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CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2020/21

That recommendation 2.4, be amended with the addition of the wording as shown in ***bold italics*** below.

- 2.1 That the Committee note that the provisional General Fund outturn position is an underspend of £9.733m and that this represents an improvement of £4.921m compared to the projected and planned resource position at Month 9 taken into account when setting the 2021/22 budget.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the provisional outturn includes an underspend of £0.989m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.3 That the Committee approve General Fund carry forward requests totalling £5.321m as detailed in Appendix 5 and included in the provisional outturn.
- 2.4 That the Committee approve the proposed allocation of additional available outturn resources of £4.921m as set out in the table at paragraph 10.4 ***except for the £2.5m repayment of the 2021/22 financial smoothing. Instead £1.5m to remain for this purpose. Releasing £1m to be used for:***
- (1) £100k to procure and fund a professional fundraiser to support the Madeira Terraces restoration, tasked to bid to appropriate central government departments and charitable bodies, including but not limited to HLF, for funding to support later phases of the project.***
 - (2) £50k to fund a feasibility study and business plan into an ice skating rink, which may or may not be part of a wider leisure facility, being located at Black Rock. Including exploring the most up to date environmentally friendly technologies including but not limited to extracting heat from the ice-skating rink and using it to heat the swimming pool.***
 - (3) £850k to be placed into a Black Rock, Eastern Seafront and Madeira Terraces sustainable regeneration fund reserve: to both or either; support regeneration projects in these areas or itself go towards funding these projects. With future decisions on spending of these monies in these areas coming back to P&R for approval.***
- 2.5 That the Committee note the provisional outturn for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an underspend of £0.436m.
- 2.6 That the Committee note the provisional outturn position for the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an underspend of £0.746m.
- 2.7 That the Committee note the provisional outturn position on the capital programme which is an underspend variance of £7.132m.
- 2.8 That the Committee approve the capital budget variations and re-profiling requested in Appendix 7.

- 2.9 That the Committee approve the creation of the Overdown rise Footpath Maintenance Reserve as set out in paragraph 9.10.
- 2.10 That the Committee delegate the allocation of the Corporate Plan Delivery Risk provision to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Member Budget Review Group as set out in paragraph 10.3iv

Proposed by: Cllr Bell

Seconded by: Cllr Appich
Cllr Mac Cafferty

Recommendations to read if carried:

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Chief Finance Officer Comments:

The repayment of reserves (Financial Smoothing) of £2.500m proposed in the report also has the effect of reducing annual repayments by £0.250m from 2022/23 for 10 years. This amendment proposed to reduce the repayment of reserves (Financial Smoothing) by £1.000m from £2.500m down to £1.500m. This in turn increases the annual repayments by £0.100m from 2022/23 (for 10 years) compared to the proposed repayment of Financial Smoothing in the report.

As for a formal budget amendment, the proposed allocation of £1.000m for items set out in Recommendation 2.4 should be regarded as a resource allocation decision. The detailed implementation would be subject to compliance with all legal, financial and governance requirements as well as appropriate consultation and equality considerations.

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2020/21

To amend the motion with the insertion of new recommendations and the new numbering as shown below in ***bold italics***.

Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note that the provisional General Fund outturn position is an underspend of £9.733m and that this represents an improvement of £4.921m compared to the projected and planned resource position at Month 19 taken into account when setting the 2021/22 budget.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the provisional outturn includes an underspend of £0.989m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.3 That the Committee approve General Fund carry forward requests totalling £5.321m as detailed in Appendix 5 and included in the provisional outturn.
- 2.4 That the Committee approve the proposed allocation of additional available outturn resources of £4.921m as set out in the table at paragraph 10.4 **as adjusted for recommendation 2.9.1 and 2.9.2.**
- 2.5 That the Committee note the provisional outturn for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an underspend of £0.436m.
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- 2.8 That the Committee approve the capital budget variations and re-profiling requested in Appendix 7.
- 2.9.1 That the figures in 10.4 are amended as follows: The repayment of financial smoothing to be reduced to £2.450m, and that £0.020m be added to the corporate delivery plan risk provision, making available a total of up to £0.259m. The total fund to include consideration of the following projects:***
- ***Park and Ride Project feasibility study - enhance the existing allocated budget to ensure that multiple locations can be explored with a view of linking this to planned transport hubs***
 - ***EV Car co-op Pilot setup costs - to set up pilot schemes in three initial locations***
 - ***Procurement / Community Wealth Building - to add to existing budgets to ensure the procurement team have capacity to deliver community wealth building by using the Council's purchasing power at pace.***

- ***One off investment to catch up with pavement weeds - funding for more city clean staff to clear up street and kerbside weeds and support and enable community initiatives to de weed and plant kerbside flowers in appropriate available ground.***
- ***Tidy up teams funding increase - to allocate additional resources to deal with litter and graffiti issues***
- ***Support for 20 mile an hour city - allocate funding for feasible local projects and interventions ahead of a city-wide scheme***
- ***20-minute neighbourhood initiatives - support a feasibility study and report to identify an area for a full-scale pilot scheme with measurable outcomes***
- ***Investment in Parks - additional wilding & other projects - to include local wilding landscape schemes designed by park “friends”, adding fencing and other infrastructure as necessary***

2.9.2 That an additional provision of up to £0.030m be set aside from the available outturn resources for four specific projects:

- ***Women's safety - carry out a city-wide survey of how safe women feel in the city, and a study on how safe they are in the city, working with police and other agencies as necessary***
- ***Care co-ops feasibility study - develop a model of co-operative care services for homecare in the city for older adults and those with disabilities, in co-production with client groups***
- ***EUSS additional support for NRPF residents - identify problems our less settled / homeless communities will experience after 30 June as their status changes, working with existing voluntary and community organisations to provide support***
- ***Marriage notices fee waiver - to extend the fee waiver for couples getting married until 31 March 2022***

2.9.3 That a sum of up to £0.055m be set aside from the 2021/22 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) grant for the following:

- ***VCS Recovery fund - adding £0.020m funds for the voluntary and community sector as they come out of the pandemic – to be agreed by the members’ advisory group (MAG)***
- ***One to one / small group catch up support/tuition: 1000 hours - £0.035m for one to one and small groups to help address attainment gaps***

2.10~~9~~ That the Committee approve the creation of the Overdown rise Footpath Maintenance Reserve as set out in 9.10.

2.11 That any unspent Corporate plan delivery risk provision or additional projects provision in 2.9.2 above be returned and be applied to reduce 2021/22 financial smoothing (i.e. to repay reserves).

2.12~~0~~ That the Committee delegate the allocation of the Corporate Plan Delivery Risk provision and the additional projects provision as set out in paragraph 2.9.2

to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Member Budget Review Group as set out in paragraph 10.3iv).

Proposed by: Cllr Appich

Seconded by: Cllr Bell
Cllr Mac Cafferty

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The amendment also delegates the detailed allocation of funding for both the Corporate Plan Delivery Risk Provision and the Additional Funding as covered by recommendations 2.4, 2.9.1, 2.9.2 and 2.1.2. These recommendations amount to a resource allocation decision but do not determine the deliverability, achievability, or extent of each named scheme or project. This will need to be considered under delegations by the Budget Review Group having taken advice from the CFO and relevant Executive Directors regarding practical implementation and delivery relative to amounts to be allocated to each scheme or project.

The amendment further stipulates that any funds not utilised in 2021/22 for either the Corporate Plan Delivery Risk provision (Recommendation 2.4 and 2.9.1) or the Additional Provision (Recommendation 2.9.2) will be applied to increase the repayment of Financial Smoothing.

Recommendation 2.9.3 is a stand-alone recommendation proposing an allocation of funds from the 2021/22 Contain Outbreak Management Fund for which the council was allocated £2.070m in total. The report to Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee on 28 April 2021 (Allocation of Contain Outbreak Management Funds 2020/21) recommended that the council allocate this funding later in the financial year as per recommendation 2.6 which is repeated below:

That the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee:

- 2.6 Agrees to defer the allocation of 2021/22 Contain Outbreak Management Funds until later in the financial year when more information on potential local test, trace and support to self-isolate and surge testing costs will be known together with information on the city's progression through the roadmap to recovery.

However, the proposed allocations in the amendment are eligible within the conditions of the grant.

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

FAIR & INCLUSIVE UPDATE INCLUDING ETHNICITY PAY GAP

To amend the report with the insertion of new recommendations and the new numbering as shown below in ***bold italics***.

That the Policy & Resources Committee (P&R):

2.1 Notes the reports and the median ethnicity pay gap – ***as currently calculated*** - of 3.1%.

2.2 Instructs officers to produce annual ethnicity pay gap reporting in line with the gender pay gap reporting schedule.

2.3 Requests that in these future reports, the ethnicity pay gap is broken down into the categories Black Asian Minority Ethnic British, Black Asian Minority Ethnic Other, White British, White Irish, White Other, rather than the current White British/All other.

2.4 Requests that disability pay gap reporting is also produced annually going forward.

2.5 Continues to support and champion the actions within the Fair & Inclusive Action Plan.

Proposed by: Cllr Appich

Seconded by: Cllr Bell
Mac Cafferty

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CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

FUTURE USE OF KNOLL HOUSE RESOURCE CENTRE

That an additional recommendation 2.4, be added as shown in ***bold italics*** below.

- (1) That the preferred option to demolish and build a 3-storey Supported Housing service on the site of the Knoll House care home be approved;
- (2) That a capital programme budget up to a maximum of £9.370m for the delivery of a Supported Housing service to be financed through capital borrowing and a Homes England bid. (or the difference between £9.370m and the sum released by Homes England) be approved;
- (3) That the Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care be granted delegated authority in consultation with the Executive Director for Finance & Resources to enter into the necessary contracts (including with a development partner as necessary) to secure:
 - (i) The demolition of the existing building;
 - (ii) The Design and Build operations required to complete the development of the Supported Housing service at Knoll House as described in this report; and
 - (iii) The housing management, repairs and maintenance function.
- (4) ***That extensive consultation is carried out with Ward Councillors and residents of the Ingram Estate to address any impact on nearby residents, surrounding trees and the communal garden of Sanders House.***

Proposed by: Cllr Bell

Seconded by: Cllr Appich
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 - (iii) The housing management, repairs and maintenance function.
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