

CABINET EXECUTIVE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Narborough

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present:

Councillor Terry Richardson (Leader of the Council) (Leader)
Councillor Maggie Wright (Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder) (Deputy Leader)

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| Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore | - Health, Leisure, Climate and Economic Development Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Nigel Grundy | - Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Les Phillimore | - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder |
| Cllr. Ben Taylor | - Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder |

Also in attendance as Observers:

Cllr. Nick Brown (Scrutiny Commissioner)

Officers present:-

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| Julia Smith | - Chief Executive |
| Sarah Pennelli | - Executive Director - S.151 Officer |
| Louisa Horton | - Executive Director - Communities and Monitoring Officer |
| Marc Greenwood | - Executive Director - Place |
| Caroline Harbour | - Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager |
| Gary Morris | - Interim Finance Group Manager |
| Katie Hollis | - Accountancy Services Manager |
| Anna Farish | - Environmental Services Manager |
| Katie Brooman | - Elections and Governance Manager |
| Nicole Cramp | - Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer |
| Isaac Thomas | - Democracy Support Officer |

81. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

82. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2024, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

83. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

84. QUARTER 1 BUDGET REVIEW 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Accountancy Services Manager.

Other options considered:

None.

DECISIONS

1. That the financial performance against the budget for the quarter ending 31st June 2024 be accepted.
2. That the additional budget expenditure of £53,122, and the forecast contribution of £516,978 from General Fund balances be approved.
3. That the Local Plan Earmarked Reserve be increased by £221,070 from the General Fund Balance and that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Finance, People & Performance Portfolio holder to draw down from the Local Plan Reserve when necessary.

Reasons:

1. It is good practice that Members have oversight of the Council's financial performance at regular points during the financial year.
2. To recognise movements in the call on reserves and balances to date, along with potential variances in establishment costs and key income streams that may arise between now and the end of the financial year.

85. QUARTER 1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Finance Group Manager.

Other options considered:

None, this report is a requirement of the 2023/24 Prudential Code.

DECISION

That the latest position in respect of treasury activities, and the prudential indicators, be accepted.

Reason:

The 2023/24 edition of the Prudential Code added a requirement for quarterly reporting of treasury management activities and prudential indicators. Whilst quarters 1 and 3 do not need to be formally reported to full Council, there is an implicit understanding that they should be adequately scrutinised by Cabinet Executive.

86. QUARTER 1 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25

Considered – Report of the Accountancy Services Manager.

Other options considered:

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the latest Capital Programme for 2024/25, totalling £8,362,558, be accepted.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that the Council has adequate resources in place to meet its capital expenditure commitments.
2. To reflect additions or other changes to the Capital Programme since it was approved by Council on 27th February 2024, including the carry forward of unspent budget from 2023/24.

87. THE BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2024

Considered – Report of the Environmental Services Manager.

The Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Les Phillimore proposed an amendment to recommendation 2.2 of the report as follows 'Following the consultation the final decision is to return to Cabinet Executive to make minor amendments to the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order prior to implementation.'

Other options considered:

This is a legal requirement to allow changes on how the Council enforces in the car parks. With the expiry of the Experimental Orders, introduction of EV charging at Enderby Leisure Centre and the decision to charge at Bouskell Park, introducing a new Parking Order is the only option.

DECISIONS

1. That the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2024 be approved.
2. Following the consultation the final decision is to return to Cabinet Executive to make minor amendments to the District of Blaby (Off-Street Parking Places) Order prior to implementation.

Reasons:

1. There is a statutory process to be followed to introduce any changes to the way in which the Council regulates its car parks.
2. To allow for any small changes to be made to the car parking Order after the statutory consultation periods have taken place.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.52 P.M.