

BUDGET & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

08 JULY 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
2.	<p>Apologies None</p>	Minutes	Minutes
3.	<p>Disclosure of Interests None</p>	Minutes	Minutes
4.	<p>Minutes That once the Minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 10 March 2020 are amended to show that Councillor Gilbert was not present at the meeting they be signed by the Chair as a correct record, together with the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2020</p>	Minutes	Minutes
5.	<p>Questions from the Public There were no questions from members of the public</p>	Minutes	Minutes
6.	<p>Overview of the Council's Current Financial Position in Relation to its Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Director of Finance and Resources be thanked for his attendance at the meeting, the quality of his written report, the clarity of his presentation and his explanations in response to questions from the Committee. 2. That Councillor Middleton, the Cabinet Member for Resources be thanked for his contribution to the Committee's scrutiny of this item and his support for the work of the Council's Finance Team. 	Minutes Minutes	Minutes Minutes

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6. con't	<p>3. That the Director of Finance and Resources, the two Heads of Finance and the Council's wider Finance Team be thanked for their hard work, dedication and expertise in handling the Council's finances during the Covid-19 crisis and for keeping not just the Cabinet and senior officers, but all councillors, up to date with the Council's Financial position.</p> <p>4. That Council be advised that the Committee is satisfied that the safeguards created to manage the Council's finances are satisfactory at this point in time.</p> <p>5. That the Council be advised that the Committee commends the s151 Officer and his team for the rigour and consistency with which the Council's finances are being managed.</p> <p>6. That the Committee's Planning Group continues to monitor the situation so that the Committee can react quickly in order to scrutinise any changes in the Council's financial position.</p>	<p>Director of Finance and Resources and Finance Team</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Planning Group</p>	<p>Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>Chair / Overview and Scrutiny Officer</p>
7.	<p>Report on the Work of the Corporate Portfolio Board and the Capital Programme Boards</p> <p>1. That the Head of Finance (Capital Programme) be thanked for her written report and presentation on the current status of the Council's Capital Programme.</p> <p>2. That Councillor Darlington, Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Housing, and officer colleagues be thanked for their contribution to the Committee's scrutiny of the Capital Programme</p> <p>3. That the Corporate Portfolio Board remains vigilant in its overseeing of the Capital Programme and that it supports all council departments involved on Capital Projects to improve their standard of project management in order to prevent a high level of slippage in projects.</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Corporate Portfolio Board</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Head of Finance (Capital Programme)</p>

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7. con't	<p>4. That where appropriate, cross-council working on capital projects be encouraged to maximise the use of relevant expertise by departments and again prevent slippage within projects.</p> <p>5. That the explanations provided in the "Reasons for Variation from Period X Forecast" column on the Capital Programme spreadsheet be vetted and sense-checked for clarity and understanding before publication.</p> <p>6. That the resumption of the Council's policy of buying houses on the open market to add to its housing stock be treated as a priority.</p> <p>7. That in the light of the changed priorities caused by the Covid-19 pandemic the Capital Programme needs to be reviewed accordingly, particularly as there may be a surge in requests for disabled adaptations.</p>	<p>Corporate Portfolio Board</p> <p>Corporate Portfolio Board</p> <p>Director of Housing & Regeneration</p> <p>Corporate Portfolio Board</p>	<p>Head of Finance (Capital Programme)</p> <p>Head of Finance (Capital Programme)</p> <p>Housing Asset Manager</p> <p>Head of Finance (Capital Programme)</p>
8.	<p>2020/21 Work Programme</p> <p>1. That the Committee receives and notes 2020/21 Work Programme whilst being aware of the need for all scrutiny work programmes to remain flexible during the current Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>2. That the item on revisions to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic be the priority item for the meeting scheduled for 15 September 2020.</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Committee</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Committee</p>