that the precept remains the same for 2015-2016, i.e. £44.40 per Band D property giving a total precept of £140,143.27 taking into account the higher tax base.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm