

14 June 2012

This record relates to Agenda Item 7

RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT
(TBM) PROVISIONAL OUT-TURN
2011/12

AUTHOR: NIGEL MANVELL

THE DECISION

- (1) That the provisional outturn position for the General Fund, which had an underspend of £4.370m be noted. This included £3.831m for the council controlled budgets (compared to £3.187m assumed at budget setting time) and £0.539m on the NHS managed S75 budgets;
- (2) That the provisional outturn for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2011/12 be noted;
- (3) That the carry forward requests totalling £5.602m as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (4) That the changes to provisions and reserves set out under Corporate Budgets in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (5) That the funding of initiatives totalling £0.662m from unallocated reserves in 2012/13 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be agreed;
- (6) That the provisional outturn position on the capital programme be noted; and
- (7) That the following changes to the capital programme be approved:
 - (i) The budget re-profiling as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (ii) The carry forward of slippage into the 2012/13 capital programme, to meet on-going commitments on these schemes as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Budget monitoring is a key element of good financial management, which is necessary in order for the council to maintain financial stability and operate effectively.

The capital budget changes are necessary to maintain effective financial management.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The provisional outturn position on council controlled budgets is an underspend of £3.831m. In addition there is an underspend of £0.539m on the NHS managed S75 budgets. As mentioned above, subject to approval underspending will release one-off resources and carry-forwards that can be used to help services manage the challenging budget and savings required in 2012/13.

Proper Officer:

Date: 15 June 2012

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:

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CALL-IN FOR SCRUTINY

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE 2012/13

AUTHOR: MATTHEW WRAGG

THE DECISION

- (1) That the progress made on the Corporate Plan 2011/12 commitments as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) That the new Corporate Plan commitments for 2012/13 as detailed in appendix 2 to the report be agreed and their adoption be recommended to Full Council;
- (3) That Full Council be recommended to authorise the Chief Executive to amend the Corporate Plan to incorporate the changes in (2) above and other presentational changes.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

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The capital budget changes are necessary to maintain effective financial management.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The provisional outturn position on council controlled budgets is an underspend of £3.831m. In addition there is an underspend of £0.539m on the NHS managed S75 budgets. As mentioned above, subject to approval underspending will release one-off resources and carry-forwards that can be used to help services manage the challenging budget and savings required in 2012/13.

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH ANNUAL
REPORT

AUTHOR: PAULA BLACK

THE DECISION

- (1) That the areas of good progress as outlined in the report be noted; and
- (2) That officers be requested to take corrective actions for those where performance is off target and to develop improvement plans where appropriate.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To note the report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Through consultation with CMT and SLB the Performance and Risk Management Framework is deemed to be the most suitable model.

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY SURVEILLANCE REPORT
JUNE 2012

AUTHOR: JO PLAYER

THE DECISION

- (1) That the continued use of covert surveillance and the accessing of communications data as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect all crime and disorder investigated by its officers, providing the necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied be approved; and
- (2) That the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the last report to Cabinet in March 2012 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

It is essential that officers are able to use the RIPA powers where necessary within the new threshold, but only after excluding all other methods of enforcement. An authorisation will only be given by the relevant 'Authorising Officer' following vetting by the 'gatekeeper'; therefore, it is unlikely that these powers will be abused.

The implementation of the Annual review and quarterly oversight has made the whole process transparent and demonstrates to the public that the correct procedures are followed.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The only alternative is to curtail the use of RIPA, but this is not considered an appropriate step.

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: COUNTER FRAUD STRATEGY UPDATE
2012

AUTHOR: IAN WITHERS

THE DECISION

That the Council's updated Counter Fraud Strategy as detailed in appendix 1 to the report be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To approve the updated strategy.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options to the strategy,

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: CIVIL MARRIAGES

AUTHOR: MARTIN WARREN

THE DECISION

That the letter attached at appendix 1 to the report be approved as the agreed response to the Government consultation on Civil Marriage.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To agree a response to the Government's proposals.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The council could choose not to respond to the consultation but it is recommended that a response is given.

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RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE NETWORK

AUTHOR: NICK MITCHELL

THE DECISION

- (1) That it be agreed to award the contracts for the supported bus routes as set out in Appendix 1 in Agenda item 14 which is a Part Two Report.
- (2) That it be agreed that the contracts for the additional services, shown in paragraph 3.14 of the report, be not awarded on the grounds of insufficient budget.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To agree the award of supported bus service contracts.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There were no alternative options listed in the report.

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