

**CABINET
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 8 November 2023

DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: Friday, 17th November 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, Rachel Garrick, Paul Griffiths, Martyn Groucutt, Catrin Maby, Angela Sandles, Ian Chandler and Ben Callard

OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Councillors Richard John, Frances Taylor, John Crook and Rachel Buckler

OFFICERS PRESENT

Jonathan Davies, Peter Davies, Paul Matthews, Frances O'Brien, Matthew Gatehouse, Ian Saunders, Amy Gullick, Geraint Edwards and James Williams

Item Number	Title	Purpose, Consultation & Author	Declaration of Interests	Decision
3	2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET - MONTH 5 UPDATE	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet note the overall revenue budget deficit forecast at month 5 of £124k.</p> <p>That Cabinet endorse the budget recovery action as outlined in Appendix 3, that has been enacted as a direct result of Cabinet's request at their July 2023 meeting for immediate mitigating budget recovery action following signalling of early budget pressure.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the budgetary risks that are inbuilt into the month 5 forecast, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The volatility of demand for high-cost services, particularly in Adults & Childrens Social Care and Homelessness; • Continuing negotiation around national pay agreements which will further impact forecasts if it results in an award over and above the current offer; • The risk of further non-delivery of the £10m of budgeted savings targets, with services currently forecasting 83.6% delivery; • The severely limited reserve cover available to the Council; • The continued pressure on both UK and Welsh Government budgets, and wider challenging economic environment; • The potential shortfall in funding of the increased responsibilities transferred to Councils, particularly within Universal Free School Meals and Homelessness that have the potential to further impact forecasts.

				<p>That in light of the severity of the current financial position and the risk that this presents to the ongoing financial sustainability of the Council, that all possible budget mitigation actions continue to be instigated by services such as to limit the call on severely limited reserve balances.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the forecast draw on schools delegated balances as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report of £3.663m, with school balances forecast to reduce to £594k by the end of the financial year with eleven schools forecast to be in a deficit balance.</p>
Additional Information:				
4	REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet approve the MCC RIPA Policy as per proposed amendments.</p> <p>That Cabinet note the recent IPCO Inspection Report.</p>
Additional Information:				
5	PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL LETTER 2022/23	As set out in the report		<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet note the content of the Public Sector Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) annual letter (Appendix 1) and inform the PSOW of their considerations and any proposed actions. The PSOW is aware that due to the scheduling of meetings there would be a delay in responding to them.</p> <p>That the authority continues to engage with the PSOW complaints standards work, access training for staff and provide the PSOW with complaints data. We have also fully implemented the PSOW's model complaints policy.</p>
Additional Information:				