

## **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:-

### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022**

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

Councillor Cox	- Executive Cabinet Member – Leader
Councillor Peel	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Grant	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Heslop	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Allen	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

#### **Officers**

Ms. S. Johnson	- Deputy Chief Executive
Ms. H. Gorman	- Borough Solicitor
Mr. L. Fallows	- Assistant Director HR/OD
Mr. P. Rimmer	- Assistant Director Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services
Ms. J. Pollard	- Head of Finance – Chief Executive's and Place
Mr. T. Glennon	- Head of Finance - Corporate
Ms. N. Littlewood	- Head of Service

Ms. L. Entwistle	- Exchequer Services Manager
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

## **6. 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.**

## **7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT FOR QUARTER 4 2021/2022**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which put forward the Treasury Management Outturn report for Quarter Four of 2021/2022.

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 fourth quarter of 2021/2022 and the associated Prudential Indicators for 2021/2022.

In this regard, the report provided an update on the Treasury Management indicators approved at the meeting of the Budget Council in February, 2021. As at the end of Quarter Four 2021/2022, most indicators were within the limits approved at Budget Council, however, there had been temporary breaches of Money Market Fund counterparty limits as a result of the exceptional circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

## **8. AGGREGATE FINANCIAL MONITOR – QUARTER 4 2021/2022**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which provided information relating to the final Financial Outturn in aggregate for the 2021/2022 Financial Year.

This report summarised the results for the final financial position for the Council for the 2021/2022 Financial Year, as follows:

- Revenue Expenditure - the Council's revenue outturn position was in line with the budget set in February 2021.
- Capital Expenditure for the 2021/2022 financial year was estimated at £48.175m;
- Capital Prudential Indicators - all Prudential Indicators were within the range approved by Council on 17th February, 2021;
- 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 £37.2m savings target built into the two-year budget 2021-23 and £32.58m had been delivered as at Quarter Four 2021/2022.

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

### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**The background papers and report 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.**

## **9. SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES REVIEW OF EXCHEQUER SERVICES – POST CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which set out the results of consultation on proposals to review Exchequer Services, to take into account a reduction in funding from 2021 onwards, and sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to implement the final proposals.

The report outlined the results of the consultation on the proposals which was carried out for a period of 32 days from 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 and a summary of the key issues raised during the consultation were included in Appendix 4 to the report. A copy of the formal trade union response to the proposals were set out in full at Appendix 5 to the report.

The final proposals, having taken account of feedback received during consultation, included one change and this was detailed in the report.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 6 to the report.

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

- (i) The final proposals in respect of the review of Exchequer Services, having due regard to the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Assessment; and**
- (ii) Subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service, delegated implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, to the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive.**

## **10. REVIEW OF MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS SERVICE – POST CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which set out the results of consultation on proposals to review the Marketing, Events and Communications Service (MEC), to take into account a reduction in funding from 2021 onwards, and sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to implement the final proposals.

The report outlined the results of the consultation on the proposals which was carried out for a period of 30 days from 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and a summary of the key issues raised during the consultation were included in Appendix 3 to the report. A copy of the formal trade union response to the proposals were set out in full at Appendix 4 to the report.

The final proposals, having taken account of feedback received during consultation, were outlined in Appendix 2 to the report.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The final proposals in respect of the review of the Marketing, Events and Communications Service (MEC), having due regard to the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Assessment; and**
- (ii) Subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service, delegated implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, to the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive.**

**11. OVER £5,000 WRITE-OFFS JUNE, 2022**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to the write-off of uncollectable debt as detailed in the report.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the write-off of uncollectable debt as set out in the attached schedule.**

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