

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

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**APPROACH TO ONGOING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
EXPENDITURE: UPDATE JULY 2020**

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To insert recommendation 2.2 as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.2 In recognition of the increase in single-use plastic waste created by the necessary increase in PPE use, the Committee requests the Executive Director of HASC to:

- further to the council's agreed Single Use Plastics Policy, work with council procurement teams to explore how the impact of single use plastics can be reduced in relation to PPE***
- work with council services and partner organisations/individuals receiving PPE procured by the council or by the Local Resilience Forum to ensure they have robust arrangements in place for the proper, safe disposal of PPE.***

Proposed by: Cllr Clare

Seconded by: Cllr Hugh-Jones

Recommendation if carried to read:

2.1 To note the current estimated monthly council expenditure on PPE as outlined in section 3.2 and approach to purchasing and distribution of PPE; and

2.2 In recognition of the increase in single-use plastic waste created by the necessary increase in PPE use, the Committee requests the Executive Director of HASC to:

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- work with council services and partner organisations/individuals receiving PPE procured by the council or by the Local Resilience Forum to ensure they have robust arrangements in place for the proper, safe disposal of PPE.

TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT TBM PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2019/20

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

That recommendation 2.2 be amended to delete the text as struck through and insert the wording as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.2 That the Committee approve ~~the release of surplus Waste PFI resources of £0.385m to achieve a balanced outturn position.~~ ***the use of 0.385m from the planned and winter maintenance reserves; and instructs officers to identify 38.5k each year for the next 10 years to replenish the funds in this reserve.***

Proposed by: Cllr Gibson

Seconded by: Cllr Clare

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 That the Committee note that the provisional General Fund outturn position is an overspend of £2.821m and that this represents an adverse movement of £0.350m compared to the projected and planned resource position at Month 9 taken into account when setting the 2020/21 budget.
- 2.2 That the Committee approve the use of 0.385m from the planned and winter maintenance reserves; and instructs officers to identify 38.5k each year for the next 10 years to replenish the funds in this reserve.
- 2.3 That the Committee note the provisional outturn includes an underspend of £0.011m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.4 That the Committee note the provisional outturn for the separate Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an underspend of £0.679m.
- 2.5 That the Committee note the provisional outturn position for the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant, which is an underspend of £0.703m.
- 2.6 That the Committee approve carry forward requests totalling £10.700m as detailed in Appendix 5 and included in the provisional outturn.
- 2.7 That the Committee note the provisional outturn position on the capital programme which is an underspend variance of £0.447m.

2.8 That the Committee approve the capital budget variations and re-profiling requested in Appendix 7 and new schemes in Appendix 8.

Note: Acting Chief Finance Officer's comments on the proposed amendment:

The use of £0.385m Planned & Winter Maintenance reserves (current balance of £2.083m) reduces the immediate availability of these reserves for their intended purpose. Any call on those reserves would therefore increase in-year budget pressures or alternatively would need to be taken from another reserve and replenished over time. The reduction of reserves also reduces the potential flexibility of the council to manage the current predicted deficits caused by the pandemic.

TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2020/21: MONTH 2

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

To add an additional recommendation 2.7 as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.7 That the fee associated with the licence required to put tables and chairs on a pavement/public highway be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-2020 financial year.

Proposed by: Cllr Miller

Seconded by: Cllr Bell

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 That the Committee note the forecast risk position for the General Fund, which indicates a budget pressure of £36.003m. This includes an overspend of £2.061m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
- 2.2 That the Committee note the forecast net Collection Fund deficit of £13.070m.
- 2.3 That the Committee note the forecast for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is currently an underspend of £0.343m.
- 2.4 That the Committee note the forecast risk position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is an overspend of £0.059m.
- 2.5 That the Committee note the forecast outturn position on the capital programme which is a forecast underspend of £2.417m and approve the variations and slippage in Appendix 5 and new schemes as set out in Appendix 6.
- 2.6 That the Committee approve the extension of the temporary period of average pay for Casual Workers who cannot work to the end of July 2020.
- 2.7 That the fee associated with the licence required to put tables and chairs on a pavement/public highway be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-2020 financial year.

Note: Acting Chief Finance Officer's comments on the proposed amendment:

The government's Business and Planning Bill 2019-21 is currently being expedited through Parliament and will shortly place a cap of £100 on licences for placing tables and chairs on the pavement outside cafes, restaurants and bars. This will result in a

loss of income of approximately £77,000 to the council. The proposed amendment, to waive the licence fee entirely, would increase the loss of income to approximately £110,000, an increased loss of £33,000. There are two possibilities for the total loss to be mitigated. The first is that by supporting business recovery this may generate economic and visitor activity that could help to mitigate a part of the losses that would otherwise be sustained on revenue streams such as parking incomes, business rates, commercial rents and so on. The second is that the recent government funding announcement, which provides some support for losses of Sales, Fees & Charges, may provide cover for up to 75p in the pound of the total losses, however, detailed guidance on the Sales, Fees & Charges to be provided for by this funding is still awaited. If neither of these possibilities comes to fruition, the loss of £110,000 would be added to the projected 2020/21 deficit and would need to be considered by the committee in October as part of plans to address and manage the overall projected deficit.

TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2020/21: MONTH 2

CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT

To add an additional recommendation 2.6 as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.6 That further to the October review outlined in 2.5, that committee notes the overwhelming importance of Madeira Terraces, and the opportunity that exists in their regeneration, and that delays to restoration of this important heritage asset should be avoided if at all possible;

and therefore,

Seeks to explore how the purchase of Commercial properties to support Madeira Terrace Investment borrowing of £20m can be 'unpaused,' in October, which will in turn support our city's property market, providing that any purchase is supported by a full and robust business case.

Proposed by: Cllr Miller

Seconded by: Cllr Bell

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 Note the range of funding and net expenditure scenarios for 2020/21 and the potential call on one-off resources these entail.
- 2.2 Note the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) scenarios and projections for 2021/22 to 2023/24 set out in the body of the report.
- 2.3 Agree to use the 'Moderate View' scenario for planning purposes for both 2020/21 and for the predicted budget gap in 2021/22 based on a 10-year reserve repayment period in respect of the 2020/21 deficit.
- 2.4 In lieu of government funding announcements, alongside a Financial Smoothing Option, instruct the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) to develop options for a possible Emergency Budget Plan for 2020/21 to be considered at the October Policy & Resources Committee if required.
- 2.5 Agree to the continued pausing or un-pausing of new capital schemes as set out in Appendix 3 and that paused schemes will be subject to further review at the October Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET PLANNING AND RESOURCES UPDATE

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

To add and additional recommendation 2.6 as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.6 That further to the October review outlined in 2.5, that Committee notes

- the context of the climate emergency, and that delays to actions towards the council's commitment of carbon neutrality by 2030 should be avoided if at all possible;

and therefore:

- requests that officers explore how the Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Investment Fund (SCRIF) capital programme borrowing of up to £3.9m can be 'unpaused,' in October, to the extent that the projected additional Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) income generates sufficient revenue to finance borrowing costs

Proposed by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Seconded by: Cllr Gibson

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**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BRAYPOOL LANE
JOINT LABOUR GROUP & GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT**

To add an additional recommendation 2.2 as shown below in ***bold italics***:

2.2 In recognition of the loss of an opportunity to provide housing on the site, the capital receipt from the land sale shall be ring fenced for use towards expenditure on the provision of affordable housing or temporary accommodation for homeless people

Proposed by: Cllr Hugh-Jones

Seconded by: Cllr Yates

Recommendation if carried to read:

- 2.1 Authorises the freehold disposal of the land to the tenant and that delegated powers be given to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture, Assistant Director Property & Design and Head of Legal Services to approve terms and take any necessary steps to facilitate this recommendation.
- 2.2 In recognition of the loss of an opportunity to provide housing on the site, the capital receipt from the land sale shall be ring fenced for use towards expenditure on the provision of affordable housing or temporary accommodation for homeless people

Note: Acting Chief Finance Officer's comments on the proposed amendment:

Ringfencing the Braypool receipt to Affordable Housing or Temporary Accommodation increases the demand on capital receipts in 2021/22 required to fund planned corporate investment funds including the Strategic Investment Fund, Asset Management Fund, IT&D Fund and/or Modernisation Fund. If alternative capital receipts cannot be identified the options available would be to curtail these funds or to finance them from borrowing, where this is possible, with a resulting revenue financing impact.

Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025

OFFICER CORRECTION

1. Appendix 1

Governance & Delivery of the Strategy – Composition of the Homelessness Reduction Board, page 578.

Correction to change the text concerning voting Members from stating 'Four elected Members, to stating ***'Three elected Members.'***

Current text

Composition

Voting members:-Four elected Members:

- Chair of Housing Committee
- Opposition Spokesperson (Green Party)
- Group Spokesperson (Conservative Party)

Corrected text

Composition

Voting members:-Three elected Members:

- Chair of Housing Committee
- Opposition Spokesperson (Green Party)
- Group Spokesperson (Conservative Party)

2. Appendix 2:

Terms of Reference -The Homeless Reduction Board. Page 584.

Section 6. Membership

Paragraph 6.1 to change from:

Membership of the Board shall consist of three voting elected Members (1 Labour, 1 Green, 1 Conservative) and one non-voting elected Labour member, Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board.

To:

Membership of the Board shall consist of three voting elected Members (1 Labour, 1 Green, 1 Conservative).

Paragraph 6.2 to change from:

It will also have a panel of non-voting members formed of other public bodies and organisations working to alleviate and address issues associated with homelessness and rough sleeping.

To:

It will also have a panel of non-voting members formed of the Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board and representatives of other public bodies and organisations working to alleviate and address issues associated with homelessness and rough sleeping.

Martin Reid
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