

CABINET – 17 NOVEMBER 2016

Written response to Councillor questions 16-19 not reached at Cabinet

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Questioner: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

Question 16: “What proportion of the expected capital receipts outlined in the disposals programme 2016/17 (pp. 83-92) will be allocated to each category – (a) “to reduce the borrowing requirements of the Council’s capital programme”, (b) “re-invested into improving the borough’s infrastructure” or (c) “applied under capital flexibilities to transform service delivery” – listed on page 90?”

Question 17: “What is the approximate saving in the Council’s borrowing requirements anticipated from the disposal programme’s expected capital receipts?”

Question 18: “What improvements, ranked by priority and monetary amounts needed, in the borough’s infrastructure are expected to be funded by the disposal programme’s expected capital receipts?”

Question 19: “What service transformations, ranked by priority and monetary amounts needed, will be funded by the disposal programme’s expected capital receipts?”

Written Response: In the Spending Review 2015, it was announced that to support local authorities to deliver more efficient and sustainable services, the government will allow local authorities to spend up to 100% of their fixed asset receipts on the revenue costs of reform projects. This flexibility is being offered to the sector for the three financial years 2016/17 to 2018/19.

The Council signified its intent to make use of this flexibility in its final budget report to Cabinet and Council in February 2016.

In terms of the required reporting requirements, DCLG recommend each authority disclose the projects that will be funded or part funded through capital receipts to full Council. This requirement can be satisfied as part of the annual budget setting process. Therefore in accordance with the reporting requirements, the optimum use of capital receipts, that fall within this flexibility, is being considered as part of the budget setting process and Medium Term Financial Strategy which will be reported to December and February Cabinets and finally approved by full Council in February

2017.