

Council

Wednesday, 28th February, 2024, 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:

6 Cabinet

(Pages 203 - 204)

To receive and consider the report of the Cabinet held on 21 February attached.

8 Scrutiny Committee

(Pages 205 - 206)

To receive and consider the report of the Corporate, Performance and Budget Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February attached.

Chris Sinnott
Chief Executive

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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 21 February 2024 can be found on the published Decision Notice.

Meeting held on 21 February 2024

Refurbishment of Longton Play Area

1. The Deputy Leader, Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder presented a report that sought authorisation to award the contract to complete the refurbishment and renewal work at Longton Play area.
2. We noted that this would be the fourteenth play area refurbished providing a better and safer experience for residents.
3. The specification of the park would be more accessible, and the equipment would be of a higher quality.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Q3

4. I presented a report that set out the revenue and reserves forecast for 2023/24 for the Council, based on the position as of 31 December 2023.
5. We noted the projected underspend would now be £19,000 down from the initial prediction of £750,000 even though there had been budgetary pressures such as inflationary costs and high utility rates.
6. I explained that Members of Cabinet had also been working closely with Directors to understand the reasons for budget movement within individual directorates in order to resolve this for the next budget.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report Q3

7. I presented a report that outlined the financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme on 31 December 2023. Highlighting key issues and explaining key variances whilst providing an overview of various elements of the Council's Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023.

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8. I explained that movement was expected in the Capital Programme and that the Green Infrastructure, Leisure Centre Refurbishment and Decarbonisation Works and Disabled Facilities Grants had all been reprofiled.

Leyland Town Deal – Project Update

9. We received a presentation that sought to provide us with an update on Leyland Town Deal. Including site works, design update and procurement.

Jubilee Gardens – Project Update

10. We receive a presentation that sought to provide an update on the progress of Jubilee Gardens. Including key milestones, construction works and deliverables over the next twelve months.

I would like to recommend that Council note the report.

Councillor Paul Foster
Leader of the Council

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Report of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 2023/24

2. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Public Protection, supported by the Director of Finance were welcomed to the meeting and invited to present the quarterly monitoring report.
3. We asked for further information on external grants that need to be utilised by 31 March 2024.
4. We requested that the Council's approach to the use of agency staff be reviewed, and details of staffing establishment numbers be included in future reports.
5. We welcomed the success of the Council's apprenticeship programme.
6. We looked forward to Worden Hall generating the expected level of income.
7. We thanked the Cabinet Member and the Director of Finance for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 2023/24

8. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Public Protection, supported by the Director of Finance were invited to present the quarterly monitoring report.
9. We welcomed the completion of the decarbonisation of the leisure centres and look forward to the announcement of planned improvements to customer areas at the sites.
10. We were grateful for the re-assurance that disabled facilities grant waiting lists have been reduced significantly for our residents.
11. We thanked the Cabinet Member and the Director of Finance for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Draft 2024/25 Budget Update

12. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Public Protection, supported by the Director of Finance were invited to present an update on the draft budget for 2024/25.
13. We welcomed the budget update and looked forward to the budget being considered at the next meeting of Council.

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14. We were grateful for the offer of future benchmarking including comparisons with similar authorities.
15. We celebrated that all employees are paid higher than the national living wage.
16. We asked for an update on the review of the Council's portfolio of assets and commercial opportunities in the future.
17. We thanked the Cabinet Member and the Director of Finance for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Finance and Public Protection Portfolio Update

18. The Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Public Protection, supported by the Director of Finance and the Director of Communities and Leisure was invited to present their portfolio update report.
19. We welcomed the commitment to improving the timescales for payments being made to suppliers and requested that six monthly updates be provided to the committee.
20. We commended the Housing and Environmental Health teams for their work with some of our most vulnerable residents.
21. We asked that improvements be made to the number of food safety inspections carried out.
22. We asked that further information be provided on the issues and delays associated with ICT in delivering public health projects.
23. We requested the outcome of the CCTV review be provided to committee members.
24. We thanked the Cabinet Member, the Director of Finance and Director of Communities and Leisure for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

Councillor Will Adams
Chair of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee
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