



Date of Publication of Decision List: 4 February 2025

Finance & Assets Committee: 30 January 2025 – Decision List

Item No.	Ref.	Item	Issue	Decision	Action By
6	Z121	2025/26 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy	To consider the 2025/26 Treasury Management Strategy, the Annual Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.	Members resolved to recommend that the movement in the figures of 2026/27 be adjusted to the correct figures and checked before being submitted to Full Council to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2025/26 Treasury Management Strategy• The Annual Investment Strategy• The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement• The Prudential and Treasury Indicators.	Director Finance
7	Z122	Revenue Budget, Capital Strategy and Council Tax 2025/26	To consider the Council's proposed revenue budget, capital strategy, and the required level of Council Tax in 2025/26.	Members resolved to recommend to Full Council to approve 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The draft revenue budget for 2025/26 and MTFs for 2026/27 to 2028/29 as set out in revised Appendix A.(ii) The Statement of Reserves as set out in revised Appendix B.(iii) The Capital Strategy and financing as set out in Appendix 3.(iv) The 2025/26 Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix 4.(v) The application of the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure 40% Business Rate relief (which will be fully funded by the Government through Section 31) as detailed in	Director Finance

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				<p>sections 6.6 to 6.7 of this report and any other Business Rate reliefs that may be announced in the national budget (as detailed in section 6.8).</p> <p>(vi) The changes to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and premiums for Long-Term Empty and Second Homes as detailed in sections 11.8 and 11.9 of this report.</p> <p>2. To authorise the Director, Finance, in consultation with the Chair of Committee to adjust the use of the Surplus Savings Reserve in 2025/26 and future years (as available), to ensure that the net budget as detailed in 2.1 remains unchanged (in the event of any additional information becoming available, principally in relation to (but not exclusive to) the Final Local Government Settlement and/or the NNDR1 return). These adjustments to be made in advance of the report being presented to Full Council on the 25th February 2025.</p> <p>3 To authorise the Director Finance to bring forward proposals to Council to identify savings to balance the 2026/27 estimate as detailed in the revised Appendix A.</p>	
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8	Z123	Finance Report	This report provides Members with budget monitoring information for services under the Finance & Assets Committee and then, as part of its corporate remit, for the Council as a whole.	Members resolved to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee has a projected yearend underspend of £881,000 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £7,016,768. • The Council has a projected yearend underspend of £602,030 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £18,840,342. • The Council's position on Capital is a projected outturn of £5,502,942, which is an underspend of £2,177,599 when compared to the revised budget. • the Treasury Management update report 	Director Finance
9	Z124	Asset Update	To receive an update on Council-owned assets.	Members resolved to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the update on Council-owned assets ii) the expenditure tracking sheet at Appendix 1 	Open Spaces & Facilities Manager
10	Z125	ECDC Bereavement Centre Project Quarter 3 update	To receive an update on the Bereavement Centre Project progress	Members resolved to note the information provided in the Bereavement Centre Project Dashboard in Appendix 1 (Exempt).	Director Operations
11	Z126	Constitutional Update	To consider the update to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, part of the Constitution, that needed to be updated to reflect changes in relation to the Procurement Act 2023.	Members resolved to recommend to Full Council that the updated Contract Procedure Rules, at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved as an update to the Council's Constitution.	Director Finance

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12	Z127	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy 2025-2028	To consider, approve and adopt the Council's draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy following a period of public consultation.	Members resolved to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy 2025-2028, as set out in Appendix 1. 	HR Manager
13	-	Forward Plan		Members resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the forward agenda plan. 	Democratic Services & Elections Manager
<p>Exclusion of the press and public</p> <p>It was resolved: That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the following item because it was likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)</p>					
14	Z128	Appointments, Transfers and Resignations	To provide Members with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> details of staff appointments, transfers and resignations (1 June to 31 December) Summary of exit survey responses 	Members resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the contents of the report 	HR Manager

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