

## EXECUTIVE

### STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 27 June 2023. Decisions made by the Executive will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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#### **Overview of General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23**

##### **Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council notes and approves (where applicable):-

- 1) the net transfer of £12,346,956 from Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.11 of the report;
- 2) the supplementary budgets of £6,447,320 and budget transfers as detailed in paragraph 8.13 of the report;;
- 3) the Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2023;
- 4) the Council Tax account and collection rate;
- 5) the outstanding sundry debt, aged debt analysis and debt write-off figures;
- 6) the creditors payments performance;
- 7) the General Fund working balance at 31 March 2023 at £6,151,289, having taken into account the overall financial position of the Council; and
- 8) the One Exeter programme update.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

#### **General Fund Capital Monitoring 2022/23 and Revised Capital Programme for 2023/24 and Future Years**

##### **Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves:-

- (1) the overall financial position for the 2022/23 Annual Capital Programme; and
- (2) the amendments and further funding requests to the Council's Annual Capital Programme for 2023/24.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **2022/23 HRA Budget Monitoring Report - Outturn**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council notes and approves (where applicable):-

- 1) the supplementary budget of £300,000 as detailed in paragraph 8.5 of the report;
- 2) the HRA financial position for 2022/23 financial year;
- 3) the revision of the HRA Capital Programme to reflect the reported variations detailed in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 4) the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund capital project as detailed in paragraph 8.14 of the report.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **Treasury Management 2022/23**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council note the content of this report.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **The Household Support Fund - Scheme 4**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves the adoption of the proposed Household Support Fund – scheme 4 (HSF4), consisting of the following three projects:-

- (1) one-off support targeted at households identified through Council Tax Support records. Awards to be paid by cash voucher posted to customers by the end of September 2023, as detailed in paragraph 8.9 of the report;
- (2) an application based scheme for people with characteristics identified as having a priority need where households cannot be individually identified from existing records. Applications to open from October 2023 as detailed in paragraph 8.18 of the report; and
- (3) a flexible scheme allowing unspent funding to be allocated to individuals or groups needing extra support between January and March 2024.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **Economic Vulnerability Fund**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves the adoption of the proposed Economic Vulnerability Fund scheme to provide crisis support to low income residents through to the end of March 2024.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **Review of the Corporate Risk Register**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council note the progress made in producing the new Corporate Risk Register.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Revised Local Development Scheme 2023**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the revised Local Development Scheme (Appendix A of the report) be approved as the basis for preparing local planning policy.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Water Lane Compulsory Purchase Order**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve:-

- (1) that the City Surveyor, in consultation with the Leader, Director of City Development and the Director Finance (Section 151 Officer) be granted delegated authority to dedicate part of the Exton Road Depot Material Recycling Facility, as shown on the site boundary plan in Appendix 2 of the report, to Devon County Council for Highways use. Or, if necessary, and subject to the provisions of the subsidy Control Act 2022, dispose of the land (conditional on the underpass improvements works being commenced to adoptable standards) to the Water Lane Development Management Company (or the relevant corporate vehicle), at less than best consideration but at a cost that covers the relocation of stored materials on the disposal site and the construction of an appropriate boundary treatment on the revised boundary line.
- (2) that in the event of a proposed less than best disposal, that the City Surveyor, in consultation with the Leader, (Section 151 Officer) and Director of City Development, be granted delegated authority to assess and, subject to compliance with relevant statutory provisions, agree an undervalue.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (3) subject to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, being satisfied as to the financial standing of the party/parties providing the indemnity, that the Director of City Development be granted delegated authority to enter into a Compulsory Purchase Order Indemnity Agreement (CPOIA) and if necessary, a development agreement with the land promoter (and any other relevant third party) prior to undertaking any preparatory works in respect of a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the third-party proprietary interests identified in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (4) subject to resolution (3), that the Director of City Development be granted authorisation to take all necessary steps to secure the making, submission, confirmation and implementation of a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the third-party proprietary interests identified in Appendix 1 of the report;

- (5) the Director of City Development be granted authorisation to issue all relevant notices and certificates in connection with the making, confirmation and implementation of any Compulsory Purchase Order;
- (6) the City Surveyor be granted authorisation to acquire third party proprietary interests by private treaty negotiation;
- (7) the City Surveyor be granted authorisation to dispose of any third party propriety interest acquired pursuant to the Compulsory Purchase Order to WLDMC (or the relevant corporate vehicle) in accordance with terms to be agreed and subject to compliance with relevant statutory provisions;
- (8) the Director of City Development be granted authorisation to make General Vesting Declarations (GVDs) under the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and/or serve notices to treat and notices of entry (if required) following confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order by the Secretary of State;
- (9) the Director of City Development be granted authorisation to issue and serve any warrants to obtain possession of property acquired by the Council following the execution of a General Vesting Declarations or service of a notice of entry if it was considered appropriate to do so; and
- (10) the City Surveyor be granted delegated authority to agree the final terms for the disposal of the strip of land at Exton Depot and the final terms of the Compulsory Purchase Order Indemnity Agreement, subject to compliance with relevant statutory provisions.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report and amended at the meeting.

### **Honorary Alderman of the City**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor be requested to convene an Extraordinary meeting of the Council, on the rising of the Ordinary meeting of the Council on 18 July 2023, to consider granting the position of Honorary Alderman of the City to Mrs Yolonda Henson.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph's 1,2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Vaughan Road Development Site**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council:-

- (1) note the content of the report and the funding arrangements to deliver phases B and C of the scheme;
- (2) approve a Capital Budget of £22 million to deliver phases B and C;
- (3) grant delegated authority to the Director Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Director City Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Council Housing Development and Support Services and the Leader of the Council, to finalise the most advantageous combination of borrowing, Homes England grant and Housing Revenue Account capital to successfully deliver the scheme; and
- (4) approve that notice be given to Exeter City Living Limited in accordance with the Development Agreement between Exeter City Council and Exeter City Living Limited to carry out and complete phases B and C of Development.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

**Social Housing Development Opportunities Report**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council:-

- (1) note the content of the report and the funding arrangements to move the various schemes forward;
- (2) approve a budget totalling £2.5 million to deliver the final phase of the Laings project, including the purchase of one privately owned property;
- (3) approve a budget totalling £1,250,000 to progress the schemes (Chestnut Avenue, Lower Wear Road, Clifford Close and Build Up) to the next work stage as reported at the meeting;
- (4) agrees that the repurposing of the Rennes House refurbishment budget be used for the redevelopment design and site investigations work for Rennes House, as approved at Council on 22 February 2022; and
- (5) grant delegated authority to the Director Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Director City Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the most advantageous combination of borrowing, capital and S106 commuted sums and allow for the capital borrowing to be undertaken at the most beneficial moment for the Council.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report and amended at the meeting.

**Proposals regarding staffing at RAMM**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council, on the grounds of service efficiency approve the redundancy and pension strain related to the restructure at the RAMM.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

**The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 18 October 2023.**