

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 19 September 2024

Financial Year 2024/25 Quarter One Capital Financing Performance Report (EX4513) (Item 6.)

Resolved that: Executive note

- The forecast outturn position of planned expenditure of £62.1 million, generating a £4.1 million underspend. During the course of the financial year it is not unusual for forecast expenditure to be reduced, resulting in a requirement for reprofiling. Capital programme reprofiling occurs for a number of reasons, delays with projects through third party contractors, economic conditions and reprioritisation due to unforeseen events. No capital expenditure is financed until it is incurred, protecting the capital financing budget which is funded through the revenue budget.

That Executive approve:

- The proposed reprofiling of planned expenditure from 2024/25 into 2025/26 of £7.6 million, detailed by service in appendix A.
- The proposed transfer of Council funded expenditure budget totalling £2.8 million from 2025/26 into 2024/26 for support of the Northcroft Dry side Development Project.
- The proposed transfer of £801k of external funding from 2023/24 into 2024/25 to support delivery of the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan project.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

2024/25 Revenue Financial Performance Quarter One (EX4516) (Item 7.)

Resolved that: Executive note

- The forecast Quarter One position of £5.5m overspend against a net revenue budget of £164.6 million and, if the Council outturns at the forecast position, the General Fund of £0.4m.
- The key areas of pressure relating to demand led services driving the forecast overspend position detailed in section 5.6 of this report.
- The work and mitigations underway totalling £3.5m which, if achieved, would reduce the forecast overspend to £2m, and would lead to a General Fund surplus of £3.9m. Further mitigations are in progress which will be factored into the Quarter Two reporting.

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Draft Waste Management Strategy (EX4406) (Item 8.)

Resolved that: Executive

- Approved that the draft waste management strategy is published for public consultation on 23 September 2024.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 27 September 2024, then it will be implemented.

West Berkshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-27 (EX4546) (Item 9.)

Resolved that: Executive approve the Strategy, as set out in Appendix B.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 27 September 2024, then it will be implemented.

Carers Strategy (EX4577) (Item 10.)

Resolved that: Executive adopt the attached strategy.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 27 September 2024, then it will be implemented.

Briefing Note - Customer Charter Refresh (EX4534) (Item 11.)

Resolved that: Executive

- Review the revised documents (Appendices A-C) and provide approval to proceed with the revised version.
- The revised document will be produced, uploaded on the website, printed copies produced for reception, libraries, museums etc at minimal cost to the council.
- A small, but targeted communications campaign, will be developed to get the refreshed version out to customers on WhatsApp, Let's Chat, other social media channels and relaunched on our website, amongst other options to assist with embedding the new version and how it links with our behaviour and performance management frameworks.

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Charitable Sector Memorandum of Understanding (EX4597) (Item 12.)

Resolved that: Executive

- The Draft MOU is noted in principle, subject to wider engagement with the Charitable Sector.
- Wider engagement takes place with the Charitable sector and with WBC internal stakeholders.
- A paper returns to Executive following that wider engagement.

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2024/25 Performance Report Quarter One (EX4540) (Item 13.)

Resolved that: Executive

- Note the progress made in delivering the Council Strategy Delivery Plan 2023-2027, maintaining a strong outcome for many of the measures, and remedial actions taken where performance is below target.
- Note the remedial actions.

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Accommodation Review: Proposed Disposal of Unit 1 Turnhams Green Business Park (EX4507) (Item 14.)

Resolved that: Executive approved

- For officers to instruct agents to market Turnhams Green.
 - To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Corporate Services, and the Executive Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property to consider any offers received in respect of the disposal of Turnhams Green and to accept any such offer considered appropriate subject to compliance with the Council's duty to obtain best consideration.
 - To delegate authority to the Service Director- Strategy & Governance in consultation with the Service Director- Finance, Procurement and Property to enter into the appropriate disposal documentation for Turnhams Green including any such amendments that are necessary in line with agreed sales heads of terms.
 - That the existing Roger Croft meeting room at Market Street, Newbury, is reconfigured to
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allow the centralisation of Child Protection Conferences, and retained for Executive use on Thursdays and Fridays.

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