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EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adults, Public Health, Looked After Children, Safeguarding, Early Years, Schools and Skills:-

MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2014

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor Morgan | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hayes (as deputy for Councillor Swarbrick) | - | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Looked After Children, Safeguarding and Early Years

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| Councillor Murray | - | Cabinet Member |
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Schools and Skills

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| Councillor McKeon | - | Cabinet Member |
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Officers

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| Ms M. Asquith | - | Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr J. Daly | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |

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Mr D. Smith	-	Head of Finance
Ms R. Tanner	-	Assistant Director of Children's Services
Mrs S. Bailey	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

62. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2013/14

The Director of Children's and Adults Services submitted a report which outlined the financial position for the Children's, Adult Services and Public Health portfolios as at Quarter Three of the 2013/14 Financial Year.

With regard to Revenue expenditure, the outturn position for the Local Authority block was expected to be less than the available budget by £134,000. The Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to be £12,000 more than the grant available. Public Health expenditure was anticipated to be £66,000 less than the grant expected to be received.

Capital expenditure at the end of March, 2013 was estimated to be £24m against a programme of £25.3m. The change was due mainly to new schemes being added to the programme and the re-profiling of existing schemes. Expenditure at Quarter Three was £15.1m.

Balances were expected to be £41m at 31st March, 2014. This was a reduction of £13.1m due to planned use of school balances, funding of the current years capital programme and the estimated revenue position.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

64. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT – ADULT SERVICES – 2014/15

The Director of Children's Services and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a joint report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval of the revenue budget for 2014/2015 for Adult Services.

In addition, the report included the capital programme bid for the period 2014/2015 and information relating to the Director's staffing establishment.

By way of background, the Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that in September, 2012 the Cabinet agreed revenue budget savings options for the period 2013/15 as the basis for formal consultation which included Adult Services options of £3.5m. At its meeting on 14th January, 2013, the Cabinet had formally agreed these as part of the initial Council wide savings options totalling £34.6m.

The report also proposed a budget for Adult Services for the 2014/15 Financial Year which reflected the decisions agreed by the Cabinet at its meeting on 3rd September, 2012 in relation to the budget reductions required by the Department to meet corporate financial guidance.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the proposed revenue budget for the Chief Executive's Department, after the implementation of strategic redirection options, amounted to £70,059,500. Appendix C to the report provided information relating to the savings and efficiency options for 2014/2015.

With regard to the Department's Capital programme bid, this amounted to £3,221,000 in the 2014/2015 financial year and further details of this were provided in Appendix D to the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The proposed revenue budget of £70,059,500;
and**
- (ii) The 2014/15 Capital Programme of £3,221,000.**

65. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT – PUBLIC HEALTH – 2014/15

A joint report of the Director of Children's and Adult Services and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which sought approval for the 2014/15 Public Health Service Strategic Revenue Budget.

By way of background information, the report reminded the Executive Member that Public Health Services transferred to the Local Authority with effect from 1st April, 2013. A grant was received to fund this activity and the report outlined how the funding to be received in 2014/15 and the proposed expenditure to be incurred in meeting the statutory responsibilities relating to Public Health Services.

With regard to the Revenue budget, the report advised that the proposed Local Authority funded Revenue budget for the Public Health amounted to £18,906,000.

The total approved budget set for the Public Health Services for 2013/14 prior to in year adjustments was £18.115m.

With regard to the Public Health transfer, the report advised that in 2014/15 the grant had increased by a further transfer of £791,000 which was to cover inflationary and service pressures, however, once these changes had been met there was an additional £220,000 for redirections.

The report advised that the Public Health Services Strategic Budget totalled £18,906,000.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED –

The proposed Revenue budget of £18,906,000 as detailed in the report now submitted.

66. ADULT SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER THREE 2013/14

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which provided details on the performance of Adult Services as at Quarter Three 2013/14.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 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.

71. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES BUSINESS SUPPORT SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES REVIEW – CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined proposals to bring together the business support functions across Children's and Adult Services to better meet the requirements of the new Department and to meet the budget savings target required.

An Equality Impact Assessment had been had been undertaken in respect of the proposals, a copy of which was attached to the report at Appendix 3.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member – Leader at his meeting on 24th February, 2014.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED, subject to the approval of the Executive Cabinet Member – Leader –

The report, for consultation purposes with trades unions, staff and stakeholders.

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