

STRATEGIC HOUSING AND PLANNING

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Strategic Housing and Planning:-

TUESDAY, 11th JANUARY, 2022

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

Councillor Hewitt	- Executive Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Planning
Councillor Silvester	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor T. Wilkinson	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Brady	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Allen	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. G. Brough	- Director of Place (Development)
Mr. P. Whittingham	- Assistant Director of Economic Development and Regeneration
Ms. H. Gorman	- Borough Solicitor
Ms. J. Pollard	- Head of Strategic Finance
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

12. 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.

13. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE – FINANCE REPORT 2021/2022 – QUARTER THREE

The Director of Place (Development) submitted a report which provided details in relation to the financial position as at Quarter Three in respect of the Directorate of Place.

Revenue expenditure as at Quarter Three showed a projected overspend against budget of £403k, after planned reserve movements.

There was one significant variance as described in the report.

Capital expenditure as at Quarter Three was £25.421m against a revised Quarter Three budget of £71.795m.

The Directorate of Place had fully used all general reserves in year and held a projected balance of £4.870m earmarked reserves.

The budgeted efficiency savings for 2021/23 for the Directorate of Place were £6.161m and £3.439m of savings had been realised which equated to 56% of the programme.

Specific areas of financial risk identified for the year related to:

- loss of income due to the economic downturn;
- energy price increases for street lighting;
- increased building repair costs related to work identified through property condition surveys; and
- the financial impact of Covid19.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED -

(i) The Quarter Three financial position of the Directorate of Place and the key findings in the report now submitted; and APPROVED -

(ii) The revisions made to the Capital Programme which fall under the Strategic Housing and Planning portfolio; and AUTHORISED –

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(iii) The Director of Place (Development) to call off under any available framework(s) to enable the Capital Programme to progress.