

Council

Wednesday, 1st March, 2023, 6.00 pm

Shield Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH

Supplementary Agenda

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Council, the following information:

5 Cabinet

To receive and consider the report of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 February.

(Pages 161 - 162)

7 Scrutiny Committee

To receive and consider the report of the Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February.

(Pages 163 - 164)

Chris Sinnott
Chief Executive

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Agenda Item 5

Report of Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require a decision by full Council appear as separate items on the agenda.
2. Please note that the report may not reflect the wording used in the minutes, as they have yet to be formally agreed.
3. All decisions taken by Cabinet on 22 February can be found on the published Decision Notice.

Meeting held on 22 February 2023

South Ribble Economic Strategy

4. I presented a report that sought approval of a three year economic strategy to deliver a thriving borough with a vibrant, inclusive local economy.
5. The Economic Strategy was well received by members of Cabinet who commended the accessibility of the document, the inclusion of a detailed evidence base and the references made to community wealth building and Social Value Act.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report Q3

6. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Assets presented a report that outlined the financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme at 31 December 2022.
7. We noted that there are two projects running behind and there would be slippage into the next quarter of around £10.76million. However, these two projects would be completed just not at the original predicted date. It was also positive to note the authority currently has no borrowing and it was projected to remain nil at the end of 2023.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Q3

8. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Assets introduced a report that set out the revenue and reserves forecast for 2022/23 for the Council, based on the position as at 31 December 2022.
9. We noted there had been a projected overspend of £250,000 largely due to the staff wage increase, however this overspend was now projected to be £98,000.

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Draft Budget 2023/24

10. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Assets introduced the draft budget position for the Council for 2023/24 and the forecast for 2024/24 reflecting the information contained within the Local Government Financial Settlement.
11. The budget has been balanced and would continue to provide excellent services for residents. Although the Council had been impacted by inflation there would be a freeze to council tax and no cuts to services.
12. We noted the longer term future would be more challenging, however the authority has a track record of responding to economic pressures and would do so again.
13. I commended the report and highlighted the successes of the administration and I also thanked colleagues in the Liberal Democrat Group who had provided their support over the last four years.

I would like to recommend that Council note the report.

Councillor Paul Foster
Leader of the Council

Agenda Item 7

Report of Scrutiny Committee

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2023.

Community Safety Partnership Update

2. The Chief Inspector, Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) and Director (Communities) attended the meeting to present an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership and answer questions from the Committee.
3. The Committee looks forward to the new draft Community Safety Partnership action plan being presented to the Scrutiny Committee in the future;
4. The Committee ask that the current situation with the governance of the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and the delay in implementing review be clarified;
5. We requested that a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to South Ribble as part of the domestic abuse and sexual violence support service be provided, together with the ongoing evaluation of take-up and impact; and
6. We welcomed the offer of a breakdown of the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) data to a South Ribble level.

Waste Service Insourcing Update

7. The Leader of the Council and Director (Customer & Digital) attended the meeting to present an update on the waste service since being insourced.
8. The Committee welcomes the update on some of the recycling initiatives being explored for the future; and
9. We asked that the internal audit of the waste service is circulated to the Committee once available.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 3

10. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly monitoring report.
11. We welcomed the report and the current financial position; and
12. We asked that further information be provided on when the suspended pre-planning advice would resume.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report – Quarter 3

13. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly monitoring report.
14. The Committee welcomed the report.

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Draft 2023/24 Budget

15. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the Draft 2023/24 Budget prior to discussion at Cabinet and subsequently Full Council.
16. The Committee was grateful for the re-assurance that there will be no cuts in services for the next financial year;
17. We welcomed the proposed review of the way in which the budget is consulted upon in future years; and
18. We asked that the Committee be engaged in the development of the proposed Transformation Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

Councillor Angela Turner
Chair of Scrutiny Committee

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