



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date and Time:	Thursday 1 February 2024 7.00 pm
Place:	Council Chamber
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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 5 - 12

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2024 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 disclosable 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 Q3 FORECAST OUTTURN REPORT 2023-24 13 - 35

This report sets out the 2023/24 budget outturn latest forecast.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- i. Note the projected outturn
- ii. Note the capital overview
- iii. Note the project overview
- iv. Note the treasury management position

7 DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25 36 - 65

The Council must set a balanced budget for 2024/2025. The draft revenue and capital budget proposals are summarised in this report.

Recommendation

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

- i. a 2.99% increase in Hart District Council's Band D Council Tax Charge for 2024/25,
- ii. changes to fees and charges for 2024/25 in line with the principles set out in this report, with full details being reported to full Council,
- iii. approval of the draft Revenue Budget for 2024/25 as summarised in paragraph 15 and Appendix 1, incorporating the baseline net service cost variations included at paragraph 17 and Appendix 1,
- iv. approval of Capital Bids as detailed in Appendix 2,
- v. approval of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix 3,
- vi. noting the emerging pressures and risks set out in the report and the S151 Officer's intention to undertake a mid-year review of detailed budgets
- vii. approval of the continuation of the capital receipt flexibility strategy detailed in the report under the Direction issued by the Government early in 2022
- viii. agreeing not to change the Council's existing Council Tax Support Scheme other than the required statutory updating

8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND CAPITAL STRATEGY ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW

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To present the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25 which incorporates the Annual Investment Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

It is a legal obligation to set a Capital Strategy, which is also presented for review. This strategy provides the strategic framework for the treasury activity.

The 2024/25 draft documents do not suggest any major changes as compared to the approved ones for the current year.

Recommendation

That Cabinet recommends that Council:

- i. approves the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25 and the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy contained within it,
- ii. approves the Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 and;
- iii. Approves the Capital Strategy 2024/25.

9 UKSPF PROJECTS UPDATE

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Hart District Council (HDC) has been granted £1million through the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to fund projects identified in HDC's Local Investment Plan (LIP). This report provides details of the Community Hub and Young Persons projects to be

delivered in 2024 and provides an update on the programme to date.

Recommendation

That Cabinet agrees:

- i. To approve the Community Hub and Young Persons Engagement applications recommended to be delivered in 2024
- ii. To approve the revised financial plan in **Appendix 1** which includes all changes since Cabinet last approved the plan in March 2023 and reflects the officer recommended grant amounts in this report
- iii. To approve the revised Programme Plan in **Appendix 2**

10 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

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To consider and amend the Cabinet Work Programme.

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