

Cabinet

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 21 February 2024. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

5 Refurbishment of Longton Play Area

Resolved: (Unanimously)

To award the contract for refurbishing Longton Play Area on School Lane, Longton to Playsound Ltd for a fixed price of £120,000 following a tender exercise carried out in accordance with the Council's procurement processes.

Reasons for recommendations:

The current capital programme includes several play areas identified for improvement. Longton Play Area has funds allocated in the programme for this financial year. This report is required to award the contract to the highest scoring bidder to complete the project.

Other options considered and rejected:

The option of doing nothing and leaving the site in its current condition or carrying out partial refurbishment works were rejected as the site is now over 20 years old and in need of full refurbishment. This will provide quality facilities that meet modern standards for design and accessibility.

6 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Q3

Resolved: (Unanimously)

To note the 2023/24 forecast outturn for revenue and the level of reserves, based on the position as at 31st December 2023.

To note the virements made to and from the revenue budget during the year, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

Cabinet note the recommendations from the Corporate, Performance and Budget Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for recommendations:

To ensure the Council's budgetary targets are achieved.

Other options considered and rejected:

None, it is a requirement to report quarterly on the Revenue Budget monitoring and Reserves.

7 Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report Q3

Resolved: (Unanimously)

To approve the revised capital programme as attached at Appendix A, which includes approved amendments to the programme, detailed at point 12 of this report, since the last Capital Monitoring report was approved by Cabinet in November 2023;

To note the variations to the programme, (which are detailed, by scheme, at Appendix B and referenced within the body of the report);

To note the position in the Balance Sheet Monitoring section of the report in respect of cash, investment and loan balances, and debtors as at 31st December 2023;

Cabinet note the recommendations from the Corporate, Performance and Budget Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for Recommendations:

To ensure the Council's Capital Programme is monitored effectively.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None, it is a requirement to report quarterly on the Capital and Balance Sheet budget monitoring.

8 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: (Unanimously)

To exclude the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.