

General Purposes Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 22nd January 2019

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Item	Topic	Decision
	<u>CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS</u>	
1.	Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillors Bywater, Dupre and Hickford (Councillors Hoy, Williams and Howell substituting respectively).
2.	Minutes – 18th December 2018 and Action Log	It was resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18th December 2018 as a correct record and note the action log.
3.	Petitions	None received.
	<u>OTHER DECISION</u>	
4.	Finance and Performance Report - November 2018	It was resolved to review, note and comment upon the report.

	<u>KEY DECISION</u>	
5.	Integrated Resources and Performance Report For The Period Ending 30th November 2018	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve additional prudential borrowing of £36,000 in 2018/19 for the North Angle Solar Farm project, as set out in section 5.7; b) Approve allocation of the Levy Account Surplus grant (£987,000) to the corporate grants account within Funding Items, as set out in section 6.2. This will offset pressures across the Council, reducing the transfer from the general fund reserve at year-end.
6.	Transformation Fund Investments for Business Planning 2018-19 to 2022-23	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Approve the investment of £3m revenue from the Transformation Fund for the period up to April 2021 to support delivery of Business Plan savings in the period 2019 – 2024. B) Agree that tranches of finance to support behavioural change, service redesign and demand led transformation would be drawn down following agreement with the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chairs of the General Purposes and Communities and Partnerships Committees. C) Agree that tranches of finance to support commercial activity would be drawn down following agreement with the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chairs of the General Purposes and Commercial and Investment Committees. B) Approve the funding set out in Section 4.4 of the report and all other cases via the normal council route.
7.	Innovate and Cultivate Fund	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfer a further £1m from the Transformation Fund to the Innovate and Cultivate Fund.

	<u>OTHER DECISIONS</u>	
8.	Business Plan 2019-2020 to 2023-24	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider the Business Plan, including supporting budget, business cases, consultation responses and other material, in light of all the planning activities undertaken to date. 2. Review the options set out in section 4 of this paper and decides whether there is sufficient resources and flexibility for Council to deliver to establish a balanced budget position and make recommendation to Full Council. 3. Recommends that Council balances the budget from within the total resources as detailed in 4.2 and 4.9 in this paper. <p>3. Review the following recommendations to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That approval be given to the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in section C of the Business Plan. b. That consideration be given to a total county budget requirement and precept level. c. That consideration be given to a Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of "Band D" equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils as set out in section B, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan. d. That approval be given to the Capital Strategy asset out in section J of the Business Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitments from schemes already approved; • The consequences of new starts in 2019-20 shown in summary in section F, Table 6.9 of the Business Plan. e. That approval be given to the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section G of the Business Plan, including:

		<p>i. The Council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.</p> <p>ii. The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2019-20 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003).</p> <p>iii. The Investment Strategy for 2019-20 as required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2018, and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of section G of the Business Plan.</p> <p>4. Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework.</p> <p>5. Authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan, including the foregoing recommendations to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate, including updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds and any grant changes.</p>
9.	General Purposes Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointment to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels	<p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>a) review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1; and</p> <p>b) review its training plan attached at Appendix 2.</p>
10.	Exclusion of Press and Public	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following report on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information under paragraphs 3 & 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</p>

11.	Waste Private Finance (PFI) Contract	It was resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report.
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Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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