

CABINET Post-Decision

Summary of the Decisions taken

Date of Meeting Monday, 15th November 2021 **Issued By:-** Nick Pontone

Date of Delivery to Members: Tuesday, 16th November, 2021

Date which any call in must be received by: Tuesday 23rd November, 2021

Implementation of decisions delayed to: Wednesday 24th November, 2021

(Other than those items marked with an asterisk (*) which need to be implemented urgently and those items marked with a hash (#) which have been considered by scrutiny in the past 6th months and cannot be called in).

AGENDA ITEM.	SUBJECT MATTER	DECISION PROPOSED	WARD	PROPOSED TO BE RESOLVED/ RECOMMENDED
1.	Declarations of Interest	None.	-	-
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October 2021	Approved.	-	Resolved
3.	DLUHC Reviews and Intervention	That the report be noted and preparations be made to support the arrival of commissioners who were expected to be appointed for a period of three years by the Secretary of State for Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DHULC) in the coming weeks.	All	Resolved

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4.	Recovery and Renewal Plan - Update	That the current position on the Finance Recovery Plan be noted and that the report be recommended to Council.	All	Recommended
5.	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report - 2021/22 (Period 6 - September 2021)	<p>Cabinet noted the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the S114 notice as at 2nd July 2021 the General Fund balance is currently forecast to be a cumulative deficit of £111m as at 31/3/22. • The current forecast for 2021/22 planned savings is a net overspend position of £0.02m. • The DSG balance is forecast to be a cumulative deficit of £24.2m as at 31/3/22, this forecast deficit position has increased recently by circa £0.238m compared to month 5. • At 30 September 2021, the HRA was forecasting a net surplus of £0.950m for 2021/22, however this may change as work progresses on the Business Plan. • The forecast capital programme outturn for the General Fund for 2021/22 is currently £50.6m, of which £19.4m is to be financed from new borrowing. 	All	Resolved

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forecast capital programme outturn for the HRA for 2021/22 is currently £12.9m <p>It should also be noted however that there are significant Council wide uncertainties in the current forecasts, which as well as being subject to ongoing monitoring, verification and challenge are also heavily dependent on the accuracy of information and continued emerging issues. Service specific risks are noted in section 3.3. In particular Council wide issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year-end Statements of Accounts for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 have yet to be finalised and audited. Further adjustments to these accounts may impact on the financial position as currently reported. • the capitalisation direction as previously reported has been under continuous review since July and remains so. At this stage the work is ongoing but it is highly likely that the £111m cumulative deficit as at 31/3/22 will be increased as will the total forecast deficit previously reported as £174m in the S114 notice and updated to Council as likely to be above £200m. The impact on corporate budgets remains to be determined as part of this review. The 		

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		<p>emerging issues that will need to be funded by an additional capitalisation direction are likely to include by way of example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ further funding of the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision ○ pay award of 1.75% for the Council and Children's Company and other revenue pressures ○ inadequate provisions and contingencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Covid-19 is an ongoing issue and a £6.4m contingency was built into the 2021/22 GF budget to cover any additional expenditure or loss of income as a result of ongoing lockdown measures. It is assumed that any additional expenditure will be compensated for with COVID grants, but this has yet to be confirmed by DLUHC. 		
6.	Household Support Fund	<p>The following was noted in respect of the scheme:</p> <p>(a) That the Council's share of the Household Support Fund is £1,177,691.53.</p> <p>(b) That the Section 151 Officer will certify and submit Management Information returns to the DWP in December 2021 and March 2022 in order for</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>the Council to receive its allocated share of the grant funding.</p> <p>(c) That the funding is accessible to residents and households in Slough from 06 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <p>(d) That the policy at Appendix A to the report be approved.</p> <p>(e) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Corporate Operations, following consultation with the Leader, to review and make minor changes to the policy.</p>		
7.	Digital Signage Project (policy to be referred to scrutiny)	<p>(a) That the advertising policy attached at Appendix 6 to the report be approved, subject to a review of the policy by scrutiny.</p> <p>(b) That the use of Slough Borough Council owned Land Assets and highway land listed in Appendix 1 be approved for advertising and public realm sponsorship to make best use of the Council's assets in accordance with the policy at Appendix 6 and subject to following statutory processes and obtaining relevant statutory consents (e.g. planning approval).</p>	All	Resolved

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		<p>(c) That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Place, following consultation with the Lead Members for finance and enforcement portfolios, to:</p> <p>(i) Seek and select suitable third party providers for each of the advertising and public realm sponsorship opportunities identified in Appendix 3 in compliance with the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules and any applicable procurement regulations.</p> <p>(ii) Grant permission under the Highways Act 1980 (“HA 1980”) to third party providers to erect advertising hoardings on highway land and to place advertising on existing structures on a case by case basis in accordance with the policy at Appendix 6 and subject to following the statutory processes and obtaining all relevant consents including compliance with any necessary planning conditions.</p> <p>(iii) Enter into appropriate lease or licence arrangements with third party providers for the provision of suitable advertising displays at specified locations identified in Appendix 3 to facilitate the policy intentions set out in Appendix 6.</p>		

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		(iv) Make necessary amendments to the contractual arrangements entered with providers.		
8.	References from Overview & Scrutiny	<p>None.</p> <p>The outstanding reference from the Place Scrutiny Panel (28th September) on asset disposals would be included in a report to Cabinet in December 2021.</p> <p>The Cabinet would receive a report summarising the comments of scrutiny on draft budget proposals following the November/December round of meetings.</p>	All	-
9.	Notification of Key Decisions	Endorsed.	All	Resolved