

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 18 January

Draft 24/25 Budget Update

2. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources presented the report of the Director of Finance which set out the council's draft budget for 2024 and 2025, in addition to the forecast for 2025 and 2026. The information reflects the information contained within the provisional Local Government Financial Statement.
3. The Council is in a good position and is not currently at threat of bankruptcy or a Section 114 notice. The council will be able to continue to deliver services, address the needs of residents and achieve our corporate priorities. For 2025 and 2026, the council faces a budget gap of £1.5m, however, this will be approached through efficient saving, investment, and cooperation with partners. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Payment Strategy

4. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources presented the report of the Director of Customer and Digital which set out the proposed payment strategy which will encourage on demand methods of payments that is easy and intuitive for users. Cash payments will still be accepted at Union Street and the 69 establishments across the borough that accept payment on behalf of the council. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Updated Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Delivery Approach 2024-25

5. Councillor Bev Murray, Executive Member for Early Intervention, presented the report of the Director of Communities which sought approval to deliver the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme by maintaining the management fee to fund dedicated resources within the Communities team, and to commission HAF delivery partners through a tiered grant funding approach. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Approval for the Contract Award Procedure for ICT Hardware, Software and Support Services

6. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources presented the report of the Director of Customer and Digital which set out the proposed shared procurement for ICT hardware, software, support and to seek agreement to the shared costs and assessment criteria. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Recommendations

7. To note the report.

Councillor Alistair Bradley
Executive Leader

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