

# CABINET Post-Decision

## Summary of the Decisions taken

**Date of Meeting** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2022 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

**Date of Delivery to Members:** Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022

**Date which any call in must be received by:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

**Implementation of decisions delayed to:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 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 6<sup>th</sup> months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	None.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July 2022	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Finance Action Plan Update	(a) That the update on the key areas of the work undertaken to respond to the many and very serious financial challenges and the recommendations made by external agencies be received. Specifically, on the following issues:	All	-

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• capitalisation direction and changes to the estimated value of this</li> <li>• progress being made on generating capital receipts</li> <li>• MRP</li> <li>• the Council's borrowing levels</li> <li>• accounts</li> <li>• budgets</li> <li>• the dedicated schools grant</li> <li>• the finance structure</li> <li>• revenues and benefits</li> </ul> <p>(b) That the progress and issues arising from the continued work on the above be noted.</p> <p>(c) That the report be recommended to Council.</p>		
4.	Financial Update Report - 2022/23	<p>(a) That the following be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The virements between directorates and from budgeted Capitalisation Direction as set out in Appendix I and which have been applied in the presentation of 2022/23 budgets throughout the report.</li> <li>• That approval to virements within a given directorate that do not affect the overall net budget for the directorate (“net-nil”) is delegated to</li> </ul>	All	-

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		<p>the Executive Director and the S151 Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The capital slippage from 2021/22 into 2022/23 for the General Fund (£1.959m) and the HRA (£3.983m).</li> <li>• The removal of the £2.085m IT infrastructure refresh capital budget on the basis that it is already correctly included in the revenue budget.</li> <li>• The capital slippage from 2022/23 into 2023/24 for the General Fund (£16.497m) and the HRA (£15.374m).</li> </ul> <p>(b) That the following be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that there are a number of continuing pressures arising in the 2021/22 outturn which continue into 2022/23 but have been addressed as planned through the 2022/23 Capitalisation Direction.</li> <li>• that the 2022/23 forecast year-end position for the General Fund, taking account of use of all capitalisation direction amendments, is a fully</li> </ul>		

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		<p>balanced position. However, within this, there is an overspend of £7.616m across service areas, including a shortfall on in-year savings of £4.439m against the total target of £19.958m, and including the loss set out in the latest SCF business plan. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that additional provision of £4.4m has been made for cost of living/inflation impacts above what was originally allowed for in the 2022/23 budget.</li> <li>• that the DSG balance is forecast to be a cumulative deficit of £28.863m by the end of this financial year with plans to reduce this to a balanced in-year position by 2025/26.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>		

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		<p>expecting to be in deficit with an aggregate deficit of £0.647m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the HRA is forecasting an improved position against 2022/23 revenue budget of £8.811m, with a contribution to the HRA reserve projected of £0.577m.</li> <li>• that the revenue budgets as presented in this report assume that the virements as set out in Appendix I have been approved.</li> <li>• that the capital budgets as presented in this report assume that the slippage put forward for both the General Fund and the HRA has been approved.</li> <li>• that the capital programme budget for the General Fund for 2022/23 is proposed to reduce from £45.259m to £28.655m through slippage of underspends from 2021/22 and reprofiling of project budgets into future years, and that an overspend of £0.069m is currently forecast.</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that the capital programme budget for the HRA for 2022/23 is proposed to reduce from £22.111m to £13.185m through slippage of underspends from 2021/22 and reprofiling of project budgets into future years, and that the forecast as at P4 is balanced.</li> </ul>		
5.	Update on the procurement forward plan for services in excess of £180,000 and works in excess of £1 million in 2022/23	<p>(a) That commencement of procurement for the list of goods, works or services set out in Appendix A to the report be authorised;</p> <p>(b) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Place and Communities following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Procurement &amp; Performance to award contracts, to the best value bidder, for the Bulk Liquid Fuels contract over £500k indicated in Appendix A, as requiring delegated authority to award contracts due to tight timescales involved.</p> <p>(c) That Delegated authority be given to the Chief Operating Officer following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Procurement &amp; Performance to award contracts, to the best value bidder, for the Enterprise</p>	All	Resolved

