

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 19 December 2018

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Decisions made by full cabinet and individual cabinet members are subject to "Call-in" by the appropriate Select Committee. Should a decision be subject to call-in it will not take effect as stated above and will be presented again at a later date.

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors P.A. Fox, R.John, S.B. Jones, P. Jones, S. Jones, P. Jordan and P. Murphy

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni and R. Roden

OFFICERS PRESENT

Matthew Phillips, Peter Davies, Mark Howcroft, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Nicola Perry, Julie Boothroyd, Frances Williams, Matthew Gatehouse and Nikki Wellington

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3a	OPENING OF A POST OFFICE WITHIN USK COMMUNITY HUB	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That subject to a satisfactory application that meets the requirements of Post Office Ltd and satisfies officers of the authority in terms of contractual and financial risk.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves that any shortfall in funds that cannot be met from counter service income be funded from existing community hub budgets, subject to an agreement with Usk Town Council that these costs be shared equally with the Town Council.</p> <p>To submit a planning application for change of use, to enable the Post Office to operate within the hub premises. This will not compromise the present service offer.</p> <p>To create an additional 30 hour per week Information Assistant Post, employed by the local authority, on NJC terms and conditions to enable the Post Office to be staffed and opened during the same hours as the hub.</p>
Additional Information:				
3b	REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING 2018/19 OUTTURN STATEMENT	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Members consider a net revenue forecast of £316,000 surplus, and approves the local education authority costs of compromise agreements being borne by the corporate redundancy budget rather than Children and Young People Directorate.</p> <p>That they also recognise circa £1.3m extra capital resourcing provided</p>

				<p>recently and note that the revenue forecast is predicated on capitalising £444k expenditure accordingly, a decision that still needs to be considered by full Council in January 2019.</p> <p>That Members note the 86% delivery of the budget setting savings agreed by full Council previously and a need for remedial action/savings in respect of £727k savings reported as delayed or unachievable by service managers.</p> <p>That Members consider the capital outturn spend of £40.8m, introducing a £1m anticipated overspend and the presumption made around financing such as per para 3.6.7.</p> <p>That Members note the anticipated use of reserve funding predicted at outturn and the low level of earmarked reserves, which will notably reduce the flexibility the Council has in reengineering services and facilitating change to mitigate the challenges of scarce resources going forward.</p> <p>That Members note the extent of movements in individual budgeted draws on school balances, and reported recovery plan intentions as a consequence of their approving changes to Fairer Funding guidelines since month 2</p>
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Additional Information:

3c	CAPITAL STRATEGY ASSESSMENT 2018-19 and DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019-20 to 2022-23	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet considers the capital strategy requirements and assesses the preparedness of current practices to satisfy capital strategy compliance obligations for onward endorsement to Council as part of capital strategy report in January 2019.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers the annual core capital programme identified in Appendix 2 for 2019-20, together with the additions proposed in paras 6.14 to 6.18, and issues its draft capital budget proposals for 2019/20 to 2022/23 for consultation purposes.</p> <p>That Cabinet reaffirms the principle that during the financial year, any new schemes volunteered can only be added to the programme if the business case demonstrates that they are self-financing or if the scheme is deemed a higher priority than current schemes in the programme and therefore displaces it.</p> <p>When considering the relative merits of projects and potential displacement, that Cabinet consider the indicative priority matrix supplied in para 4.15, either endorsing or amending it for onward consideration by full Council.</p> <p>That Cabinet considers the extent of proposed sale of assets captured in</p>
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				<p>exempt Appendix 5, in order to support the capital programme, and that once agreed, no further options are considered for these assets.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the potential forecast of capital receipt levels, prior to the consideration of using £75,000 of receipts balance to afford condition survey work to update historic condition survey information and a ceiling of capital receipts funding of £300k to assist with the business case affordability of Severn View Residential Home replacement. Any excess of capital receipts generated thereafter is proposed to be applied by Treasury colleagues in a fashion that will mitigate minimum revenue provision costs and interest payments, to assist with revenue budget management. This is a change in capital receipt strategy to that applied in earmarking receipt generation to afford Members tranche A Future Schools aspirations. This will mean that any further school redevelopment will need to derive a greater extent of revenue headroom to afford the prudential borrowing financing of such developments.</p>
Additional Information:				
3d	2019 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019/20	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet approves the release of the budget proposal for 2019/20 for consultation purposes.</p> <p>That Cabinet approves that the consultation period and opportunity to present alternative proposals that have been assessed for Future Generations implications ends on 31st January 2019.</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises a year on year cash reduction of £936k in funding that it will receive from Wales Government</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises unavoidable pressures of some £5.7 million that need to be provided for within the 2019/20 budget.</p> <p>That Cabinet confirms its intention to fully fund all pay related pressures insofar as they impact schools and demand pressures caused by increasing numbers of looked after children in Social Services.</p> <p>That Cabinet proposes a Council Tax rise of 5.95% for financial year 2019/20.</p> <p>That Cabinet recognises that the budget proposal remains un-balanced at this stage. There is a remaining savings gap of £594k to address.</p> <p>An additional recommendation:</p> <p>That Officers further develop and consult on the Future Generations Evaluation that accompanies the budget proposals to ensure that it clearly identifies the impact of budget proposals on groups of people with protected characteristics as defined by the Equalities Act alongside the</p>

				ways of working and well-being goals described in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.
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