

## Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 January 2023

To: Strategy & Resources Committee

Meeting Date: 28 March 2023

From: Service Director: Finance & Procurement

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: 2023/002

Outcome: The Committee will have received information setting out the current financial position of the Council enabling it to assess delivery of the Council's business plan. It will also have made decisions around the allocation of resources. Overall, this will contribute to good financial management and stewardship of public funds.

Recommendation: Strategy & Resources Committee (S&R) is recommended to:

- a) Note the government grant allocations of £4.148m for Business Rates Relief Reconciliation Grant and of £548k for the Council's share of the Business rates levy account surplus for 2022-23, as set out in section 3 of the IFMR;
- b) Transfer £2.891m of the Business Rates Relief Reconciliation Grant additional income to an earmarked reserve for Guided Busway path widening work in 2023-24, as per section 3.2 of the IFMR;
- c) Allocate funding of £1.07m from the Business Change Reserve to enable the first stages of the Strengthening Services changes within Children's, Education & Families, and delegate authority to draw down this funding to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources in consultation with the Chair & Vice-Chair of this committee, as per section 3.3 of the IFMR;
- d) Add the Guided Busway Southern Section - Path Widening scheme, £2.891m to the capital programme for 2023-24, to be funded from an earmarked reserve, per section 4.6.1 of the IFMR;

- e) Add school capital schemes totalling £11.3m, as set out in confidential appendix D, to the capital programme for 2023-24 onwards, per section 4.6.2 of the IFMR;
- f) Approve capital budget rephasing in relation to the A14 Improvement Scheme payments to the Department for Transport as set out in table 4.5.1 of the IFMR; and,
- g) Note the update provided on Waste budgets in Appendix E, referenced in section 1.3.3 of the IFMR.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present financial and performance information to assess progress in delivering the Council's Business Plan.

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Please see the attached Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 January 2023 at Appendix A and the Finance & Resources and Strategy & Partnerships Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 31 January 2023 at Appendix B.

## 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 Environment and Sustainability

Please see the Environment and Climate Change Implications outlined in 4.8 below.

- 3.2 Health and Care

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.3 Places and Communities

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.4 Children and Young People

There are no significant implications for this priority.

- 3.5 Transport

There are no significant implications for this priority.

## 4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 Resource Implications

This report provides the latest resources information for the Council and so has a direct impact.

- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.7 Public Health Implications  
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas
- 4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.  
Status: Positive  
Explanation: Recommendation d, to add the Guided Busway Southern Section - Path Widening scheme to the capital programme for 2023-24 will have a positive impact on the pathway adjacent to the southern section of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway which will encourage further use by active travel modes.
- 4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.  
Status: Neutral  
Explanation: There are no significant implications within this category

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes  
Name of Financial Officer: Stephen Howarth

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the Head of Procurement? No  
Name of Officer: Not applicable

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or Pathfinder Legal? No  
Name of Legal Officer: Not applicable

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your EqIA Super User? No  
Name of Officer: Not applicable

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?  
No  
Name of Officer: Not applicable

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? No  
Name of Officer: Not applicable

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health? No  
Name of Officer: Not applicable

If a Key decision, have any Environment and Climate Change implications been cleared by the Climate Change Officer? Yes  
Name of Officer: Emily Bolton

## 5. Source documents

Place & Sustainability Finance Monitoring Report (January 23)  
People Services and PH Finance Monitoring Report (January 23)  
Finance & Resources and Strategy & Partnerships Finance Monitoring Report (January 23)  
Capital Monitoring Report (January 23)  
CCC Debt Reporting Pack (January 23)  
CCC Prompt Payment KPIs (January 23)