

CABINET

HELD: Tuesday, 15 November 2022

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.10 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Portfolio

Councillor Yvonne Gagen	Leader of the Council
Councillor Gareth Dowling	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities and Community Safety. Dementia Champion and Food Security Champion
Councillor Carl Coughlan	Portfolio Holder for Leisure; and Youth Champion
Councillor Vickie Cummins	Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing
Councillor Anne Mary Fennell	Portfolio Holder for Planning
Councillor Nicola Pryce-Roberts	Portfolio Holder for Housing

In attendance:

Councillors

David Westley and Adrian Owens (Virtual)

Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer
Heidi McDougall, Corporate Director of Place & Community
Chris Twomey, Corporate Director of Housing, Transformation & Resources
James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services
Simon Kirby, Head of Wellbeing & Place Services (Virtual)
Lisa Windle, Head of Corporate & Customer Services (Virtual)
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager
Claire Kelly, Principal Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Jonathan Mitchell, Housing Strategy & Development Programme Manager
Elizabeth Morgan - Digital Communications Manager (Virtual)

34 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

35 SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of special urgency.

36 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests received.

38 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 September 2022 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

39 MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 367 to 508 and 613 to 640 of the Book of Reports.

40 2022/23 QUARTER 2 GRA REVENUE MONITORING

The Leader, Councillor Gagen introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which provided a summary of the General Revenue Account (GRA) position for the 2022/23 financial year at quarter 2 and sought approval of the budget amendments set out in the report.

The Minutes of the Budget/Council Plan and the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committees had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the 2022/23 GRA position be noted, and the budget amendments reported be endorsed.

41 2022/23 QUARTER 2 GRA CAPITAL MONITORING

The Leader introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which provided the Revised General Revenue Account (GRA) Capital Programme for 2022/23 and an update on the progress of capital schemes at quarter 2.

The Minutes of the Budget/Council Plan and the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committees had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: A. That the revised Capital Programme for 2022/23 of £12.147m, including the re-profiling, virements and budget adjustments

contained within Appendix A, be noted and endorsed.

- B. That the 2022/23 budget additions of £1.800m to the 2022/23 budget and £296k 2023/24 budget, to existing schemes within the approved programme, contained in Appendix A for approval by Council in December 2022, be noted and endorsed.
- C. That the progress against the Revised Capital Programme at Quarter 2 be noted.

42 **22/23 QUARTER 2 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING**

The Leader and Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which provided a summary of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing capital programme positions for the 2022/23 financial year.

The Minutes of the Budget/Council Plan and the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committees and the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group), together with some additional information revising paragraphs 10.1 and 10.2 of the report, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein, including the additional information circulated prior to the meeting.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the 2022/23 HRA and Housing capital programme positions be noted.
 - B. That the proposed budget adjustments identified in section 7 and the revised paragraph 10.1 of the report be endorsed.

43 **22/23 TM MID-YEAR PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

The Leader introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which detailed the Treasury Management operations for the first half of 2022/23 and reported on the Prudential Indicators, where available.

The Minutes of the Budget/Council Plan and the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committees had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the Treasury Management activity and Prudential Indicator performance for the first quarter of 2022/23 be noted.
 - B. That the changes to the Prudential Indicators highlighted in

section 7 for approval by Council in December 2022, be noted and endorsed.

44 RESULTS OF CITIZEN SURVEY 2022

The Leader introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which detailed the results of the Citizen Survey 2022.

The Minute of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the results of the Citizens Survey, attached as an Appendix, be noted, and the main results reports be published on the Council website and submitted to the Local Government Association (LGA).
 - B. That the proposals for future actions set out in Section 7 of the report be endorsed.

45 HOUSING STRATEGY

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director Transformation, Housing and Resources, which provided an update about the Councils Housing Strategy and sought endorsement of the Housing Strategy vision and delivery objectives.

The minutes of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the current position as it relates to the development of an updated Housing Strategy be noted.
 - B. That the use of the Housing Strategy vision and delivery objectives, as shown in Section 6 of the report, until March 2024, be endorsed.

46 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration

of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (financial/business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(Note: No representations had been received in relation to the following item being considered in private)

47 **MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to reports on the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 509 to 612 and 641 to 642 of the Book of Reports:

48 **BEACON GOLF COURSE AND PARK**

Councillor Coughlan introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which provided a report from external consultants in relation to the future of Beacon Golf Course and set out options and cost implications in respect of the future operation of the golf course and associated buildings. Consideration was also given to the additional information circulated with the report in respect of Option F and the minute and recommendation of the Leisure Procurement Committee.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it, the additional information in respect of Option F and the minute and recommendation of the Leisure Procurement Committee.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations to Council set out at paragraph 4 of the report be approved.

49 **UPDATE ON HOUSING REPAIRS SERVICE**

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which provided an update on the repairs contract and sought approval of proposed amendments.

The minute of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations to Council set out at paragraph 4 of the report be approved.

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