

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023 at 6.30 pm

3 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6 Councillors' Questions

ACTIONS:

Councillor Marland and Councillor R Bradburn agreed to meet with Councillor D Hopkins to discuss what support the Council could provide to the local Turkish and Syrian communities in response to the recent earthquakes in the region.

(Group Leaders)

7 Regeneration and Renewal Scrutiny Committee - 15 December 2022

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

8 NHS GP and Dentists - Task and Finish Group

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

9 Corporate Parenting Panel - 4 January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

10 Strategic Placemaking Scrutiny Committee - 11 January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

11 Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee - 17 January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

12 Council - 18 January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

13 Planning CAG - 25 January 2023

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the written response provided, be noted.

14 Council Budget 2023/24

RESOLVED:

That the following recommendations be approved by Cabinet and recommended to Council:

- 1. That the Revenue Budget 2023/24 totalling £246.689m be approved and recommended to Council.
- 2. That the Council Tax at Band D of £1,596.43 for the Milton Keynes element of the Council Tax, be approved and recommended to Council, noting that this is an increase of 4.99%, consisting of a 2.99% general increase and 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
- 3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish Precepts) of £150.378m, be noted.
- 4. That the estimated position for the Dedicated Schools Grant of £334.261m and the Schools block funding formula for 2023/24 be noted and the budget and formula allocations for the High Needs and Early Years blocks be approved.
- 5. That the forecast parking surplus be noted.
- 6. That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2023/24 be approved and recommended to Council for adoption.
- 7. That increases to the Housing Revenue Account dwelling rent in 2023/24 of 11.1% for affordable rents, capped at 7% for current tenants (an average of £6.47 over 52 rent weeks), and of 4.1% for shared owners (an average of £9.18 over 52 rent weeks) be approved and recommended to Council.

- 8. That the Rent and Service Charge Policy for 2023/24 be approved and recommended to Council for adoption and accompanying Rent Affordability and Market report be noted.
- 9. That the fees and charges for 2022/23 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved and recommended to Council.
- 10. That the Capital Strategy be approved and recommended to Council.
- 11. That the Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2026/27 be approved and recommended to Council.
- 12. That the resource allocation for the 2023/24 Tariff programme be approved and recommended to Council.
- That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Borrowing Limits be approved and recommended to Council.
- 14. That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), in relation to both resources and expenditure, be noted.
- 15. The equalities impact assessments for the Revenue Budget 2023/24 be noted.

(Councillor Middleton / Director of Finance and Resources)

15 Sustainability Strategy Action Plan Update

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Cabinet acknowledges the progress to date and continues to support the direction of travel set out within this update.
- 2. That yearly progress updates continue to be brought to Cabinet, targeting Q4 of 2022/23 in line with the Cabinet meeting for that period.

(Councillor Wilson-Marklew / Director of Environment and Property)

16 Making the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to make the North Crawley Neighbourhood Plan pursuant to the provisions of Section 38(A)(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

(Councillor Marland / Director of Planning and Placemaking)

17 Forecast Outturn for Quarter 3 2022/23: General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Capital Programme

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the GFRA forecast outturn of £1.161m against budget be noted, together with the associated management actions set out in the report.
- 2. That GFRA savings of £4.883m savings are forecast to be achieved (83% of budget) be noted.
- 3. That the forecast outturn for the HRA is an overspend of £0.397m, which has been funded through a reduction in the transfer to reserves be noted, together with the associated management actions set out in the report.
- 4. That the DSG forecast surplus carry forward of £3.333m be noted, together with the associated management actions set out in the report.
- 5. That the reserves position be noted.
- 6. That the forecast outturn on the 2022/23 Capital Programme of £2.598m after proposed slippage of £104.626m be noted.
- 7. That the forecast outturn position of the 2022/23 tariff programme be noted.
- 8. That the Treasury position of the Council at the end of quarter 3 be noted.
- 9. That the Write-off of an unrecoverable debt that exceeds £20,000 be approved.
- 10. That the Treasury Management report including prudential indicators be noted.
- 11. That the virements to the original budget be approved.
- 12. That the current position on the Collection Fund be noted.
- 13. That the procurement waiver decisions be noted.
- 14. That the additions and amendments to resource allocation and spend approval for the 2022/23 capital programme be approved.
- 15. That it be agreed that £50,000 be brought forward from the 2023/24 budget to be spent before 1 April 2023 on repairing winter potholes.

(Councillor Middleton / Director of Finance and Resources)

18 Update on the Delivery of the Council Plan

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made on the Delivery Plan for 2022/23 be noted.

(Councillor Marland / Director Customer and Community Services)

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Only decision reference 15, 17 and 18 may be called in.

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