

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: Cabinet

Date and Time: Thursday 3 August 2023 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Enquiries to: Committee Services

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Members: Neighbour (Leader), Radley (Deputy Leader),

Bailey, Clarke, Cockarill, Collins, Oliver and

Quarterman

Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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- The Chairman will announce that this meeting will be recorded and that anyone remaining at the meeting had provided their consent to any such recording.

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2023, including exempt minutes, are attached for confirmation and signature as a current record.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

*Note: Members are asked to email Committee services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disposable pecuniary, and any other interests*.

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4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA)

Anyone wishing to make a statement to the Committee should contact Committee Services at least two clear working days prior to the meeting. Further information can be found online

6 CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

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This report presents the current status on some priority actions identified in the Climate Action Plan, which was approved by Cabinet on 6 July, and recommended projects for Cabinet approval to be funded from the Climate Change budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is requested to review and approve the proposed projects list and associated cost allocations to be funded from the approved 2023/24 climate budget.

7 REVENUE, CAPITAL AND TREASURY OUTTURN 2022/23

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The Revenue Outturn report presents the revenue outturn for the year ended 31st March 2023 comparing it with the approved budget and providing explanations of significant variances.

The report also contains the capital outturn for the year ended 31st March 2023 and requests for budget carry forwards.

The Treasury Management Report presents the Council's Treasury Management activities during the year ended 31 March 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet note the outturn positions for 2022/23 and approve the capital carry forward requests.

8 REVIEW OF RESERVES INCLUDING SANGS FUNDING

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This report presents the outcome of the S151 Officer's initial review of the Council's financial reserves, as requested by Full Council in February 2023, including funds held for Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs). The report is intended to inform members of the balances and purpose of reserves held and present proposals to better align them with priority service needs and emerging risks. A further review will be undertaken later in the year alongside the budget process and update of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is requested to:

- i. Note the findings of the initial review of reserves and request that the second stage of the review is undertaken as part of the update of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and once the government funding position is more certain.
- ii. Approve the proposed actions in relation to SANG finances as set out in paragraph 14 and ask officers to report back to Cabinet in the budget setting report.
- iii. Approve the proposed actions in relation to capital reserves as set out in paragraph 16 and ask officers to develop a programme of projects to utilise S106 funds and include these in the budget setting report.

and recommend to Council:

- iv. To approve the proposed prudent minimum balance on the General Fund Working Balance of £6m, to be reviewed as part of the updated Medium-Term Financial Strategy
- v. To approve the earmarking of the 2022/23 underspend to meet the known future cost pressures as detailed in paragraph 8.
- vi. To approve the changes to earmarked reserves highlighted in Appendix 2

9 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

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To consider and amend the Cabinet Work Programme.

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