

CABINET

Tuesday, 17 September 2024

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Decision Record

Decision-making body: Cabinet

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

Date: Tuesday, 17 September 2024

Present	Councillor A Brown (Chair) Councillors C Richardson (Vice-Chair), L Robson, A Brook, U Earl, C Massey, L Pallister and B Suthers.
Officials	B Archer, S Fenwick, S Newton, P Rice, J Sampson, D Swainston and P Winstanley.
In attendance	Councillors I Hart, Nightingale, Ovens and Thomson.
Apologies for absence	Councillors C Quartermain and J Joy

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Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record and the attendance Matrix be noted.
Declarations of Interest	Councillor Suther declared an interest in the Waste Management Strategy as a family member was employed by Cumbria Waste and left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed.

These minutes were published on 19 September 2024
by the Governance Director

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Item/report: 57 Financial Update – Quarter 1 – 2024/25

Reporting source: Finance Director (Section 151 Officer)

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

1. Notes the forecast outturn position on the revenue budget and capital investment plan:
 - In terms of capital investment variations, Cabinet agreed to recommend to the Borough Council approval of:
 - additional Council resources of £1.312 million for additional IT expenditure, costs associated with reconfiguring Seaford House, Saltburn cliff lift, digitalisation of telecare equipment and the purchase of equipment for assisted technology;
 - Inclusion of a £1.000 million Business Transformation scheme for 2024/25 and £2.500 for 2025/26. This is following the approval of the Flexible Capital Receipts Policy by the Borough Council as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy report in February 2024;
 - Transfer of £0.099 million of grant funding between the Education block and Council Investments for Highcliffe air source heating scheme;
 - The revised position at Quarter 1 for Prudential Indicators used to measure performance for the Council's Treasury Management arrangements (Appendix 4 not reproduced);
 - The itemised list of revenue budget virements (Appendix 5 not reproduced);
 - The itemised list of capital budget virements (Appendix 6 not reproduced); .
 - The arrangements for acquisition of properties at Eston Precinct as set out in paragraph 4.34 (not reproduced); and,

The proposed debt write offs detailed at paragraph 4.43 not reproduced.

Reason for the decision:

This report provided the forecast year-end position for the Council as at Quarter 1 of the 2024/25 financial year and covered the revenue budget, the collection fund, revenue reserves, the capital investment programme, our arrangements for Treasury Management, and approval requests for debt write-offs.

Cabinet were reminded that the forecast financial position needed to be considered within the context of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 to 2028/29, which was approved by Full Council on 29 February 2024.

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The report also sought confirmation of authority to proceed with the acquisition of properties in relation to the redevelopment of Eston Precinct, as approved in principle by the Cabinet in a report dated 11 July 2023 in relation to the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (LUF Rd2).

Assessment of options:

As at Quarter 1 2024/25, the Council is forecasting a year-end net overspend of £7.468 million. This is after taking the difficult decision to implement a range of in[1]year measures including a recruitment freeze (£0.978 million), non-pay review (£1.897 million) and income review (£0.576 million). Planned use of flexible capital receipts of £1.000 million further reduced the projected position to an overspend of £6.468 million.

Declared conflicts of interest:

None

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Item/report:	58 Loftus Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation Sports Facility
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment
Record of decision:	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve the Council's support of the scheme as set out in the report and the use of relevant delegated powers to implement the necessary arrangements; and,2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Growth and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Finance Director, to undertake any necessary action to implement the scheme which is not specifically covered by the scheme of delegation, including appropriate project amendments and any necessary changes to the external funding profiles to deliver the project to timescales and budget.
Reason for the decision:	<p>This report sought approval to progress a partnership between RCBC and Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation (MFCF) to build a community sports building, 54 space car park, and a 3G sports pitch on the Council owned Ben Scott's Field off Westfield Way in Loftus.</p> <p>The partnership was at the request of MFCF, and the Council was supportive for them to develop a sports facility by using the Council's expertise in project development and the management of the necessary construction tender. The scheme was fully reliant upon external funding grants required by MFCF to build the facility. It was the intention to secure significant external capital grants from the national Football Foundation (FF) (Football Association & Premier League grass roots funds); and from the MFCF.</p> <p>The report therefore gave details of the agreed project timeline between the Council and MFCF to submit a funding bid to the FF in December 2024, with an aim to start building the sports facility from May 2025 onwards.</p> <p>Cabinet were advised that this would be a key facility for the East Cleveland area and drive sports participation with major positive health and wellbeing benefits for the community</p>

