

Executive Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

General Report of the Meeting Held on 11 November 2021

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring

2. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the reports of the Director of Finance which sets out the revenue and reserves forecast for 2021/22 for the Council, based on the position as at 30 September 2021 and reports on the overall financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme, highlighting key issues and explaining key variances over the first six months of the year, and to provide an overview of various elements of the Council's Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021.
3. In summary, there is a forecast underspend against the budget for 2021/22 of £350k. We noted that the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy reported that the minimum level of general fund reserves should be maintained at £4.0m to cushion against any potential, future financial risks that may face the Council. The forecast level of general fund balances as at 31 March 2022 will be £4.407m. Based on the position as at 30th September 2021, there is a forecast decrease in the overall Capital Programme of £4.026m relating to the reprofiling of spend on some of the projects from 2021/22 to 2022/23, and a £50k increase in the IT budget.
4. We welcomed the proposed free parking as outlined in the report, subject to usual parking restrictions, to help traders and local businesses at Christmas. We approved the recommendations within the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring reports.

Quarter Two Performance Monitoring Report 2021/22

5. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which sets out the performance against the delivery of the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the second quarter of 2021/22, covering the 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.
6. The overall performance of key projects is excellent, with 85% of projects rated green, 8% rated amber, and 8% classified as completed. Action plans for those projects rated amber.
7. Performance of the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures continues to be closely monitored, with 167% performing on or above target, or within the 5% threshold. 33% are performing below target and outside of the 5% threshold. Performance against the agreed measures remains positive, with the Council continuing to work proactively to support

local residents and communities. Where indicators are performing below target, action plans are in place to improve performance.

8. We discussed the performance indicators in relation to the digital strategy and affordable housing, in particular plans to increase the delivery of affordable housing going forward. We noted the report.

Neighbourhood Priorities Delivery 2021-22

9. Councillor Bev Murray, Executive Member (Early Intervention), presented the report of the Director of Communities which provides a summary of the decision-making process which has taken place in September and October 2021 to agree this current year's neighbourhood priorities 2021/22. It also presents the proposed neighbourhood priorities that have been agreed within each neighbourhood management group.
10. Due to the timings of the Neighbourhood Area meetings this year, we recognised there were more projects to be delivered in a shorter period of time before the next round of meetings in the new year. Reassurances were provided that there was enough capacity for officers to deliver these within the timescales. We approved the recommendations in the report.

Insurance Portfolio Contract Award

11. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director of Governance which provides a summary of the detailed tender evaluation results and seeks agreement to proceed to award based on the outcome. We approved the recommendations in the report.

Approval to Procure Replacement Small Vans

12. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Digital which seeks approval for the procurement of seven electric small vans to replace the current fleet of three electric and five diesel powered vans. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Purchase of Land Adjacent to Yarrow Valley Country Park

13. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director Planning and Development which seeks approval to purchase land off Burgh Lane adjacent to Yarrow Valley Country Park for the purposes of biodiversity net gain and to increase the land mass of the Country Park. We approved the recommendations within the report.

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Bengal Street Feasibility Update

14. I presented the confidential report of the Director of Commercial Services which updates Members as to the progress of the potential development of the Bengal Street site. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Approval for the Contract Award Procedure and Evaluation Criteria for ICT Hardware and Software

15. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Digital which informs Members of the propose shared procurement for ICT hardware, software and support and seeks agreement to the sharing of costs and assessment criteria. We approved the recommendations within the report.

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To Follow.

Recommendations

16. To note the report.

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