

Notes of Key Decisions/Actions

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 14 February 2023

Agenda Item	Decision
1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January were agreed.
2 Apologies for Absence	Apologies were noted from MBrookes
3 Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
4 Public Participation	There was no public participation
5 Referrals to Cabinet	There were no referrals to Cabinet.
6 Cabinet Forward Plan	The forward plan was noted.
7 Q3 Financial Monitoring Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet noted the revenue financial outturn position for the General Fund and Housing Revenue account as forecast at Quarter 3. 2. Cabinet RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the following revenue reserve movements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To draw down from General Fund revenues reserves as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £0.719m from the Pensions Reserve to cover the cost of the 2022/23 pay award. - £0.284m from the Inflationary Pressures service to cover fuel costs. - £0.657m from the Dacorum Development Reserve between 2023/24 – 2025/26; (£0.303m in 2023/2024, £0.314m 2024/2025 and £0.04m in 25/26) to fund the Place Communities and Infrastructure restructure. b. To transfer to General Fund revenue reserves as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £0.300m to be transferred to a newly created Leisure Reserve. 3. Cabinet RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the forecast Housing Revenue Account (HRA) deficit of £4.113m be supported by a draw down from HRA revenue reserves of £0.830m. The balance of the deficit will be met by a reduction in revenue contributions to the HRA capital programme. 4. Cabinet noted the Council's capital programme is forecast on budget, with additional slippage of £2.009m on General Fund schemes and
8 Update on new	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet noted the new Performance Management Framework and approves the KPIs, as set out in Appendix 4, for Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Performance Management Framework and Proposed Revisions to Key Performance Indicators	<p>reporting.</p> <p>2. Cabinet delegated authority to SLT to finalise the suite of KPIs for implementation in 23/24 following further consultation through the Overview and Scrutiny process._</p>
<p>9 Budget Report</p>	<p>Cabinet <u>RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL</u> to;</p> <p><u>General Fund Revenue Estimate;</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set a Dacorum Borough Council General Fund Council Tax requirement of £13.341m, and a provisional amount of £14.574m for the combined Borough Council and Parish Councils' requirement for 2023/24; 2. Approve a Band D Council Tax increase of £6.27 (2.9%) for Dacorum Borough Council; 3. Approve the base estimates for 2023/24, as shown in Appendix A1, and the indicative budget forecasts for 2023/24 – 2026/27, as shown in Appendix A2; 4. Approve the forecast balances of Revenue Reserves as shown in Appendix J, and approve section 11 of this report as the updated Reserves Strategy; 5. Approve increases in Fees and Charges for 2023/24 as set out in Appendices C3, D3, and E3; 6. Approve and adopt the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24, attached at Appendix K; 7. Approve and adopt the Capital Strategy for 2023/24, attached at Appendix L; 8. Note that this budget paper, if approved by Council, will form part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. <p><u>Capital Programme;</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Approve the Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28, as detailed in Appendix I; 10. Approve the financing proposals in Appendix I subject to an annual review of the financing options by the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, during the preparation of the Statement of Accounts. <p><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA);</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Set dwelling rents according to the new DLUHC guidance, which provides for a rent increase of 7%. The average dwelling rent is proposed to be £118.62 in 2023/24 (based on 52 weeks); <p>Approve the HRA budget for 2023/24 as shown in Appendix F</p> <p><u>Employer Terms and Conditions;</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note that the hourly rate of all Council employees continues to exceed the rate proposed by the rates of the Living Wage Foundation, for 2023/24 (to be reviewed annually thereafter). <p><u>Statement by Chief Finance Officer;</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approve the statement by the Chief Finance Officer regarding the robustness of the budget estimates and level of reserves as set out in Appendix M.

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10 Market Forces Pay Policy	Cabinet approved the Market Forces Supplements Policy and Procedure.
11 Air Quality Action Plan and Air Quality Management Area Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet agreed the content of the Air Quality Action Plan 2019-24 be noted. 2. Cabinet gave agreement to begin the revocation process for the Northchurch Air Quality Management Area. 3. Cabinet gave agreement to widening air quality monitoring to include PM 2.5 using portable units.
12 Grant Funding Hightown Housing Scheme	Cabinet agreed to award an additional one for one receipt grant funding payment of £1,035,146 to Hightown for the development known as 66 Books, Wood Lane End for affordable housing development in the borough. This will result in a total grant funding level of £3,300,000 for this scheme.
13 Q3 Strategic Risk Register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet noted the quarter 3 update on the Strategic Risk Register for 2022/23. 2. Cabinet approves the revised Strategic Risks for the Council.
14 Release of Community Infrastructure Levy Core Funds	<p>Cabinet <u>RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the release of 20% (£3,027,519) of CIL core funds collected to the end of financial year 2021/22 and allocate this towards the delivery of priority infrastructure projects in advance of the Local Plan; 2. Approve the proposed revised framework for assessing projects, including the amended Terms of Reference of the Infrastructure Advisory Group detailed in the report. <p>Cabinet agreed;</p> <p>The recommendations of the Infrastructure Advisory Group on the first round of projects set out in section 5 of the report and determines which, if any, projects should receive Core CIL funding.</p>
15 Exclusion of the Public	<p>That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the items in Part 2 of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that, if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third party companies/organisations.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3</p>
16 Leadership Team (Tier 2) and Corporate Support Restructure	This is a part 2 decision, please see restricted decision sheet for details.

The meeting ended at 8.18 pm