

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Extraordinary Remote Meeting, 2nd October, 2024.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair); Councillor E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, P. Drake, R. Fisher, C.P. Franks, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also present: Councillors I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), W.A. Hennessy and G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing).

AGENDA ITEM 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, C.P. Franks and B. Loveluck-Edwards declared a personal interest in that they were Governors of schools in the Vale, but the matters before Committee were not considered prejudicial as the reports were generic.

AGENDA ITEM 3. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference be considered in conjunction with Item 4, the Report of the Director of Corporate Resources, as below.

Reason for recommendation

In order that the reference and report may be considered together.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the report and the financial measures taken and proposed be noted.

(2) T H A T That the allocation of overall Council surplus as set out below be noted:

- £2m transfer to new reserve to offset school deficits on a provisional basis in 2024/25;
- £80k to Council Fund to offset general pressures.

(3) T H A T the comments of the Committee made at the meeting as above be referred to Cabinet and that Cabinet consider the following –

- That a dedicated procurement officer for schools be considered;
- That further consideration be given for Governing bodies to be provided with further support and guidance with regard to school budget deficits;
- That future closure of accounts reports detail planned and unplanned use of reserves and that the reports also specify the detail as to whether the money earmarked in reserves was sufficient or not for the pressures identified.

Reason for recommendations

(1-3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. CAPITAL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the recommendations of Cabinet be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT
2023/24 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Annual Report on Treasury Management 2023/24 be accepted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. QUARTER 1 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 Revenue Budget be noted.

(2) T H A T the virements included as part of the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM. 8 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH JUNE, 2024 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee in the attached Appendix 1 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report, be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (4) T H A T the changes to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in the report be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025/26 TO 2029/30 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the comments of the Scrutiny Committee be referred back to Cabinet for consideration, in particular having regard to investment in spend to save projects and relating to a strategic procurement function.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the financial challenges facing the Council and considering other opportunities to assist.