

## **Decisions of the Executive on Tuesday, 21 February 2023**

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**CALL IN PERIOD ENDS ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 17.00**

**Notes:**

- (a) Decisions may be called in by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, or by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee when requested to do so by one member of the Committee or a member of another committee or by the Committee member representing the third largest group on the Council.***
- (b) The request to call in must be in writing and be signed by a Member, give a reason for the request and sent to the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, who will deliver the request to Committee Secretariat, Room 111, City Hall by the date and time specified.***
- (c) Decisions which are subject to call in cannot be acted upon until the call in period expires.***
- (d) Decisions marked \* may not be called in under Paragraph 8.7 of Part 3E of the Constitution.***

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To:

The following recommendation was received:

Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 31 January 2023 –

**REPORT ON THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE FOR WEED CONTROL WITHIN  
BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Resolved –**

**(1) That, following consideration the solutions set out in Document “V”, that Solution 2: Reduced Use of Glyphosate, be recommended to the Executive for adoption. This would see a reduction in the use of glyphosate, primarily by avoiding those areas of the highest environmental sensitivity, whilst allowing for some form of weed control on the rest of the highway network.**

**(2) That it be further recommended to the Executive that public engagement and communication regarding the reduced use of glyphosate in some areas be undertaken and that Officers continue to engage with other Local Authorities that are also reducing the use of glyphosate.**

**(3) That an update report be presented to this Committee by the Strategic Director, Place, in 12 months’ that includes information on the trial involving no use (or exceptional use) of glyphosate within 2 parks within the Shipley ward that is planned for 2023 and learning from other Local Authority areas.**

**Noted: The Executive noted the recommendations and looked forward to seeing the results of the trial detailed in 3 above.**

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director of Place***

(Fatima Butt/Yusuf Patel - 01274 432227/434579)

**LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE**

***(Councillor Hinchcliffe)***

**\*2. THE COUNCILS REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2023/24**

**Resolved –**

**Executive is asked to approve the following recommendations to Council:**

- (a) That the Base Revenue Forecast of £453.159m for 2023/24 be approved as set out in Document “AU”.**

- (b) That the Existing pressures of £62.0m in 2023/24 as set out in Appendix B to Document “AU” be approved.
- (c) That the Investments previously approved of £0.5m in 2023/24 as set out in Appendix C to Document “AU” be noted.
- (d) That the Recurring investment proposals of £1.098m in 2023/24 as set out in Appendix D to Document “AU” be approved.
- (e) That the prior agreed savings in Appendix E to Document “AU” be noted.
- (f) That New savings of £13.580m in 2023/24 as set out in Appendix F to Document “AU” be approved.
- (g) That the Capital Financing and Central budget adjustments of £22.390m in 2023/24 as set out in Appendix G to Document “AU” be approved.
- (h) That it be noted that within the revenue budget there is a net use of £44.299m in revenue reserves in 2023/24 to balance the budget as outlined in Appendix A to Document “AU”.
- (i) That it is noted that £4.250m of pre-approved reserve use is required for City of Culture and a Regeneration opportunity.
- (j) That £6m of reserves are earmarked to the Energy Price Volatility reserve.
- (k) That £3.163m is earmarked to the General Fund Reserve balance so that it remains at 5% of the net revenue budget in line with recommended practice.

That the comments of the Director of Finance set out in the Section 151 Officer’s Assessment of the proposed budgets on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the recommendations made at (a) to (k) of Document “AU” above be noted.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Cross – 07870 386523)

### **\*3. ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**Resolved-**

**That the Executive asks Council to:**

- a) **Accept and approve the proposals for the allocation of the 2023/24 Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in Document “AV”.**

- b) Approve the total amount of £708.868m to be appropriated in respect of all schools covered by the Bradford Scheme for the Local Management of Schools, so as to establish the Individual Schools Budget for 2023/24.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

**\*4. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2023-24 TO 2026-27**

**Resolved –**

**Executive is asked to approve the following recommendations to Council:**

- (1) That the Executive are asked to note the contents of the report and to have regard to the information contained within Document “AW” when considering the recommendations to make to Council on the Capital Investment Plan for 2023-24.**
- (2) That the updated Capital Plan for 2023-27, be approved; (Appendix A to Document “AW”). Commitments against reserve schemes and contingencies can only be made after a business case has been assessed by the Project Appraisal Group and approved by Executive.**
- (3) That Specific approval be given for the following schemes to commence following a detailed review by the Project Appraisal Group:**
  - The 2023-24 Property Programme has a proposed total cost of £4m and this will be funded by corporate borrowing.**
  - IT software – three schemes are planned to improve IT security. The cost of the capital spend is £0.965m and it will be funded by corporate borrowing.**

**In addition:**

- £6m from Reserve schemes for SEND provision across the district funded by corporate borrowing. It will be used to complete a number of SEND expansions across both the mainstream school sector and SEND schools. The budget is required to allow for the development of up to three proposed schemes. Once the initial design and development works have been completed, the necessary statutory processes will commence, including approval from Executive and an update will be provided to the Project Appraisal Group.**
- The utilisation of the Inflation Contingency as set out in the report**

be delegated to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources.  
The additional costs will be funded through corporate borrowing.

