

CABINET DECISION NOTICE

The following decisions were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 18:30.

4 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 5 December 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

8(a) The Adoption of Highways and Public Spaces on Estates in Milton Keynes Task and Finish Group

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and the recommendations accepted in principle, with a written response to be provided.

8(b) Public Realm and Environment Scrutiny Committee - 10 January 2024

RESOLVED:

That the referral and the response be noted.

8(c) Owners' Advisory Group - 25 January 2024

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update provided by the Cabinet member be noted.

9 Quarter 3 2023/24 Forecast Outturn, General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Capital Programme 2023/24

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the GFRA forecast outturn of £1.091m against budget be noted, together with the management actions set out at Annex A of this report.
- 1.2 That GFRA savings of £7.886m savings are forecast to be achieved (93% of budget) be noted, which is set out in Annex B of this report.
- 1.3 That the forecast outturn for the HRA is an underspend of (£1.908m), which has been offset through an increase in the transfer to reserves be noted, together with the management actions set out at Annex C of this report.
- 1.4 That the DSG forecast surplus carry forward of £6.133m be noted, together with the management actions set out at Annex D of this report.
- 1.5 That the reserves position as detailed in Annex E are noted.

- 1.6 That the forecast outturn on the 2023/24 Capital Programme is an overspend of £4.151m after proposed slippage of £41.345m and acceleration of budget of £27.199m as detailed in Annex F of this report be noted.
- 1.7 That the forecast outturn position of the 2023/24 tariff programme as detailed in Annex G be noted.
- 1.8 That the debt position of the Council at the end of quarter 3 as detailed in Annex H are noted.
- 1.9 That the Write-off of three debts that are an unrecoverable which exceed £50,000 as detailed in Annex H are approved.
- 1.10 That the Treasury Management report including prudential indicators, as detailed in Annex I are noted.
- 1.11 That the virements to the original budget as detailed in Annex J are approved.
- 1.12 That the current position on the Collection Fund as detailed in Annex K are noted.
- 1.13 That the procurement waiver decisions as detailed in Annex L are noted.
- 1.14 Cabinet approves the new budget allocations and approves the release of funding totalling £0.073m for new Capital Schemes set out in Annex M.
- 1.15 That the additions and amendments to the Tariff Programme are detailed in Annex N be approved.

10 Council Budget 2024/25

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That Cabinet noted and supported the following recommendations to Council:
 - (a) The Council has consulted on its draft budget proposals and a summary of these responses are included at Annex A for Cabinet to consider before agreeing its recommendations to Council (to follow).
 - (b) Cabinet notes the report and recommendations from the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee at Annex B and considers these as part of its final recommendations to Council (to follow).
 - (c) That the Revenue Budget for 2024/25 totalling £256.114m be approved (Annex I).
 - (d) That the Council Tax Band D of £1,676.09 for the Milton Keynes element of Council Tax, be approved. This is an increase of 4.99% increase on the previous year (2.99% plus a 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept);
 - (e) That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding parish precepts) of £162.908m, be noted.

- (f) That the position for the Dedicated Schools Grant of £367.347m and the Schools funding block for 2024/25 be noted and the budget and formula allocations for the High Needs Block and Early Years Block be approved (section 3.29 – 3.32).
- (g) That the forecast parking surplus be noted (Annex J).
- (h) That the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2024/25 be approved (section 3.29 to 3.32 and Annex K).
- (i) That increases to housing rents are set at 7.7% for tenants (an average increase of £7.50 per week) and 7% for shared owners (an average increase of £3.92 per week), the maximum level allowable under the Rent Standard (CPI + 1%) (para 3.26) at Annex K be approved.
- (j) That following consultation with tenants and leaseholders, changes to Housing Revenue Account service charges be approved and implemented from 1 April 2024 (section 3.27, Annex K3).
- (k) The Housing Rent Affordability and Market Context Report be noted (Annex K2).
- (l) That the fees and charges for 2023/24 (including those fees and charges which are exceptions to the Income and Collection Policy) be approved (Annex F).
- (m) That the Capital Strategy be approved (Annex L).
- (n) That the Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29 be approved (Annex M).
- (o) That the resource allocation for the 2024/25 Tariff Programme be noted and approved (Annex N).
- (p) That the Treasury Management Strategy for the 2024/25 to 2027/28 and the Treasury Policy Statement, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Borrowing Limits be approved (including the Half Year Report) (Annex O)
- (q) That the financial forecast set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), in relation to both the resources and expenditure, be noted. (Annex T).
- (r) That the equalities impact assessments for the Budget Reduction proposals, as set out in Section 4 be noted.
- (s) That the final 2024/25 Business Rates Baseline estimate as reported in the NNDR1 return and detailed in Table 3.0 is noted.

11 Update on the Sustainability Strategy Action Plan

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That Cabinet acknowledges the progress to date and continues to support the direction of travel set out within this update.
- 1.2 That yearly progress updates continue to be brought to Cabinet, targeting Q4 of 2024/25 for the next update, in line with the Cabinet meeting for that period.

12 Update on Delivery of the Council Plan

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made on the Delivery Plan for 2023/24 be noted.

13 Cabinet Procedure Rules

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That, subject to the adoption of revised Council Procedure Rules on 21 February 2024, revised Cabinet Procedure Rules (shown with track changes at Annex A), be agreed to take effect from 1 March 2024.
- 1.2 That authority be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance to make any minor typographical or presentation amendments to Cabinet Procedure Rules, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

A request to call-in a decision, bearing the names of two Members of the Council, the Chair or Clerk of a Parish or Town Council, or signed by twenty residents of Milton Keynes, should be sent to the Director (Law and Governance), Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, Telephone: (01908) 252095 or e-mail: Sharon.Bridglalsingh@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than 5.00pm on 16 February 2024.

Only decision references 11 and 13 may be called in.

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