

**DECISION RECORD SHEETS**

**FOR**

**DECISIONS MADE AT THE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2022**

## **DECISION SHEET**

## **ACTION BY**

### **6. Revenue Monitoring 2021/22 - Outturn**

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

#### **DECISION**

That:

- 1) the outturn position of the revenue budget and the level of balances in respect of the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Dedicated Schools Grant be noted;
- 2) the General Fund carry forward requests of £667,000 as set out in Appendix B to the report be agreed, and that it be noted that the request was significantly less than in the previous year where carry forwards were £7.5m;
- 3) a supplementary estimate of £1.002m for the 1.75% cost of living pay award for 2021/22 be approved, factoring in arrival at a budgeted General Fund balance for March 23 in excess of £8m.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The Executive previously agreed that they would review and 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

### 7. Capital Monitoring 2021/22 - Outturn

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

#### DECISION

That:

- 1) the outturn position of the capital programme for 2021/22, as summarised in the report and set out in detail in Appendix A of the report, be noted;
- 2) the proposed fourth quarter carry forwards into the 2022/23 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix B of the report, be noted and approved;
- 3) the Quarter 4 budget adjustments to the 2021/22 capital programme be noted and approved, which included:
  - a) reduction in the capital programme budget of £128.3k for Emmbrook Secondary Schools, devolved capital programme, as the budget was transferred to the school which had become an academy.
  - b) use of affordable housing S106 receipts to fund learning disabled accommodation projects in the current year's capital programme;
- 4) the following changes to the 2022/23 capital programme be noted and approved, which included:
  - a) An additional £600k budget for supporting the building of a new Special Education Needs (SEN) School at Winnersh Farm, (being built by the Department of Education). This is funded in full from a ring fenced grant for this project from DLUHC.
  - b) An additional £700k budget for urgent improvements to Clements Close (part of the HRA stock) project. This is funded by ring fenced receipts from the sale of previous individual vacant council houses.
  - c) A reduction in the capital programme budget of £141k across schools devolved programme. This will reduce the budget allocation to match the now confirmed grant funding from the DfE.
  - d) An additional £50k budget for fit out costs for Ryeish Green Learning Disability Accommodation. This is funded in full by a ring-fenced contribution from NHS Berkshire.
  - e) A budget virement of £2.165m from the 'primary basic needs' budget into the 'secondary basic needs' budget, as part of the new programme to increase the number of secondary school places in the borough;
- 5) the amendments to the '745 DFG aids and adaptations policy' as set out in the report be approved, subject to the wording of the policy as amended being delegated to the Director of Resources and Assets and the Director of Adult's Services in consultation

with the Lead members for Finance, Housing, and Health and Wellbeing and Adults Services;

- 6) authorisation be granted to all uncommitted unringfenced capital schemes being paused pending a review that will be reported back to July Executive, whereby the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Lead Member of Finance will have delegated authority to proceed specific schemes by exception.

**Reason for Decision**

The Executive previously agreed that they would review and 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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**ACTION BY**

**8. Tackling Poverty Strategy**

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

**DECISION**

That the Tackling Poverty Strategy 2022-26 and the accompanying high level action plan be approved.

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure that the Council has a robust strategy to tackle poverty.

**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**

### **9. Community Asset Transfer Review**

Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

### **DECISION**

That:

- 1) an increase in the length of the Community Asset Transfer lease term from 30 to 60 years be approved;
- 2) delegation be granted to the Director of Resources and Assets in consultation with the Lead Member for Business and Economic Development in relation to decisions regarding further lettings and detail, aligned with the agreed CAT Strategy.

### **Reason for Decision**

The Executive is required to approve any extension to Community Asset Transfer leases.

### **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

**10. Barkham Solar Farm - Procurement Business Case** Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

### DECISION

That:

- 1) the procurement strategy set out in the Procurement Business case for the contractor required for the construction of the Barkham Solar Farm be approved, and the business case be recommended to Council for approval;
- 2) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Resources and Assets in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Climate Emergency and Resident Services, to implement the procurement strategy;
- 3) it be noted that an updated business case and progress report will be reported back to the Executive following the conclusion of the procurement process.

### Reason for Decision

The Executive is required to approve procurement business cases over the value of £500,000.

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

### 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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