

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 21 October 2020

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday 30th October 2020

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.J.W. Greenland, R.John, P. Jones, S. Jones, P. Jordan, P. Murphy, J.Pratt

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors D. Batrouni and S. Howarth

OFFICERS PRESENT

Matt Phillips, Peter Davies, Paul Matthews, Will McLean, Nicola Perry, Frances O'Brien, Matthew Gatehouse, Jonathan Davies and Carl Touhig

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
	Apologies for Absence			
4	FUTURE OF THE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet: i) Approve the change of frequency of collection of garden waste from weekly to fortnightly. ii) Approve the change of container from an 80 litre garden waste bag to a 240 litre wheeled bin. iii) Approve an annual charge to customers of £28. (as per addendum report)
Additional Information:				
5	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND BUDGET PROCESS 2021/22 to 2024/25	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That the budget assumptions outlined in paragraphs 3.15 to 3.21 in the report are agreed and updated during the budget process should better information become available. That the budget process and timetable as outlined in paragraph 3.29 is adopted and that includes member budget scrutiny and consultation conducted through all-member seminars, Member and Officer Working Groups, Community Engagement, Select, and Consultation meetings (for Business Rate purposes).
Additional Information:				
6	REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING 2020/21 FORECAST	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: Cabinet recognise a net revenue forecast deficit at month 5 of £7.42m, an

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improvement of £2.95m from month 2, with some £6.19m of the deficit directly associated with the extraordinary financial pressures attached to COVID-19.

Cabinet continue to make strong representations to Welsh Government for full reimbursement of £6.19m leaving Council with a reduced sum of £1.23m to address as a true in-year pressure and resulting from in-year savings secured to date.

That an additional £675k of identified expenditure currently within the month 5 revenue forecast is recognised as eligible expenditure to be funded from capital receipts under the flexible use of capital receipts directive, reducing the £1.23m in year pressure to £555k.

That the remaining forecast deficit of £555k is managed through cost reduction and in taking immediate steps to curtail non-essential expenditure, recognising the risk that targeted and planned cost reductions will be challenging in the current operating environment and given that the Council will as always look to minimise impact on service delivery.

Cabinet agrees that the 2019/20 year-end one-off headroom added to the Council Fund of £1.8m is used to mitigate any under recovery of the £6.19m COVID-19 pressures from Welsh Government alongside responding to the potential significant financial pressures brought about by the pandemic or otherwise in the current year or over the medium term.

In taking the approach set out above, Cabinet recognises the extraordinary nature of the current year and accepts that significant pressures will need to be incorporated into the budget setting process for financial year 2021/22 unless otherwise mitigated.

Cabinet notes the extent of movements in reserve usage contained in Appendix 1

That the intended budget recovery plan signalled following the early month 2 forecast deficit against budget of £3.54m relating to non-COVID-19 items is suspended given the £2.31m improvement in the non-COVID-19 pressures identified in the interim period and outlined in this report.

Cabinet considers the forecast capital outturn spend of £34.95m alongside significant slippage of £26.3m, and the presumptions made around the financing consequences, as outlined in appendix 1.

Cabinet recognises that these numbers will have to be reconsidered in the event that Welsh Government falls short of expectation in compensating the Council.

Additional Information:
