

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday 21st November, 2022 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Wednesday 23rd November, 2022

Date which any call in must be received by: Wednesday 30th November, 2022

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Thursday 1st December, 2022

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6th months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	<p>Item 12: 'Housing Regulation Enforcement, Licensing and Civil Financial Penalties Polices', Councillor Swindlehurst declared that he had been appointed by the Council as a director of DISH.</p> <p>Item 9: 'Recommissioning of Voluntary and Community Sector Contracts', Councillor Akram declared that she had been appointed by the Council to the Board of Slough CVS.</p>	-	-

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2.	Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th October and 2nd November 2022	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Financial Action Plan Update	That the progress and issues set out in the Financial Action Plan be noted and that the report be recommended to Council.	All	Recommended
4.	Financial Update Report – 2022/23	<p>That it be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the 2022/23 forecast year-end position for the General Fund, taking account of use of all capitalisation direction amendments, is a fully balanced position. However, within this, there is an overspend of £7.322m across service areas, comprising a shortfall on in-year savings after mitigations of £4.309m against the total target of £19.958m, and including the loss set out in the latest SCF business plan of £5.175m. This is then balanced through an improvement in the collection fund position, the application of settlement monies received, the impact of capital receipts on MRP and a reduction in the use of capitalisation; • that the revenue budgets as presented in this report assume that the virements as set out in Appendix E have been approved; 	All	Resolved

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the General Fund Capital Programme is forecasting an underspend of £0.700m at a spend of £27.955m; • that the HRA is forecasting a contribution to the HRA reserve of £1.827m, a £0.850m adverse variance against budget; • that the HRA Capital Programme is forecasting on budget at a spend of £10.720m; • that the DSG balance is forecast to be a cumulative deficit of £27.290m by the end of this financial year with plans to reduce the in-year movement to a balanced position by 2025/26; • that maintained schools are projecting a reduction in balances by 31 March 2023 from £9.555m to £5.465m, with 4 out of 16 schools expecting to be in deficit with an aggregate deficit of £0.647m. 		

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5.	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the Treasury Management activities for the first half of 2022/23 is set out in the body of this report. b) Approved the revised treasury debt maturity profile limit indicator. Para 2.63 c) Approved the revised limits for investments and service loans. Appendix 2 	All	
6.	Improvement and Recovery Update #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the progress made by the Council in addressing the Directions of the Secretary of State; b) Commented on the contents of the report and agreed the additional information or issues Cabinet would like to be cited on included a SEND update to Cabinet in December 2022; emergency planning update by February 2023; and resident engagement and consultation. c) Agreed to the proposed next steps to deliver against the action plans and other workstreams that have been developed to address the Directions; d) Agreed to further regular updates of progress to be submitted on a quarterly basis, with exact timings dependent on the cycle of Commissioner's reports to Government. 	All	Resolved

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		e) Agreed to recommend the update report to Council.		Recommended
7.	Public Interest Report - Disabled Facilities Grants	<p>1. Noted the Public Interest Report;</p> <p>2. Agreed the lessons learned and actions to be taken in response;</p> <p>3. Requested that the Customer and Community Scrutiny Panel include the public interest report in its planned review of the Council's complaints procedure against the LGSCO's best practice guidance and report back with recommendations.</p>	All	Resolved
8.	Slough Housing Assistance Policy 2022-2027	Approved the new Housing Assistance Policy 2022-2027, as at Appendix 1 to the report.	All	Resolved
9.	Recommissioning of Voluntary and Community Sector Contracts	<p>1. Approved the procurement of a Voluntary and Community Sector Service for up to five years (three year contract plus two optional extensions of one year each, subject to satisfactory performance) from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2028.</p> <p>2. Approved the procurement of an Advice and Information Service for up to five years (three year contract plus two optional extensions of one year each, subject to satisfactory performance) from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2028.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>3. Approved the funding envelope for the two contracts to a maximum value of £2,641,255 over a five year period</p> <p>4. Approved the transfer back in-house of the carers element of the current services at a cost of £65k per annum, with carers assessments and activities being undertaken by a Carers Co-ordinator. .</p> <p>5. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for People (Adults), in consultation with the Lead Member for Social Care and Public Health, and the Director of Finance, to undertake the procurement process.</p> <p>6. Noted the detailed performance information concerning current contracts.</p> <p>7. Noted that recommendations for contract award will be presented to Cabinet in Spring 2023, and that periodic updates concerning performance of the new voluntary and community sector contracts will be presented to Cabinet.</p>		
10.	Re-procurement of an Integrated Substance Misuse Recovery and Treatment services including Rough Sleepers Outreach Service	<p>1. Agreed to the award of contract(s) with supplier A for the delivery of two services:</p> <p>Service 1: The Integrated Adults and Young Peoples' Substance Misuse Treatment Services which will be for a</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>9-year period (five-years plus two extension periods of two years, subject to satisfactory performance.) This service will operate from 1st April 2023 and will be funded through the Public Health Grant, the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant and the Rough Sleepers Initiative Grant. The total value of this service for the first five years is £ 6,394,360. Thereafter, any extensions will be dependent upon the overall value of the Public Health grant thus renegotiations may be necessary.</p> <p>Service 2: The Rough Sleepers' Substance Misuse Outreach service for 2 years (1 year plus a 1 year extension, subject to continuation of grant funding and good performance). The new contract will commence 1st April 2023. This will be funded through the OHID Rough Sleepers Drug Treatment & Recovery grant (Office for Health Improvement and Disparities) at a total value of £619,034.</p>		