- (4) That the amendment to the 2022-23 Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and the proposed 2023-24 MRP policy set out in Appendix 2 to Document “AW” is approved.
- (5) That delegated authority is given to Section 151 Officer to repay debt on an annuity basis, for chosen properties purchased during or after 2018-19. Delegated authority could only be exercised if two conditions are met:
  1. the asset retains or increases its value;
  2. the return from the capital scheme is sufficient to repay the capital sum invested.
- (6) That the Capital Strategy (including Prudential Indicators), set out at Appendix 3 to Document “AW”, be approved.
- (7) That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy as presented at Appendix 4 to Document “AW” - is recommended to the Executive to:
  - Approve the Flexible use of Capital Receipts policy for 2022-23 and 2023-24 as outlined in Appendix 4 section 2.2 of Document “AW”.
  - Delegate powers to the Section 151 officer in consultation with the Leader to vary the values outlined in Appendix 4 section 2.2 of Document “AW” subject to the value of Capital receipts achieved in 2023-24, whilst ensuring compliance with the Direction from DHLUC outlined in section 2.1. of Document “AW”.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Lynsey Simenton – 01274 434232)

**\*5. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 2023-24**

**Resolved -**

**That the Executive is asked to approve the following recommendations to Council:**

- (1) That Rent increase of 7% be applied from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 as set out in section 4.7 of Document “AX”.
- (2) That Transfer of housing reserves of £503k from General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account as set out in section 4.4 of Document “AX” be approved.

**(3) That Service charges to apply from April 1 2023 as set out in section 4.11 of Document “AX”.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

(Arfat Lohn – 0786 6887377)

**\*6. 2023/24 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FORECAST RESERVES - SECTION 151 OFFICER ASSESSMENT**

**Resolved –**

**Executive is asked to approve the following recommendations to Council -**

**That Members have regard to the report in setting the budget, and in particular note the conclusions that:**

- the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust to set a balanced and deliverable budget in 2023-24.**
- the reserves are adequate for the 2023/24 proposed budget. The level of reserves has reduced substantially to support the Council budget and in line with Central Government expectation that Councils should use their reserves**
- the projected corporate reserves, on current estimates, are adequate in the short term, subject to the implementation of the rest of the proposed financial plan, however they do not represent a sustainable solution to addressing budget pressures beyond 2023-24.**
- the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be updated and reported to Executive as clarity on future local government funding, reforms of adult and social care and other relevant issues are received.**

**As with all budgets there is the potential for amendments to be proposed/agreed which could change the overall package of proposals. In that respect, it should be highlighted that this statement would have to be amended if a decision was proposed that leads to the Council’s reserves reducing below their recommended General Fund balance level. In addition, any other amendments would be considered against the scale of the overall budget and depending upon the extent and nature, may result in a revised statement.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Andrew Cross – 07870 386523)

**\*7. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS ON BOARDS OF COMPANIES**

**Resolved -**

- (1) That officers' appointments to serve as directors to the boards of companies as detailed in Appendix 1 to Document "AZ" be approved.**
- (2) That Authority be given to the Director of Legal and Governance in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make new director officer appointments to ensure ongoing Council representation on the boards of companies and to advise Executive members of any such appointments thereafter.**
- (3) That this decision is exempt from call-in on the grounds of urgency for the reasons set out in the report.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

(Christine Meakins – 0785 5177224)

**HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO**

*(Councillor Ferriby)*

**8. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE NON-RESIDENTIAL CHARGES**

**Resolved –**

**That the Executive, following consideration of the issues raised within Document "AB" and the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 1, authorises the Strategic Director for Health and Wellbeing to implement charges based on actual costs of the service for adult social care non-residential services to apply from 1 April 2023.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Health and Social Care

(Jane Wood – 01274 437312)

**\*9. SQUIRE LANE LEISURE, COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE**

**Resolved –**

**That the Executive:**

- (1) Approve the appointment of the current Design Team for RIBA Stage 3 and subsequent development stages subject to meeting value for money and affordability criteria.**
- (2) Approve the appointment of a contractor to engage in the design process and also for the subsequent construction contract within the funding envelope previously approved by the Executive**
- (3) Delegate Authority to the Strategic Director Place, in consultation with the Executive Members for Regeneration, Planning and Transport and Healthy People and Places, the Director of Finance and Monitoring Officer, to make such further decisions as are required to deliver the project, within the funding available including;
  - a. The undertaking of a community consultation exercise and**
  - b. The subsequent submission of a Planning Application having regard to the outcome of the community consultation process.****
- (4) Delegate authority to the Director of Legal and Governance to enter into all legal agreements to enable implementation of the above recommendations subject to prior satisfaction that the requirements of the best value duty and Subsidy Control Act 2022 are met.**
- (5) That this decision is exempt from call-in on the grounds of urgency for the reasons set out in paragraph 2.3 to Document “BB”.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Regeneration and Environment

(Ian Smart – 01274 431735)



*(Councillor Duffy)*

10. **FULL OFSTED INSPECTION (ILACS) 21 NOVEMBER TO 2 DECEMBER 2022**

**Resolved –**

**That the Executive ask Officers to work quickly towards the establishment of the Trust and that the Improvement Plan which has been endorsed by the Commissioner be supported.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

(Picklu Roychoudhury – 01274 431867)

11. **UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRADFORD CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRUST**

**Resolved –**

**That the Executive are requested to:**

- **Note the update report and note the progress undertaken to date.**
- **Delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families authority to take all steps to enable the Council to enter into the Service Delivery Contract and the Support Services Agreements, leases and all necessary associated agreements to enable the establishment of the Bradford Children and Families Trust and commence of the delivery of services.**
- **Delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families authority to approve the adoption of the new Articles of Association and sign any required written resolution.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

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