

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 7.22pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Y Gagen (Chairperson)
G Dowling (Vice-Chairperson)

Councillors: M Anderson J Mee
R Bailey M Parlour
C Coughlan N Pryce-Roberts
V Cummins I Rigby
I Eccles D Westley
N Furey D Whittington
K Lloyd

Officers: Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Executive
Chris Twomey, Deputy Chief Executive
Kay Lovelady, Chief Legal and Democratic Services Officer
James Pierce, Director of Finance and Resources
Paul Charlson, Assistant Director Planning & Regulatory Services
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager,
Tom McGowan, Strategic Planning Manager
Alison Grimes, Performance Improvement Lead
Nicola Hamilton, Senior Planning Officer S106/CIL
Estelle Dobson, Revenue Manager
Jill Ryan, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor T de Freitas and the appointment of Councillor J Mee for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

3 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON

There were no items of urgent business.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were received:

1. Councillors Mee and Whittington declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 11 'Capital Programme Out-Turn' in view of their membership of a Parish Council.

2. Councillors Bailey and D Westley declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to item 8 'Council Performance Delivery – Q4 2023/24, Item 11 'Capital Programme Outturn' and item 12 'Housing Account – Draft Revenue & Capital Outturn', as Members of Lancashire County Council, as did Councillors Coughlan and Gagen as an employee of Lancashire County Council.
3. Councillor Rigby declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 'HRA – Revenue & Capital Outturn' as he has a connected person who is a tenant of rented Council accommodation. Insofar as that interest becomes a pecuniary interest (as it would affect the financial position of their relative and a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard this as so significant that it is likely to prejudice their judgement of the public interest) they declared that interest but considered that they were entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption as nothing in these reports relates particularly to the relevant tenancy or lease.

5 **MINUTES**

There were no minutes to receive.

6 **CONFIRMATION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

AGREED: That the appointments of Working Groups for 2024/25 as circulated at the Annual Meeting on 15 May 2024, with the terms of reference now included in the Constitution.

7 **ALLOCATION OF S106 FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH MEOLS LEISURE CENTRE, BANKS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services as contained on pages 9 to 14 of the Book of Reports which sought authorisation to allocate Section 106 (S106) commuted sums received from planning permission 2013/0030/OUT, for the provision of children's play space, outdoor green gym and associated environmental improvements at North Meols Leisure Centre.

AGREED: That the Policy and Resources Committee approves the allocation and spending of £120,000 of the S106 off-site open space commuted sum received in relation to planning permission 2013/0030/OUT for the provision of children's play space, outdoor green gym and associated environmental improvements at North Meols Leisure Centre.

8 **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE DELIVERY – Q4 2023/24**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Corporate and Customer Services as contained on pages 15 to 29 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to present the performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 March 2024.

AGREED: That the Council's performance for its key performance indicators for the quarter ended 31 March 2024 be noted.

9 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Resources as contained on pages 31 to 39 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to inform Members of the Treasury Management performance and Prudential Indicators for the year ended 31 March 2024..

AGREED: (A) That the investment performance in paragraph 5.3 of the report be noted.

(B) That the prudential indicators as set out in paragraph 8.1 of the report be noted.

10 **GRA REVENUE OUTTURN DRAFT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Resources as contained on pages 41 to 44 of the Book of Reports the report provided a summary of the outturn position on the General Revenue Account (GRA) for the 2023/24 financial year, noting the Council's use of GRA reserves and balances.

It was also noted that the report was no longer a draft as indicated in the report.

AGREED: That the revenue outturn position of the 2023/24 GRA be noted and any comments forwarded to the Finance Lead Member in advance of Council on the 17 July 2024.

11 **2023-24 GRA CAPITAL OUTTURN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Resources as contained on pages 45 to 60 of the Book of Reports which provided a summary of the Capital Outturn position on the General Revenue Account (GRA) for the 2023/24 finance year.

AGREED: (A) That the Capital Outturn position and the proposed Capital allocation set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

(B) That the Capital Programme and re-profiling in Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

12 **HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL DRAFT OUTTURN 2023/24**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Resources as contained on pages 61 to 70 of the Book of Reports and the minute from Landlord Services Committee (Working Group) held on the 19 June 2024 as circulated in the

Late Information report.

AGREED: That the draft financial outturn position of the 2023/24 and Capital Investment Programme be noted and any comments forwarded to the Housing Lead Member in advance of Council on 17 July 2024.

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Chairperson