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## **LEADER**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Strategy, External Relations, Strategic Budget, Public Service Reform, Partnerships with Public, Private and Voluntary Sectors at a Strategic Level, Corporate Support Services, Financial Services and Budget Development, Registration Services and the Coroner's Service:-

### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2023**

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

- Councillor Peel - Executive Cabinet Member - Leader
- Councillor Hayes - Minor Opposition Spokesperson
- Councillor Grant - Minor Opposition Spokesperson
- Councillor Sanders - Minor Opposition Spokesperson

#### **Officers**

- Mr. L. Fallows - Director of Corporate Resources
- Ms. H. Gorman - Borough Solicitor
- Mr. A. Williamson - Assistant Director Transformation and Corporate Property
- Mr. T. Glennon - Borough Treasurer
- Mr. G. Wilson - Principal Group Accountant
- Mrs. V. Ridge - Democratic Services Manager

## **16. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

**17. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 2023/2024**

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which put forward the Treasury Management Outturn report for Quarter One of 2023/2024.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that the report was a requirement of the Council's reporting procedures and covered the Treasury Management activity during the first quarter of 2023/2024 and the associated Prudential Indicators for 2023/2024.

In this regard, the report provided an update on the Treasury Management indicators approved at the meeting of the Budget Council in February, 2023. As at the end of Quarter One 2023/2024 all indicators were within the limits approved at Budget Council.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

**18. AGGREGATE FINANCIAL MONITOR – QUARTER ONE 2023/2024**

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which provided information relating to the Quarter One Financial Outturn in aggregate for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

The report summarised the results for the Quarter One Financial Monitoring exercise for the Council for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, as follows:

- Revenue Expenditure - the Council's revenue outturn position was in line with the budget set in February 2023.

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- Capital Expenditure for the 2023/2024 financial year was estimated at £128.74m;
- Capital Prudential Indicators - all Prudential Indicators were within the range approved by Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023;
- Reserves - the General Fund Balances remained at £10.7m which was in line with the Deputy Chief Executive's Guidance; and
- Savings Targets - there was a £4.263m savings target built into the 2023-2024 budget and £3.163m had been delivered as at Quarter One 2023/2024.

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the Quarter One financial position and the key findings in the report now submitted.**

### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

**The background papers and report in relation to the following item are considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.**

#### **19. CORPORATE PROPERTY TEAM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW POST CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which set out proposals following consultation on a restructure of the Corporate Property team that would support the Council's business requirements.

The proposed changes aimed to reinforce Bolton Council's commitment to delivering a high-quality property service with the capacity and ability to fulfil everyday customer operations in all aspects of the portfolio ensuring that a fit for purpose

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staffing structure was in place that provided a professional asset management service to the Council and the people of Bolton.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the proposals set out in the report indicated an overall increase in the establishment of 10 Full Time Equivalent (FTEs), from the current 6FTEs to 16FTEs and the proposals formed the basis for consultation with trade unions, staff, elected members and key service users which took place from 2<sup>nd</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and, if approved, it was anticipated that implementation would be completed in early 2024.

Appendix 5 to the report provided a summary of the key issues which were raised during the consultation, together with, the response from management. The formal trade union response was also detailed in Appendix 6 to the report.

In terms of the financial implications, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that funding had been found through current service budgets, therefore, there were no financial implications to the main budget.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and this was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

### **The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The final proposals in relation to the restructure of the Corporate Property Team, having due regard to the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Assessment; and**
- (ii) Subject to approval of the Head of Paid Service agreed to delegate implementation of the new structure to the Director of Corporate Resources.**

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