

# CABINET

Tuesday, 23 July 2024

## **REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Decision Record**

**Decision-making body:** Cabinet

**Location:** Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD

**Date:** Tuesday, 23 July 2024

<b>Present</b>	Councillor A Brown (Chair) Councillors A Brook, U Earl, C Massey, C Quartermain, L Robson and B Suthers.
<b>Officials</b>	B Archer, C Mahoney, S Newton, P Rice, J Sampson and C Styles.
<b>In attendance</b>	Councillors I Hart, Nightingale and Thomson.
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Councillors L Pallister, C Richardson and J Joy.

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**Minutes**                      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record and the attendance Matrix be noted.

**Declarations of Interest**                      None

These minutes were published on 23 July 2024 by the Governance Director

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**Item/report:** 51 Financial Outturn Position 2023/2024

**Reporting source:** Finance Director (Section 151 Officer)

**Record of decision:** **RESOLVED** that

1. The final revenue and capital outturn position for 2023/24 and the factors driving the position be noted;
2. The outturn position for Treasury Management prudential indicators as set out in Appendix 4 (not reproduced) be approved;
3. The itemised revenue virements as set out in Appendix 5 (not reproduced) be approved;
4. The reprofiling of capital budgets as included in Appendix 3 (not reproduced) into 2024/25 be approved; and,
5. The further work being undertaken to try to address and mitigate the financial pressures facing the council be noted.

**Reason for the decision:** This report gave an outline of the final position of the Council at the end of the 2023/24 financial year. The main body of the report outlined the financial position in terms of the Council's revenue budget, the capital programme, the collection fund (in relation to Business Rates and Council Tax), progress in delivering our Driving Change savings and the arrangements for Treasury Management.

**Assessment of options:** At the end of the 2023/24 financial year, the Council's year end net overspend is £3.299 million, which was summarised in the report by Directorate. Equivalent forecast variances for Quarter 3, which were reported to Cabinet on 19 March 2024 were also included to aid comparison.

**Declared conflicts of interest:** None

**Date and time by which call-in must be exercised:** Midnight on 1 August 2024

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<b>Item/report:</b>	<b>52 Biodiversity Strategy</b>
<b>Reporting source:</b>	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment
<b>Record of decision:</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan be approved.
<b>Reason for the decision:</b>	<p>This report reminded Cabinet that the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, as amended by the Environment Act 2021, gives public bodies the duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity. This means that, as a public authority, Redcar &amp; Cleveland Borough Council must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Consider what we can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity;</li><li>b. Agree objectives and policies based on consideration of the duty; and,</li><li>c. Commit to taking action to deliver our strategies and objectives.</li></ul> <p>The report therefore sought approval to the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.</p>
<b>Assessment of options:</b>	A wide range of options were explored when considering this report.
<b>Declared conflicts of interest:</b>	None
<b>Date and time by which call-in must be exercised:</b>	Midnight on 1 August 2024



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<b>Item/report:</b>	<b>53 Productivity and Efficiency Statement</b>
<b>Reporting source:</b>	
<b>Record of decision:</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Productivity and Efficiency Statement be approved.
<b>Reason for the decision:</b>	<p>This report advised Cabinet that as part of the Government's work to review productivity across government departments they have mandated that each Local Authority submits a document which provides assurance over their productivity, as well as the approach to ensuring efficiency.</p> <p>The report therefore sought approval to the proposed return for Redcar and Cleveland.</p>
<b>Assessment of options:</b>	Local authorities have been mandated to develop the productivity documents and submit them to the Government following consideration by elected members. As such the only option for consideration is to submit the document.
<b>Declared conflicts of interest:</b>	None
<b>Date and time by which call-in must be exercised:</b>	Midnight on 1 August 2024

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**Item/report: 54 Exclusion of the Press and public**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following item contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**Item/report: 55 Information Items**

**RESOLVED** that the following items be approved and noted where necessary:

**Delegated decision:**

- Adults and Communities Directorate
- Children and Families Directorate
- Growth, Enterprise and Environment Directorate
- Resources Directorate