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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:
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Cabinet Decisions
Tuesday 4 June 2024

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT

FP2056 Capital Outturn 2023/24

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All wards	None	Non-Key	Helen O’Keeffe Assistant Director (Finance and Transformation)	Yes (12 June)

DECISION:

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet noted the overall capital outturn position and financing for 2023/24, and approved the re-phasing of budgets into 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A of the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The current approved capital budget was £95.304m (which included the approved re-phasing of budgets from 2022/23) and the outturn position (including proposed re-phasing of budgets into 2024/25) is £29.519m.

A summary of variances to budget and re-phasing was shown in Table 1 and detailed explanations for key variances in Section 3.4 of the report.

A financing outturn table showing how the capital programme had been funded was set out in Section 4 of the report.

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BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's website.

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT					
FP2055 Revenue Outturn 2023/24					
Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All wards	None	Non-Key	Helen O’Keeffe Assistant Director (Finance and Transformation)	Yes (12 June)
DECISION:					
<p>DECISION TAKEN: Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the revenue outturn position for 2023/24 and the position of debts; b) Approved the movements on earmarked reserves; and c) Delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer to adjust the 2024/25 budget for items of income and expenditure rolled forward through earmarked reserves. <p>REASON FOR DECISION: There was a favourable variance on the General Fund net cost of services of £0.778m</p> <p>A summary showing the General Fund position was contained in Appendix A1 of the report. After additional earmarked reserve movements of £4.810m (Appendix A2) and other variances of £4.634, this left a net favourable change of £0.601m in the General Fund Reserve.</p> <p>The closing balance on the Housing Revenue Account is £2.952m, which was an adverse movement of £0.054m from the Current Budget (Section 4). Outstanding debts as at 31 March 2024 total £2.124m, with rolling debtor days at 56.84 (Section 5).</p>					

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BACKGROUND:

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT					
FP2054 PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEE – WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT					
Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All wards	None	Non-Key	Andrew Harper, Procurement Manager	Yes (12 June)
DECISION:					
<p>Cabinet received a report on the parent company guarantee for Urbaser Limited. DECISION TAKEN: Cabinet agreed that a Deed of Novation be entered into that transfers the liabilities of Urbaser S.A.U, under the Parent Company Guarantee, to FCC Environment (UK) Ltd</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: On 27th March 2020, the Council entered into a Parent Company Guarantee with Urbaser S.A.U in relation to the waste and recycling contract with Urbaser Limited (The Contractor).</p> <p>Urbaser S.A.U. were the parent company of Urbaser Limited, at the time and the PCG allowed the Council to call upon the Contractor's parent to remedy any breach so that the Contractor's obligations under the contract are met.</p> <p>The entire issued share capital of Urbaser Limited is being sold to FCC Environment (UK) Limited by Urbaser S.A.U as a result a novation of the PCG is required to pass the liabilities of the outgoing Parent Company, under the PCG, to the incoming Parent Company.</p> <p>Services provided to residents would not be affected.</p>					
BACKGROUND:					
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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT					
APPOINTMENT OF CABINET PANELS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS 2024/25					
Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All wards	None	Non-Key	Democracy@welhat.gov.uk	No
DECISION:					
Cabinet agreed the appointment to the Cabinet Panels.					
BACKGROUND:					
Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's website.					

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SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT					
APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON EXECUTIVE OUTSIDE BODIES 2024/25					
Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All wards	None	Non-Key	Democracy@welhat.gov.uk	No
DECISION:					
Cabinet agreed the appointment of representatives on the Executive Outside Bodies.					
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SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Part 1 or 2 (Relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of Decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-In & Date to be called in by
Part 1	n/a	None	Non-Key	Sue McDaid, Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change)	No

DECISION:

a) AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY PURCHASE

DECISION TAKEN:

Cabinet:

- a) Approved the purchase of a 4 bedroom property that has been identified to fulfil the housing needs of a family where their current property cannot meet the disability adaptations required;
- b) Delegated authority to the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change) to agree the terms of the purchase in consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation) and Assist Director (Regeneration and Economic Development); and
- c) If the purchase is approved but is not successful, agreed to delegate the authority to the Executive Director (Resident Services and Climate Change) in consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation), Executive Member for Resources and Executive Member for Housing to approve the purchase of an alternative property that would be assessed as suitable up to the value of £650k.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The family's current council home has previously been adapted but is no longer suitable for further adaptations that are required. Consideration of 4 bedroom council homes that have become vacant in our housing stock over the last 2 years have not identified a property that could be suitable.

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