

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 26 July 2023

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Thursday 3rd August 2023

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 Mary Ann Brocklesby, Sara Burch, Ian Chandler, Rachel Garrick, Martyn Groucutt, Catrin Maby and Angela Sandles

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John, Frances Taylor, Jane Lucas, Lisa Dymock and John Crook

OFFICERS PRESENT

Paul Matthews, Jane Rodgers, Frances O'Brien, Will McLean, Peter Davies, Jonathan Davies, Richard Williams, Matthew Gatehouse, Ian Saunders, Cath Saunders, Ben Davies and Nicholas Keyse

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
	Apologies for Absence			
3	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MY DAY, MY LIFE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS	As set out in the report		RESOLVED: That Cabinet considers the findings of the Practice Solution's review, the review recommendations, public feedback received and the implementation plan. That Cabinet accepts the recommendations in the Practice Solution review in full.
Additional Information:				
4	S106 FUNDING CALDICOT	As set out in the report	County Councillor Rachel Garrick declared a personal and Prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 4 - S106 Funding Caldicot as she has a child who is a pupil at Castle Park and Councillor Garrick is governor at this school. Councillor Garrick left the meeting taking no part in the decision or voting thereon.	RESOLVED: That Cabinet agrees that a budget of £439,286 is created in 2023/24 Capital Programme to fund adaptations at Castle Park Primary School to improve accessibility and increase the school capacity from 210 to 261 pupil places with effect from 1st September 2024. The £439,286 will be funded by a S106 contribution from the development of the Sudbrook Paper Mill Site. This funding has been received into the Council's budget. The remaining S106 funding due from two other housing developments in the Caldicot area, Church Road and Crick Road, will be used to fund improvement works at Archbishop Rowan Williams VA School as and when the funding is received into the Councils budget.

Additional Information:

5	MEETING GYPSY & TRAVELLER PITCH NEEDS - LAND IDENTIFICATION	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet defers consideration of the report to the September 2023 meeting to allow officers to undertake further work in respect of this matter.</p>
Additional Information:				
6	2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET PROGRESS - EARLY UPDATE	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the early signalling of pressure against the Council's revenue budget of £2.6m following a review of material pressures and savings and the potential mitigations that can be applied.</p> <p>That Cabinet notes the ongoing financial risks continuing to manifest in the current difficult operating environment where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inflation is continuing to remain resolutely high with a consequential impact of rising interest rates; - the ongoing cost of living crisis and further impact that rising interest rates will have housing costs; - the likelihood for the UK economy to enter recession; - a shortage of staff linked to the ongoing tight labour market; - continuing supply chain issues that require more costly alternative or expedited arrangements; - the impact the above is having on the increasing demand for supportive Council services and reducing demand for income generating services. <p>That in considering the above, and as part of the mitigations outlined in 2.1 of the report, that Cabinet approves the budgeted use of £2.5m of useable revenue reserves to increase the Council's overall level of inflation contingency budget for 2023/24 to a total of £3m. The use of a further £2.5m equates to the amount of reserves that were originally anticipated to be required to support the 2022/23 budget outturn position, but were not ultimately called upon.</p> <p>That in light of the severity of the current financial position and the continuing financial headwinds as outlined in this report, that Cabinet requires the Strategic Leadership Team to engage in immediate mitigating action to bear down on avoidable cost and identify all potential further income opportunities.</p> <p>That Cabinet requires officers to develop the structured approach to tackling the budgetary pressures presenting, leading up to a more detailed Month 4 financial forecast being brought forward in September 2023.</p>
Additional Information:				