

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 18th December, 2023 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Tuesday, 19th December, 2023

Date which any call in must be received by: Thursday, 28th December, 2023

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Friday, 29th December, 2023

(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).

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1.	Declarations of Interest	None declared.	-	
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2023	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Budget Management Quarter 2 2023/24	That the following be noted: 1. The Council's forecast overspend at the end of Quarter 2 is £8.2m, up considerably from £5.3m at the end of	All	Resolved

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		<p>Quarter 1. The risk is therefore high that without significant reductions in spend over the remainder of the financial year, the Council will be unable to balance its budget within the Capitalisation Direction.</p> <p>2. Service revenue budgets are forecast to overspend by £15.6m in 2023/24. There are Corporate underspends in respect of interest costs and receipts (£5.7m) and the Corporate Contingency budget (£5.4m) totalling £11.1m. However, the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) is showing an overspend of £3.7m. Service and Corporate budgets combined are showing an overspend of £8.2m.</p> <p>3. If drastic reductions are not made in the remainder of the financial year, the Council will be unable to balance its budget within the current capitalisation direction.</p> <p>4. Medium Term Financial Strategy Savings (MTFS) of £20.5m are expected to be delivered in 2023/24 against planned savings of £22.4m.</p> <p>5. That the Capital programme is forecast to underspend in 2023/24 by £25.5m.</p>		

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		Requests for slippage would require separate authorisation and are assumed here for the sake of clarity. A formal request for approval will form part of the Q3 Budget Management report to Cabinet in February.		
4.	General Fund Revenue Budget 2024-25, and Medium Term Financial Strategy 24/25 to 27/28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft budget proposals for 2024/25 be agreed as the basis for consultation with the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee and other interested parties. 2. That the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 to 2027/28 be agreed as the basis for consultation with the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee and other interested parties. 3. That the Council Tax Base be set at 44,358.44 (Band D equivalents) for 2024/25 as outlined in Appendix C in the supplementary agenda be agreed 4. Noted that the Council Tax base is broken down as follows between local parishes and the rest of Slough: 	All	Resolved

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5.	Slough Learning Disability Strategy 2023-28	<p>1. That the Slough Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2023-28 set out at Appendix 2 be approved</p> <p>2. That it be noted that a report would be brought back to Cabinet annually setting out the progress against the Action Plan and recommending any amendments to the Strategy.</p>	All	Resolved																								
6.	Services to support those experiencing domestic abuse	<p>(a) That the work taking place in respect of domestic abuse, the council's statutory responsibilities and a summary of an overarching needs assessment completed earlier this year be noted.</p> <p>(b) That it be agreed to extend the period of the existing contract for domestic abuse service by Hestia for one year until 31st</p>	All	Resolved																								

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		<p>December 2024, as part of a wider strategic approach to domestic abuse at the same value as the current agreed contractual rate.</p> <p>(c) That it be agreed that officers bring a further report to Cabinet in March 2024 to provide an update on progress, together with a completed Safer Accommodation Strategy and other linked strategies to enable a decision on further recommissioning of the independent domestic violence advocacy (IDVA) service to commence on 1st January 2025.</p>		
7.	Approval of annual Business and Improvement Plan for Slough Children First Limited (SCF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the SCF's Business and Improvement Plan for 2024 to 2025 as at Appendix A to the report be approved. • That the amended contractual key performance indicators at Appendix B be approved and delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Services, to make minor amendments to these indicators, including agreeing changes to the measures. • That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Services, to make amendments to the Articles of 	All	Resolved

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		<p>Association in relation to the board composition, quorum and reserved matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it be noted that the contract sum for 2024/25 would be considered and approved as part of the Council's budget setting process. • Note that it has been agreed that SCF will not submit an Annual Report for 2022/23. 		
8.	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update	That the progress be noted and that it be agreed to continue receiving quarterly updates for the remainder of this municipal year.	All	Resolved
9.	Housing Resident Involvement Strategy	<p>(a) That the Housing Resident Involvement Strategy as at Appendix 1 be approved.</p> <p>(b) That it be agreed to receive an annual report on the implementation of the strategy.</p>	All	Resolved
10.	Options Appraisal re Procurement of the repairs maintenance and investment (RMI) Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a short extension period of 4 months from December 2024 to 31 March 2025 to the current provider be approved. • That a soft market testing exercise to inform the procurement methodology for the future procurement of services be approved. • That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Regeneration, 	All	Resolved

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		<p>Housing and Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Highways, Housing and Transport, to determine the procurement route to secure best value and commence procurement, noting that a future report will be brought back to Cabinet in November 2024 to award any contracts.</p>		
11.	Procurement of Replacement Fleet Vehicles	<p>(a) Approved the procurement of a replacement fleet of vehicles for use within the Environment directorate in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) outright purchase of second-hand vehicles capable of suitable adaptation and deemed available for a minimum of five years; (ii) outright purchase of new vehicles deemed available for a minimum of five years; (iii) procurement by lease for a maximum period of five years <p>(b) Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration, Housing and Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, Environmental Services and Open Spaces, Lead Member for Finance, Council Assets, Procurement and Revenues & Benefits and the Executive Director Finance & Commercial,</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>the procurement and award of contract for acquisition of fleet vehicles in line with recommendation a) and for procurement and award of contract for associated maintenance, ensuring value for money is secured when selected the most appropriate method;</p> <p>(c) Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration, Housing and Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance, Council Assets, Procurement and Revenues & Benefits, Lead Member for Environment, Environmental Services and Open Spaces and the Executive Director, Finance & Commercial, the procurement and award of contract for the Fleet Management Routing software system.</p> <p>(d) Approved that the capital programme be amended to include acquisition of the DSO fleet with funding being from DfT grant and where possible specific programme grants to where possible preserve the more adaptable DfT grant funding for other critical purposes. The programme to be profiled across 2023/24 and 2024/25 as appropriate to available second hand vehicles balancing the need to come within revenue budget.</p>		

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12.	Estate Strategy - Phase 1	<p>(a) That the proposed conceptual model (Phase I) for the Operational and Community Estate be approved to enable the development of Phase II of the strategy. The model is described in detail in the appendix to the report and outlined in the main body of this report below.</p> <p>(b) That SBC's continued occupation of Observatory House as its 'Central' building be approved. Back office services will be centralised in Observatory House and a customer access point will also be created. The basis of this occupation will be set out in a separate Cabinet report that will contain an Outline Business Case. This will be presented to Cabinet in March 2024.</p>	All	-
13.	References from Scrutiny	None.	All	-