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		<p>2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for People (Adults) in consultation with the Lead Member for Public Health and Social Care to complete the final negotiations and enter into the contract(s) with Supplier A.</p> <p>3. Approved the grant of a lease and any supplemental document(s) of Elliman Resource Unit 27 Pursers Court Slough SL2 5DL to Supplier A for a minimum term of 5 years commencing 1 April 2023 at nil rent. This is an exceptional arrangement and should not be utilised in the future.</p> <p>4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Resources and Executive Director of Property and Housing to finalise terms and execute the lease and supplemental documentation of the above property to Supplier A.</p>		
11.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Domiciliary Care Contracts (Tranche 2)	<p>1. Agreed to the award of contracts to 12 suppliers for the provision of domiciliary care. This will be to suppliers 3,4,5,7,8,9,12,13, 14,16,18, and 21. Full details are contained at Exempt Appendix 1 the following suppliers:</p> <p>2. Agreed to the issuing of contract extensions and variations to existing tranche 2 suppliers, who did not bid for a new contract for a six month period until 21 May</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>2023. This will enable suppliers to continue to work with up to 177 service users, but not to take on new referrals, whilst alternatives arrangements are put in place.</p> <p>3. Agreed to the re-tendering of tranche 3 contracts for domiciliary care and related unregulated support services, when contracts expire in 2023. This will be using the same process as for tranche 1 and tranche 2 contracts and will include support services contracts as a separate lot.</p> <p>4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for People (Adults) in consultation with the Lead Member for Public Health and Social Care to enter into the tranche 2 contracts, and retender the tranche 3 contracts for domiciliary care.</p>		
12.	Housing Regulation Enforcement, Licensing and Civil Financial Penalties Policies	<p>1. Approved the Housing Regulation Enforcement Policy, Licensing Decisions Policy and Revised Policy and Protocol for Issuing Civil Financial Penalties under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Appendix A, B and C).</p> <p>2. Delegated authority to make minor amendments to the policies, to the Executive Director for Place and Communities, following consultation with the Lead Member for Housing.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>3. Request the Customer & Community Scrutiny Panel to consider a piece of work to look into the community and streetscene issues arising from the presence of a significant number of HMOs.</p> <p>4. Request Officers to review website for clarity on reporting housing regulation and licensing issues.</p>		
13.	Smart, Sponge Catchments Project	<p>1. Agreed to continuance of the project (subject to grant funding) with the Council as Lead Authority for project management, noting in particular the partnership approach, the proposed procurement strategy and governance arrangements;</p> <p>2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director – Place and Communities, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transport & The Local Environment to:</p> <p>(a) Enter into the grant agreements with Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) and National Flood Forum (NFF);</p> <p>(b) Approve extensions and variations to the grant agreements to WWT and NFF, subject to available grant funding, for the life of the project through to April 2027, encompassing extensions for 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/7 financial years.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>3. Delegated authority to the Executive Director – Place and Communities, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transport & The Local Environment to commence the process for commissioning technical consultancy and smart technology services for the project, to have oversight of the procurement process and to:</p> <p>(a) Approve the procurement and award of contract of technical consultancy services to complete hydraulic modelling of options, assessments, and conceptual design to an expected maximum value of £106,000;</p> <p>(b) Approve the procurement and award of contract of technical consultancy services to inform and prepare the Full Business Case to an expected maximum value of £455,000;</p> <p>(c) Approve the procurement and award of contract of smart technology services to inform the Full Business Case, including the proof of concept, sensor trials and development of a data sharing platform, to an expected maximum value of £92,800; and</p> <p>(d) Approve the procurement of smart technology services to operate and</p>		

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		<p>evaluate sensor monitoring and the data platform to an expected maximum value of £511,500 to cover the period to 31st March 2027 and to note that the Executive Director will report to Cabinet for recommendation of award of contract where the contract value exceeds £500,000.</p> <p>4. Approved the Executive Director - Place and Communities as project sponsor and delegate responsibility to maintain and update the Governance Strategy for the project.</p>		
14.	Recommendations from Cabinet Committee on Asset Disposals *	<p><u>Avison Young Appointment to support the Asset Disposals Programme</u></p> <p>Approved the appointment of Avison Young to support the implementation of the Asset Disposal Strategy for the period 2022 to 2027, and delegate authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Property, in consultation with the S151 officer, and subject to legal advice, to enter into contract with Avison Young for property asset disposal related support services, at an estimated cost of £3.020m, which will be met from the capital receipts generated from asset disposals.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p><u>Disposal of Council Asset – Lavender Farm</u></p> <p>Agreed to the disposal of Lavender Farm and to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Property and Housing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Oversight and Council Assets and the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial, to negotiate the terms of and enter into the contract and other legal documentation in connection with the disposal subject to the terms being consistent with the Heads of Terms appended at Confidential Appendix 3 and the information provided within this report.</p>		
15.	References from Overview & Scrutiny	None.	All	
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public	Not required. All business was conducted in public without disclosing any exempt information.	-	-
17.	Part II Minutes of the Special Cabinet meeting held on 2nd November 2022	Agreed.	-	-
18.	Re - procurement of an Integrated Substance Misuse Recovery and Treatment services including Rough Sleepers Outreach Service - Appendices 1 and 2	Noted.	All	-

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19.	Re-procurement of Adult Social Care Domiciliary Care Contracts (Tranche 2) - Appendices 1-4	Noted.	All	-
20.	Recommendations from the Cabinet Committee for Asset Disposals - Appendices	Noted.	All	-