

Appendix D

Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy

In the Spending Review 2015, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that to support local authorities to deliver more efficient and sustainable services, the government will allow local authorities to spend up to 100% of their capital receipts on the revenue costs of transformation projects. Initially this flexibility on the use of capital receipts was limited to those receipts received between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2019, however, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), has confirmed this flexibility remains in place for the next three financial years (2022/23 -2024/25).

Commencing in 2017/18 the Council has embarked on a major programme of transformation, covering a number of years, in pursuit of its strategic ambitions and priorities and in order to deliver financial sustainable services to residents in the long term. To deliver this transformation programme the Council has utilised the opportunity provided by government to flexibly utilise capital receipts (with the exception of receipts specifically ring-fenced for Educational purposes). A requirement of this flexibility is that the Council approve a Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy and individual business cases for their use.

Since 1 April 2017, the council has allocated £3.5 million of capital receipts to transformation projects alongside a further £869k of revenue funding (total funding allocation as at 31.3.2023). It is proposed that a further £250k of capital receipts when they occur are to be allocated to transformational projects in 2023-24 and the developing transformation programme. The table below details the projects that have been funded via the transformation programme up to 2023/24.

Projects	Total
Assistive Technology	£ 65,560
Modernising ASC	£ 27,980
Timelord Phase 2	£ 41,100
Web Data Content Review Officer resource (contractor)	£ 15,400
Additional resourcing Strategic Support (Governance & Strategy)	£ 43,060
Feasibility study for development of a housing company	£ 27,500
Programme Manager (Engaging and Enabling our Local Communities)	£ 58,400
Land Charges portal - additional functionality	£ 17,870
Microsoft 365	£ 125,000
Electronic Sealing	£ 10,000
Place Making Review	£ 50,000
Procurement Strategy	£ 477,100
Equality Diversity & Inclusion Strategy Development	£ 36,000
Internet Review & Renew	£ 20,000
Talent Attraction Project	£ 375,000
Corporate Review Team	£ 242,980
Garden Waste Subscriptions	£ 14,200
Waste Contract	£ 122,140
	£1,769,290

The Council is reviewing its assets and regularly challenging the purpose of assets, including in the Council's commercial property portfolio. There may be opportunities in 2023-24 and beyond for asset sales to fund greater transformational activity.