

## General Purposes Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 24 November 2020  
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### 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Bywater and Nethsingha.

No declarations were made.

### 2. Minutes – 20th October 2020 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman when the Council returned to its offices subject to the Chairman checking the accuracy of the statement in the penultimate paragraph at the bottom of page 4. The Committee also noted the action log.

### 3. Petitions and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

### 4. Integrated Finance Monitoring Report for the period ending 30th September 2020

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the earmarking of the unringfenced grant (£4.982m) due to be received in November 2020 for the purposes of responding to the coronavirus pandemic, as set out in section 6.1;
- b) Note the additional funding anticipated for the Emergency active scheme as set out in section 7.6;
- c) Approve that the additional £4.1m Pothole Grant Funding be allocated as set out in section 7.6;
- d) Note the new ring-fenced capital funding for the March Community Centre as set out in section 7.6;

- e) Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to increase the capital budget in 2020-21 by way of prudential borrowing or other allowable funding in order to acquire a property as part of the Rural Estate, in accordance with section 7.7 of this report (and a confidential report recommended by the C&I Committee).

## 5. Covid-19 Update Report

It was resolved to:

note the progress made to date in responding to the impact of the Coronavirus.

## 6. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-26

It was resolved to:

consider the elements of the Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2021-26 attached in the Appendix to this report.

## 7. Capital Strategy and Capital Prioritisation Report

It was resolved to review and comment on:

- a) The revised Capital Strategy
- b) That the advisory limit on the level of debt charges (and therefore prudential borrowing) should be kept at existing levels.
- c) That borrowing related to Invest to Save/Earn schemes should continue to be excluded from the advisory debt charges limit.
- d) The overview and context provided for the 2020-21 Capital Programme and comment on the results of the capital prioritisation process, taking into consideration the most up to date estimations for financing costs and the overall revenue position.

## 8. Treasury Management Report – Quarter Two Update 2020-21

It was resolved to:

note the Treasury Management Quarter Two Report for 2020/21 and forward to Full Council to note.

## 9. General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan

The Committee noted its Agenda Plan and approved the re-appointment of Councillor Shuter as Business Member Champion.

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