

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.

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