

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive
Tuesday 1 March 2016 9:30am**

Cllr Claire Kober was in the chair

Present

Member	Position
Mayor Jules Pipe	Chair
Cllr Claire Kober	Deputy-chair
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE	Vice-chair
Cllr Ruth Dombey	Vice-chair
Mr Mark Boleat	
Mayor Sir Steve Bullock	
Cllr Ray Puddifoot MBE	
Cllr Lib Peck	

London Councils officers were in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence and announcement of deputies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Philippa Roe, Cllr Peter John OBE and Cllr Julian Bell and for lateness from Mayor Jules Pipe. Executive Deputy-chair Cllr Claire Kober chaired the meeting in Mayor Pipe's absence.

2. Declaration of interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19 January 2016

Under matters arising Cllr Teresa O'Neill raised the question of the effect of measures in the Immigration Bill on boroughs responsibilities towards those seeking support under No Recourse to Public Fund Arrangements and officers advised that the effects of those measures were presently unclear but would be kept under review.

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 19 January 2016 were agreed.

4. Business Plan 2016/17

The Chief Executive introduced the item saying that following a series of meetings between the Chair and portfolio holders, the business plan for 2016/17, including the proposed purpose, themes, work programmes and services would be submitted to the Leaders' Committee meeting on 22 March for consideration.

Mr Mark Boleat asked whether any connection was being made between Transport/Mobility and Education/Skills because young people faced high transport costs if obliged to travel for work. Currently the system in London benefitted the elderly rich and disadvantaged the young poor. Cllr Ruth Dombey concurred with this point saying that the cost of transport was not mentioned in Area-Based Reviews on Further Education.

The Deputy-chair asked for officers to take on board the points made and the Executive agreed to note that the Business Plan would be submitted for noting at Leaders' Committee on 22 March 2016 incorporating comments from this meeting.

5. Month 9 Revenue Forecast 2015/16

The Director of Corporate Resources introduced the report explaining problems that had emerged with the Grants budget because the ESF programme that had been scheduled to start in January 2016 had slipped into the next financial year and some provision may need to be made in the summer to cover any deficit.

Mayor Jules Pipe arrived but the Deputy-chair continued to chair the meeting.

Cllr Ray Puddifoot MBE commended the report as representing a good financial position to be in but expressed concern over the use of balances when there were challenges ahead for London Councils. In reply the Director of Corporate Resources pointed out

that since the last review, balances had been used to avoid increasing the amount paid by boroughs in subscriptions.

The Executive agreed to note the overall forecast surplus as at 31 December 2015 (Month 9) of £1.989 million and note the position on reserves as detailed in the report.

6. Debtors Update Report

The Director of Corporate Resources introduced the report saying that, as is ever the case with these debtors reports, the figure for debt had fallen since the report was circulated – from £2.25m to £791,000 – and all the borough debts except that of R.B. Kensington and Chelsea had been cleared.

The Executive agreed to:

- Note the level of outstanding debt
- Approve the write-off of £1,485.75 in respect of the invoice to the Community Development Institute (CDI) to recover unused European Social Fund (ESF) community grant funding and
- Note the specific action being taken in respect of significant debtors, as detailed in the report.

The Executive resolved to remove the press and public.

The Executive ended at 9:50

	Item	Action	Progress
4.	Business Plan 2016/17	CG	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit the Business Plan for noting at Leaders' Committee on 22 March 2016 incorporating comments from this meeting.		