Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 24 September 2026

Part I

2026/27 Q1 Financial Performance Report (Item 7.)

Resolved that: Executive is informed

- **Revenue:** All services apart from Children's Services are broadly in line with Budget. Additionally, the savings target is forecast to be higher than Budget. However, the impact of volume and rate increases in Children's Services is the primary driver of a corporate net Q1 revenue forecast +£9.3m/ 4.4% adverse to Budget. Total net revenue is forecast at £220.2m in the Q1 outturn, vs £210.9m in the Budget.
- **Capital:** The forecast Q1 capital outturn is £47.0m/ 85.4% of expenditure against Budget of £55.0m. Of the £47.0m capital expenditure incurred, £14.7m is expected to be funded by the Council. The remaining £32.3m is expected to be financed from external sources, primarily grants, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 contributions. The impact this has on debt financing is covered in Section 8.
- **Capital:** £2.3m of the 2026/27 capital budget is proposed to be reprofiled into the 2027/28 capital programme. Included within the proposed capital reprofiling is planned Council funded expenditure (i.e. funded through planned borrowing) of £100k. Appendix A provides details of proposed Capital Reprofiling

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Grazeley Solar Farm Business Case (Item 8.)

Resolved that:

- Executive is asked to approve continuation of the Grazeley Solar Farm project, subject to the allocation of appropriate funds through the Council's budget setting process, and to delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder and Monitoring Officer, to enter into and let the necessary contract for delivery of the scheme.
- Executive is asked to endorse the addition of £4m to the 2026/27 capital programme and £11m to the 2027/28 capital programme, subject to approval by Council through the budget setting process.
- Executive is asked to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources, in

consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, to submit a tender for the sale of energy generated by the Grazeley Solar Farm to Atomic Weapons Establishment

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item has been considered by a Scrutiny Committee, or Scrutiny Task Group, or has been the subject of a review undertaken by another body within the preceding six months.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Membership of the South East Regional Care Cooperative (Item 9.)

Resolved that: Executive

- Agrees the Council's membership of the RCC
- Authorises Legal Services to make any necessary amendments to and when finalised seal all agreements required to give effect to the above and support delivery against the expectations of the DfE with relation to the Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 2 October 2026, then it will be implemented.

2026/27 Performance Report Q1 (Item 10.)

Resolved that: Executive

- To note the progress made in delivering the Council Strategy Delivery Plan 2023-2027 priorities scheduled for this financial year.
- To review those areas where performance is below target i.e., reporting as Red or Amber, and note that the appropriate remedial action is in place.
- To note a new measure proposed by Councillor Abbs and approved at the Council meeting on 16 July 2026 called "Report to Council on the deliverability, timescale and funding options for a new Community Sports Stadium at Faraday Road (31/03/2027)"

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

ASC Strategy post consultation outcome and Delivery Plan (Item 11.)

If you have any queries regarding these decisions, please contact:
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Resolved that Executive approve the ASC Strategy and Delivery Plan

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 2 October 2026, then it will be implemented.

Youth Justice Plan 2026/2027 (Item 12.)

Resolved that Council is requested to agree and formally endorse the Youth Justice Plan 2026/2027

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*

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