

Cabinet

Monday, 12 December 2022

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 12 December 2022. Decisions made by the Cabinet will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jonathan Malton.

1. 2022-2023 Quarter Two Performance Report

Cabinet:

Reviewed the Key Performance Indicators results and comments at Appendix A and progress against Business Plan actions at Appendix B, recommending, where appropriate, any actions required to address issues identified, and approving onward submission to Cabinet.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Recommended any actions required to address issues identified.

Reason for Decision: These recommendations are required to enable management and members to understand the organisation's performance. The information included within performance reports contributes to the evidence base for the ongoing review of priorities and enables, where appropriate, redirection of resources to reflect emerging priorities and address areas of concern.

2. Providing Additional Self-Contained Accommodation for Single Homeless

Cabinet:

Supported this proposed scheme to increase the supply of self-contained single person accommodation.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not proceeded with this scheme. This was not recommended as it does not address the need to increase options for single homeless people

Reason for Decision: It uses existing financial resources available for preventing homelessness and will help to reduce use of B&B for vulnerable single people.

3. Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (Solar Project) - Update

Cabinet:

Noted the update for the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (WREN) Business Case.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

- The business case options have included a comparison between the WREN microgrid solution with the counterfactual which is an upgrade to the mains electricity grid without solar PV and battery storage components.
- The long-list options assessment did assess 'do nothing' option however achieving net zero carbon targets requires investment and change to current operations.
- A relocation option was considered however there are strong co-location benefits of the current GCSWS operational site.

Reason for Decision: The update has been brought to Cabinet to provide an update on the WREN business case and its contribution to the Council's climate change and environmental ambitions.

4. **2022/2023 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring (Quarter 2)**

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the 2022/23 revenue position against the approved revenue budget to date shown in Appendix B, the projected major variances with reasons for these variances at Appendices C1 to C7 and the action being taken to address the underlying issues.
- b) **Noted** the latest Capital Programme 2022/23 position [and variances, if any] as shown in Appendix D.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not noted the 2022/2023 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring report, but this report provides monitoring information to ensure awareness of budget trends and emerging budget issues.

Reason for Decision: To advise the Cabinet of the latest monitoring information in respect of the 2022/23 revenue and capital budgets and emerging budget issues, for the second quarter period to 30 September 2022.

5. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (First Submission)**

Cabinet:

- a) **Acknowledged** the projected changes in service spending and the overall resources available to the Council over the medium term to 2027/2028.
- b) **Recommended** to Full Council the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy once the 2023/2024 budget is complete and the settlement finalised.

Please note this is a recommendation to Full Council, and not subject to call-in.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not approved the new Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Cabinet is aware of the financial challenges over the medium-term and the strategy that is required to ensure that the Council will be in a position to deliver sustainable public services in the future.

To provide Cabinet with an update of the financial position and forecasts for the General Fund over the medium term following a review of financial assumptions. To enable the Cabinet to recommend the MTFS to Council for approval in order to assist in the Council's financial planning.

6. General Fund Revenue Bids and Savings

Cabinet:

- a) **Noted** the growth bids put forward (both one off and ongoing), detailed at Appendix A and B and consider whether those for 2023/2024 should be included in the Budget to be proposed in February 2023.
- b) **Noted** the proposed range of service efficiency savings/additional income detailed in Appendix C and D and consider whether those for 2023/2024 should be included in the Budget to be proposed in February 2023.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not approved the new revenue funding bids and savings.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Cabinet to consider the new revenue bids and savings for 2023/2024.

7. Capital Programme Update & New Bids

Cabinet:

- a) **Considered** the capital programme bids for new projects outline at Appendix A and to determine whether to approve the new capital schemes.
- b) **Recommended** to Full Council the revised capital programme for the period 2022/2023 to 2027/2028, at Appendix B for the General Fund and at Appendix C for the Housing Revenue Account, to reflect the new scheme bids, amendments to the programme and the reprofiling of expenditure identified in the report.

Please note this is a recommendation to Full Council, and not subject to call-in.

Options Considered: Cabinet could have:

Not approved the new capital funding bids.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Cabinet to consider the new capital project bids for 2023/2024 and the updated capital programme incorporating new items and reprofiling of expenditure.