

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 6 July 2021. 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.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact John Street, Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support on 01392 265106 or email john.street@exeter.gov.uk

General Fund Capital Monitoring 2020/21 and Revised Capital Programme for 2021/22 and Future Years

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) the overall financial position for the 2020/21 annual capital programme; and
- (2) the amendments and requests for further funding to the Council's annual capital programme for 2021/22.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Overview of General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve (where applicable): -

- the net transfer of £23,901,227 to Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.11 of the report presented to the meeting;
- the supplementary budgets of £5,602,710 and budget transfers as detailed in paragraph 8.13 of the report presented to the meeting;
- the Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2021;
- the Council Tax account and collection rate;
- the outstanding sundry debt, aged debt analysis and debt write-off figures;
- the creditors payments performance; and
- the overall financial position of the Council, the General Fund working balance at 31 March 2021 of £4,696,280.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2020/21 HRA Budget Monitoring Report – Outturn

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve (where applicable): -

- (1) the supplementary budgets of £333,000 as detailed in paragraph 8.4 of the report presented to the meeting;
- (2) the HRA financial position for 2020/21 financial year; and
- (3) the revision of the HRA Capital Programme to reflect the reported variations detailed in Appendix 4 of the report presented to the meeting.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Treasury Management 2020/21

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council note the content of the Treasury Management report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Depot Re-location

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the allocation of an indicative budget of £3,500,000 to deliver the Depot relocation and improvements at Exton Road Depot.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Liveable Exeter – Garden Communities and One Public Estate funding awards

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) The successful application and receipt of Garden Communities capacity funding to support the Liveable Exeter programme and a budget of up to £475,000, to be funded by an earmarked reserve, to progress work related to the Liveable Exeter programme;
- (2) the successful application and grant of One Public Estate funding to support the progression of feasibility and technical work on Marsh Barton in line with the Liveable Exeter vision and approval of a budget of up to £150,000, funded by claims to Devon County Council as lead partner, to progress the work; and
- (3) the creation of two new, fixed-term posts within the Liveable Exeter team to be funded utilising a proportion of the Garden Communities capacity funding.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Wellbeing Exeter Strategy 2021-2024

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 of the Wellbeing Exeter Review report;
- (2) the Director Transformation and the Service Lead - Active and Healthy People be granted delegated authority, to enter into a contractually binding agreements with strategic partners to deliver the Wellbeing Exeter programme for 2021-2024;
- (3) the Director Transformation and the Service Lead - Active and Healthy People in agreement with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture be granted delegated authority, to spend earmarked Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds amounting to £794,682 in respect of the Wellbeing Exeter programme from the Neighbourhood Portion of the CIL for the period from 2021 to 2024. This would form part of the full proposed programme budget of £3,385,516 with pooled resources provided by strategic programme partners as follows:
 - Devon County Council (£729,766);
 - Sport England (£1,428,500)
 - Local Exeter Primary Care Networks (£410,568);
- (4) the adoption of the new governance proposal for Wellbeing Exeter as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

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 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Improvements to the Re-cycling Collection Service

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council rescind its previous decision (Min. No. 93 of Executive of 8 October 2019 and Min. No. 64 of Council of 15 October 2019 refer) to introduce a weekly kerbside-sort recycling collection, incorporating glass and food waste collections with three weekly refuse collections and adopt the following in its place:-

- (1) to retain fortnightly recycling and residual waste collection services and to provide an additional separate weekly food waste collection service;
- (2) to begin a pilot food waste collection scheme in Autumn 2021 in at least one collection area and to use the productivity information to design the full service roll out;
- (3) to wait for further guidance from the Government on the current consultation process for the consistency of collections, to allow the Council to work towards introducing a glass collection service from the kerbside;
- (4) to continue exploring options to improve MRF reliability and strategic long-term options for MRF capacity in the area;
- (5) the investment of £4,514,010 capital and £483,640 net revenue per annum to achieve the successful roll out of the new service; and
- (6) to continue using the remainder of the previously allocated £200,000 revenue budget to fund the roll out of the service changes including project management, publicity and communications.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Delivery of Net Zero

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) the development of a new Exeter City Council Net Zero team, resulting in the creation of two new temporary posts, amending four permanent posts, and the removal of one vacant post from the structure;
- (2) the allocation of a one-off £1 million budget to support activities to deliver Net Zero within the City Council and across the city. Part of the £1 million budget would fund the two new temporary posts and provide a revenue budget for two years to deliver activity;
- (3) support for the establishment of the Exeter City Futures Delivery Group, to enable best practice to be shared across Exeter City Futures partners to support the delivery the Net Zero Exeter 2030 Plan;
- (4) the establishment of Exeter City Council Net Zero Champions within each service area, to assist in delivering Net Zero within the City Council; and
- (5) the implementation of the new structure by 1 August 2021.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Auctioneer's Lease at the Livestock Centre

Agreed:

RESOLVED that: -

- (1) the Executive Committee noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) the City Surveyor be authorised to agree the new lease and rent reduction as set out in the terms within the report.

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 21 July 2021.