

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 16th September, 2024 **Issued By:-** Shabana Kauser

Date of Delivery to Members: Tuesday, 17th September, 2024

Date which any call in must be received by: Tuesday, 24th September, 2024

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Wednesday, 25th September, 2024

(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.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2024	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	Slough Children First Limited (SCF) Annual Report 2023/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note SCF's Annual Report for 2023/24. Note that Corporate Improvement and Scrutiny Committee has agreed a work programme which includes improvement 	All	Resolved

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		and recovery of Slough Children's Services as one of its three main strands and has included a specific item in October to review the Annual Report to inform whether the updated draft Business and Improvement Plan should be recommended to Cabinet for approval.		
4.	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update	That the progress made as set out in the body of the report be noted.	All	Resolved
5.	Budget Management Report Quarter 1	<p>That the following be approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Fund (Revenue) – A projected outturn of £171.568m, being £11.817m overspend (7%) on an approved budget of £160.202m. 2. A virement of £1.000m from the Contingency budget to the Corporate Resources budget in respect of a savings target for Business Rates Income that will not be realised until 2025/26 3. Subject to appropriate due diligence, develop the suite of Recovery Actions to deliver mitigations of up to £11.423m as outlined in Appendix 9 . 	All	Resolved

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		4. Approve the following actions:																																						
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		Adult Social Care reserve – Defer recruitment For an additional Financial Assessment and Benefits Officer	0.150																																					
		Better Care Fund reserve – utilise carry forward	2.667																																					
		Public Health reserve – Uncommitted reserve to meet eligible public health overspend within the General Fund	0.081																																					
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		<p><i>That Cabinet note the following based on the above approvals</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="835 986 1480 1201"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Final Budget</th> <th>Projected Outturn £m</th> <th>Variance £m</th> <th>Recovery Actions £m</th> <th>Revised Variance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Service Budgets</td> <td>120.152</td> <td>131.704</td> <td>11.552</td> <td>-7.423</td> <td>4.129</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Dept Budgets</td> <td>40.050</td> <td>39.921</td> <td>0.265</td> <td>-4.000</td> <td>-3.735</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>160.202</td> <td>171.625</td> <td>11.817</td> <td>-11.423</td> <td>0.394</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less use of Contingency</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>-0.394</td> <td></td> <td>-0.394</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Expenditure</td> <td>160.202</td> <td>171.625</td> <td>11.423</td> <td>-11.423</td> <td>0.000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Final Budget	Projected Outturn £m	Variance £m	Recovery Actions £m	Revised Variance	Total Service Budgets	120.152	131.704	11.552	-7.423	4.129	Non Dept Budgets	40.050	39.921	0.265	-4.000	-3.735		160.202	171.625	11.817	-11.423	0.394	Less use of Contingency			-0.394		-0.394	Total Expenditure	160.202	171.625	11.423	-11.423	0.000
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		5. General Fund (GF) (Capital) – The revised capital budget (approved at July cabinet) is £35.428m with a projected outturn of £33.560m resulting in underspend of £1.868m.																																						

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		<p>6. Housing Revenue Account (HRA Revenue) – A surplus of £3.734m is forecast against a budgeted surplus of £3.477m, a favourable variance of £0.257m.</p> <p>7. Housing Revenue Account (HRA Capital) – The revised capital budget (approved at July cabinet) is £25.003m with a projected outturn of £16.941m resulting in an underspend of £8.062m.</p> <p>8. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) – There is an overspend of £0.155m in the Schools Block due to higher than anticipated costs for growth in 2024/25. Further details are set out in para. 7 of this report including the risks</p> <p>9. Council Tax and Business Rates collection – As at 30 June 2024, actual council tax collected was 28.05% (target 29.10%) and actual business rate collected was 29.75% (target 30.5%).</p> <p>10. Sundry Debt – Total outstanding sundry debt including adult social care debt as at 30 June 2024 was £13.848m. Based on the age profile of the debt, £5.342m is the calculated bad debt provision (39%).</p> <p>11. Financial Resilience – The Council remains committed to improving financial resilience,</p>		

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		<p>moving towards financial sustainability and improvement in governance and process as laid out in the Directions issued by Government and a capitalisation direction for exceptional finance support in 2024/25.</p> <p>12. Once the Council has concluded the outstanding financial accounts, a formal financial resilience statement will be prepared.</p>		
6.	Unit 4 Agresso Cloud Migration	<p>a) Approve the direct award of a contract to Unit 4 for a period of five years at an approximate cost of £2m. The total contract value may vary due to the number of concurrent users as the pricing model is a per user subscription business model;</p> <p>b) Delegate authority to negotiate and approve the contract award to the Executive Director of Finance & Commercial, in consultation with the Lead Member for I.T., Customer Services, Revenue & Benefits, Procurement and Performance;</p> <p>c) Note the increase 2024/25 budget allocation for the revenue costs of the application of £47,000, which will be funded from the contingency, and the increase costs to Slough Children First and the Housing Revenue Account.</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>d) Note that a growth bid of approximately £0.225m will be submitted as part of the MTFS cycle for members' consideration; to be reduced in future years as dual running of platforms ends. This will be partially offset by an increased recharge to the Housing Revenue Account of £0.035m.</p> <p>e) Note a delivery of a project intended to develop improvements in the application's customisation that support better use; and, a comprehensive training programme will need to be established to rebuild staff confidence and experience in using the application. Funding in the region of £258,000. It is expected that this project will be funded from the transformation reserve and will form part of the finance improvement plan.</p>		
7.	References from Scrutiny	There were no references from scrutiny.	All	-
8.	Exclusion of Press and Public	All business was conducted in Part I of the meeting, without disclosing any exempt information, therefore it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.	-	Resolved
9.	Part II Minutes - 15th July 2024	Approved.	-	Resolved

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10.	Budget Management Report Quarter 1 – Appendix	The Part II Appendix was noted.	All	-
11.	Unit 4 Agresso Cloud Migration - Appendix	The Part II Appendix was noted.	All	-