

DECISION RECORD SHEETS

FOR

DECISIONS MADE AT THE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD ON

THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY 2022

DECISION SHEET

ACTION BY

86. Revenue Budget Monitoring Report FY2021/22 - Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Quarter Three Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis, as illustrated in the Executive Summary, be noted;
- 2) the overall forecast of the current position of the General Fund revenue budget, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), illustrated in the Executive Summary and appendices attached to the report, be noted;
- 3) a supplementary estimate for £110,000 (c£55,000 per year) for additional capacity to support the Arts and Culture Strategy over the next two years be approved.

Reason for Decision

The Executive previously agreed to monitor the Revenue budget on a quarterly basis.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

87. Capital Monitoring 2021-22 - Quarter 3

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the proposed rephrasing to the Capital Programme following the 'in-year' review, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report and Appendix B, be noted and approved. There is no financial / service impact from the reprofiling of budgets into 2022/2023;
- 2) the position of the capital programme at the end of Quarter 3 (to 31st December 2021), as summarised in the report below and set out in detail in Appendix A, be noted;
- 3) the removal of the new Crematorium scheme from the capital programme be noted and approved. This will remove £3.7m of budget from the 2021/22 capital programme.

Reason for Decision

The Executive previously agreed to monitor the Capital budget on a quarterly basis.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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88. Chief Finance Officer's Report

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) report and the issues contained within, including the local government finance settlement and the sections on key risks, be noted and that the Executive consider these when setting the council tax for 2022/23 and agreeing the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP);
- 2) the Council's response to the local government finance settlement, as set out in Appendix Two to the report, be supported;
- 3) the Council's ongoing representations for fairer funding for the residents of Wokingham Borough Council be supported.

Reason for Decision

The Executive has a duty to consider the Chief Finance Officer's report as part of the budget setting process

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

89. Optalis Contract Renewal 2022

Director, Adult Social Care and Health - Matt Pope

DECISION

That Council be recommended to:

- 1) approve the procurement business case, as set out in the report, to renew the contract to Optalis;
- 2) delegate authority to the Director of Adult Services, in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Services to;
 - a) approve and complete the contract with Optalis for £7.3mil – 2022-23; and
 - b) undertake all activities required to complete the joint ownership arrangements between RBWM and the Council as set out under the heading 'Future Arrangements'.
- 3) delegate jointly to the Director of Adult Services and the Director of Resources and Assets authority to add to and remove services within Optalis during the term of the contract provided that in each case, up to the total value of £500k:
 - a) the budget for the costs of the services has already been approved as part of the agreed Council Budget;
 - b) the business case has been approved by both Directors;
 - c) the Executive Member with responsibility for Adult Services and the Executive Member with responsibility for Finance have been consulted.
- 4) note the shareholders agreement.

[NOTE: Please note that in accordance with Rule 6.3.34d) of the Council's Constitution this item is not subject to call-in]

Reason for Decision

Due to the size of the contract it has to be considered by both Executive and Council

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillors John Halsall, John Kaiser and Charless Margetts declared prejudicial interests.

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

90. Ruscombe Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation and Future Examination

Director, Place and Growth -
Steve Moore

DECISION

That:

- 1) a 6-week consultation on the draft Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix 1a and 1b of the report) be approved; and
- 2) an examiner be appointed to independently examine the Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan, delegating the appointment and submission of the examination documentation to the Director of Place and Growth in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning and Enforcement.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to agree the consultation process and the appointment of an examiner for any Neighbourhood Development Plan

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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91. Leisure Strategy

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That:

- 1) the principles and content of the Leisure Strategy be endorsed;
- 2) the Leisure Strategy and action plan, with the amends incorporated following consultations and feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to consider the consultation responses prior to adoption of the Strategy

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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92. Whole Council Elections

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

DECISION

That Council be recommended to agree to launch a consultation with stakeholders on moving to a whole council (all-out) electoral cycle.

[NOTE: Please note that in accordance with Rule 6.3.34d) of the Council's Constitution this item is not subject to call-in]

Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to consider whether it wishes to consult on moving to a whole Council electoral cycle

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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93. Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Main Modifications Consultation

Director, Place and Growth -
Steve Moore

DECISION

That Council be recommended to:

- 1) agree the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Main Modifications and supporting documentation for publication and public consultation;
- 2) authorise community engagement on the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Main Modifications and associated supporting documents to take place for at least 6 weeks from February 2022 onwards;
- 3) authorise the Director of Place and Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement, to agree minor amendments necessary to the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Main Modifications and other supporting documents prior to consultation.

[**NOTE:** Please note that in accordance with Rule 6.3.34d) of the Council's Constitution this item is not subject to call-in]

Reason for Decision

Executive and Council are required to approve consultation on any modifications to the Joint Plan

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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