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		Resource Planning, corporate telephony, Wide Area Network, data centre hosting, cloud hosting of IT systems and disaster recovery of IT systems contracts over £500k indicated in Appendix A, as requiring delegated authority to award contracts due to tight timescales involved.		
6.	Waste Collection and Disposal Savings	<p>(a) That charges for provision of new and replacement wheeled bins and other containers set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report be agreed to come into effect on 1 November 2022.</p> <p>(b) That the charges for acceptance of certain items of waste for disposal at our Chalvey Household Waste &amp; Recycling Centre set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report be agreed to come into effect on 1 November 2022.</p> <p>(c) That it be agreed to reduce the frequency of general waste collection (grey wheeled bin) for the majority of residents from weekly to fortnightly from Monday 26 June 2023 with food waste to remain within the grey wheeled bin as part of general waste, rather than being collected separately, pending a review of options to separately collect food waste.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>(d) That it be agreed to reduce the frequency of recycling collection (red wheeled bin) for the majority of residents from weekly to fortnightly from Monday 26 June 2023.</p> <p>(e) That the waste collection &amp; disposal policies be agreed as set out in Appendix 4 – Frequently Asked Questions which would become the published response on the SBC website.</p> <p>(f) That the comments of the Place Scrutiny Panel be noted.</p>		
7.	Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Service Recovery Plan	That the timetable for consultation and approval of strategies linked to SEND services be approved.	All	Resolved
8.	Update on Annual Business Plan for Slough Children First Limited (SCF)	<p>(a) That the update concerning the development of a business plan by Slough Children First be noted.</p> <p>(b) That a maximum of £0.343m in-year increase in the contract sum to Slough Children First to £31.779m for 2022/23 be agreed. The actual sum would be dependent on the appointment of the additional resource being sought and would be paid to the company as these new staff started with the company.</p>	All	Resolved



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		<p>(c) That following the finalisation of the Mutual Ventures report, delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children’s Services, Lifelong Learning and Skills, to engage with the Department for Education on commissioning an options appraisal on alternative models for delivering children’s social care.</p>		
9.	Disposal of Council Assets in Wolverhampton, Bradford, Gosport and Basingstoke	<p>(a) Agreed to the disposal of the Wickes, Wolverhampton asset 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 enter into the contract and other legal documentation in connection with the disposal in accordance with the Heads of Terms appended at Appendix 3.</p> <p>(b) Agreed to the disposal of the Euroway Bradford asset 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</p>	All	-

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		<p>enter into the contract and other legal documentation in connection with the disposal in accordance with the Heads of Terms appended at Appendix 4.</p> <p>(c) Agreed to the disposal of the Odeon, Basingstoke asset 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 enter into the contract and other legal associated documentation in connection with the disposal in accordance with the Heads of Terms appended at Appendix 5.</p> <p>(d) Agreed to the disposal of the Waitrose, Gosport asset 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 enter into the contract and any associated documentation in connection with the disposal in accordance with the Heads of Terms appended at Appendix 6.</p>		

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10.	References from Overview and Scrutiny	The comments of the Place Scrutiny Panel were considered and noted during the waste collection and disposal savings item.  There were no other references from overview and scrutiny.	All	-
11.	Exclusion of Press and Public	All business was conducted in Part I of the agenda without disclosing any exempt information.	-	Resolved
12.	Part II Minutes - 18th July 2022	Approved.	-	Resolved
13.	Update on Annual Business Plan for Slough Children First Limited (SCF) - Appendices 1 and 2	Noted.	All	-
14.	Disposal of Council Assets in Wolverhampton, Bradford, Gosport and Basingstoke - Appendices	Noted.		-