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Assessment of options: A range of options were explored when considering this report.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Item/report:	59 Fostering Service Statement of Purpose & Annual Fostering Report 2023/24
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Children and Families
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the Statement of Purpose and the service activities for the year 2023/2024 within the Annual Report be noted.
Reason for the decision:	<p>The Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service sets out the aims, objectives, structure and service arrangements and how these would be met, in partnership with Foster Carers, children and young people and their families, and other services and agencies.</p> <p>The Statement of Purpose also outlined how the Fostering Service operated in accordance with legislation, guidance and regulatory frameworks.</p> <p>The Annual Report for 2023/24 for the Fostering Service highlighted the activities of the Fostering Team and the Fostering Panel.</p>
Assessment of options:	It is a statutory requirement as part of the legislation to have an annually reviewed Statement of Purpose and Annual Report for the Fostering Service.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	60 Annual Safeguarding Adults Report 2023/2024
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Adults and Communities
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that Cabinet note the content of the report and endorse the continued work of Adult Social Care in meeting the Council's statutory safeguarding duty and delivering preventative services to safeguard adults in the Borough.
Reason for the decision:	The report provided an overview of safeguarding activity undertaken by the Redcar & Cleveland Adult Social Care service, with reference to key partners during the period April 2023 to March 2024.
Assessment of options:	Not applicable.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	61 Finance Strategy
Reporting source:	Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Finance Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Finance Strategy which set out the approach the Council would take in managing its financial resources in order to fulfil its legal and statutory duties of setting a balanced budget on an annual basis, as well as seeking to make best use of the resources available to it to achieve its stated priorities and deliver valued services for the residents and businesses of the borough.</p> <p>Cabinet were reminded that the Strategy would be integral to the Council's ability to deliver the entirety of the Corporate Plan, ensuring the financial resources available to the Council came together in a robust plan to fund the agreed priorities, including promoting financial resilience and sustainability.</p>
Assessment of options:	A wide range of options were explored when considering this report.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	62 Adult Social Care Strategy
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Adults and Communities
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Adults Social Care Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Adults Strategy which described the priorities for Adult Social Care over the next five years.</p> <p>Cabinet were reminded that following a period of intense challenge in recent years, Adult Social Care was now embarking on a period of transformation and innovation to ensure Adult Social Care was fit for the future.</p> <p>This strategy therefore had been developed to support the improvement planning; it builds on the journey to date and the learning which has taken place by putting the people we support at the heart of every decision we make. It is a living strategy that will be reviewed and built on throughout its lifetime through consultation and co-production with adults and unpaid carers with lived experience.</p>
Assessment of options:	In agreeing the Organisational Plan members determined the approach to be taken to delivering upon Corporate Plan objectives. This strategy was a product of that approach, focussing on Adult Social Care and as such there were no further options to consider.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	63 Climate Change Strategy
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Climate Change Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Climate Change Strategy and reminded that the Council's first Climate Change Strategy was agreed in March 2021.</p> <p>This strategy therefore builds on the work done to date setting out how the authority would strive to deliver its Climate Change objectives over the coming years. This involved close alignment with operational services, staff and residents, and working together to improve the local environment.</p> <p>Cabinet was reminded that it is the ambition that climate is embedded in local authority decision-making, with decisions on procurement, budget, and service-delivery cognisant of environmental impact.</p>
Assessment of options:	In agreeing the Organisational Plan members determined the approach to be taken to delivering upon Corporate Plan objectives. This strategy is a product of that approach, focussing on climate change, as such there were no further options to consider.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	64 Digital Strategy
Reporting source:	Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Digital Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Digital Strategy which set out how the Council would approach the digitalisation of services.</p> <p>Cabinet were reminded that digitalisation would play a key role in the ongoing modernisation of council services helping to improve efficiency and provide value for money. Equally it would be an important part of the Council's customer service and communications approach.</p> <p>Reflective of the Council's financial strategy this strategy sets out an approach to delivering digitalisation within a challenging financial context, maximising use and leveraging all it can from existing systems as well as prioritising the use of resources on the areas which will have a positive financial impact.</p>
Assessment of options:	In agreeing the Organisational Plan members determined the approach to be taken to delivering upon Corporate Plan objectives. This strategy is a product of that approach, focussing on digitalisation, as such there were no further options to consider.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	65 Skills Strategy
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Skills Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Skills Strategy which focused on how to provide residents with the skills and qualifications to succeed, how to provide businesses with the workforce to thrive now and in the future, as well as improving productivity and economic growth.</p> <p>With widescale regeneration taking place in the Borough this strategy would be key in preparing and connecting people with the jobs.</p>
Assessment of options:	In agreeing the Organisational Plan members determined the approach to be taken to delivering upon Corporate Plan objectives. This strategy is a product of that approach, focussing on skills, as such there were no further options to consider.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
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Item/report:	66 Waste Strategy
Reporting source:	Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that the proposed Waste Management Strategy be approved.
Reason for the decision:	<p>Cabinet were presented with the proposed Waste Management Strategy which outlined the Council's approach to the management of household waste, with the key areas of focus being to reduce the amount of waste produced, to recycle as much material as possible, find the most sustainable and cost-effective solution to deal with any waste that remained.</p> <p>Members were reminded that as this was a key area of the Council's operations, one which mattered to residents of the borough, it was imperative that there was a clear evidence-based strategy for this area of work.</p>
Assessment of options:	In agreeing the Organisational Plan members determined the approach to be taken to delivering upon Corporate Plan objectives. This strategy is a product of that approach, focussing on waste management, as such there were no further options to consider.
Declared conflicts of interest:	Councillor Suther declared an interest in the Waste Management Strategy as a family member was employed by Cumbria Waste and left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed.
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Item/report: 67 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