



Cabinet – Wednesday 17 July 2024

DECISIONS – PUBLIC

PUBLISHED ON 18 July 2024: Decisions set out below cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days after publication of this notice which is FRIDAY 26 July 2024.

Item	Decision
1. Apologies	None received.
2. Minutes	The minutes of 17 April 2024 were approved as a correct and accurate record.
3. Declarations of Interest	None received.
4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act	To resolve that the public be excluded during consideration of the items in the private session.
5. Petitions	None received.
6. Questions	None received.
7. Forward plan	That the forward plans be noted.
19. Recommendations from Scrutiny Overview Committee regarding the Housing Standards Working Group	That Cabinet note the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee as contained within the Housing Standards Working Group Final Report and request that they receive a future update report.
20. Recommendations from Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Primary	That Cabinet note the findings and recommendations of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as contained within the Primary Care Access and GP Access Working Group Final Report and request that they receive a future update report.

Care Access and GP Access Working Group	
8. Draft Council Plan 2025-2029	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the report and agree the draft Council Plan for consultation with public, staff and partners; 2. Note the review and creation of a new Corporate Quarterly Performance reporting process including a review and refresh of the Council Corporate Performance Management Framework based on the new Council Plan.
9. Council Plan 2022/25 – Markers of Success	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the performance and key achievements in Q4 relating to the period January-March 2024; 2. Note that this is the final performance outturn against the current Council Plan 2022-2025. A new Council Plan is in development and will have a new performance framework to begin reporting following Council ratification in January.
10. Productivity Plan	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note and celebrate the successes highlighted by the Productivity Plan; 2. Approve the Council's Productivity Plan and note the plans and work already underway to continue the Council's improvement journey and continue to deliver value for money in the delivery of effective services.
11. Pre-Audit Outturn 2023/24	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the pre-audit revenue outturn underspend of £856k, equivalent to 0.06% of gross revenue expenditure after service mitigating actions of £4.13m and central mitigating action of £19.95m. Without mitigating actions being identified the outturn would have been an overspend of £23.22m; 2. Note the service's position (table 1 and Appendix 1), delivery of savings approved for 2023/24 including the amendments as detailed in section 4.8 to 4.10 and the carry forward of undelivered 2023/24 savings (Appendix 4) to 2024/25 and that 2024/25 savings delivery will be kept under review and progress reported to Cabinet in July; 3. Note the transfers from and to earmarked reserves as set out in table 2 and Appendix 2;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Note that the opening general reserves balance will be £19.56m as at 1 April 2024; 5. Note the pre-audit capital outturn is a net break-even position, net of carry forwards of £53.54m (Table 5 and Appendix 5 and 6); 6. Note and agree the final amendments to the 2023/24 capital programme (since the last update to Cabinet in February 2024), as set out in table 4 in section 4.11 and approve the capital re-profiling from 2023/24 to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 5 and 6; 7. Note the financial health indicators for 2023/24 as summarised in Appendix 9; 8. Note the prudential indicators as set out in section 4.22 to 4.24 and Appendix 10; 9. Note the performance and demand data at Appendix 7 and 8 in relation to Adult and Children's Social Care Services.
<p>12. Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25 and approach to Budget Setting for 2025/26</p>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note potential forecast revenue spend above budget of £9.05m, noting that further actions are being taken to address this potential position. A detailed plan will be reported to Cabinet in October, outlining actions to be taken; 2. Note that there are additionally high risks of £11.24m to the revenue forecast identified within services as set out in Table 2. These risks are actively being monitored and action is being taken to reduce / eliminate them where possible; 3. Note the progress on savings approved for 2024/25 as detailed in section 4.13 and 4.14; 4. Note the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) action plan position as detailed in sections 4.15 to 4.19; 5. Approve amendments to the capital programme as set out in section 4.21, including the rephasing of capital programme to 2025/26 at Appendix 6; 6. Note that the forecast for the capital programme is predicted on budget; 7. Approve the release of £875k from the development pool for the highways maintenance capital programme and detailed in sections 4.25 to 4.26; 8. Approve the release of £1.73m from the development pool to support the construction of a new road bridge over the

	<p>Wyrley and Essington canal as detailed in sections 4.27 to 4.30;</p> <p>9. Approve the release of £860k from the development pool to fund additional costs of enabling support services / one source programme as detailed in sections 4.31 to 4.32;</p> <p>10. Note financial health indicator performance as set out in sections 4.33 to 4.38 and Appendix 8;</p> <p>11. Note the prudential indicators as set out in section 4.39 to 4.41 and Appendix 9;</p> <p>12. Approve the write off-of debt as detailed in section 4.42;</p> <p>13. Note the work underway to update to the medium-term financial outlook and approve the approach for setting the 2025/26 budget, as set out in sections 4.43 to 4.52, aligned to the Council Plan, Budget Framework and Proud Promises;</p> <p>14. Approve the updated Medium Term Financial Framework as set out in section 4.53.</p>
<p>13. Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24</p>	<p>That Cabinet note and forward to Council, for consideration and noting (in line with the requirements of the Treasury Management Code of Practice (2021)), the Annual Treasury Management Report 2023/24 including prudential and local indicators (Appendix A).</p>
<p>14. West Midlands Addressing Ethnic Disparity Pathfinder</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve the Council acting as the Accountable Body for the West Midlands Addressing Ethnic Disparity Pathfinder project; 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to subsequently sign contracts or other related documents and to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements should this be required.
<p>15. West Midlands Regional Independent Fostering Agency Framework</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet authorise the Council to enter into the Access Agreement with Coventry City Council to join the new West Midlands Regional Fostering Framework; 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to subsequently authorise the sealing of deeds and/or signing of contracts and any other related documents for the provision of such services, as appropriate, including any agreement with Coventry City Council to facilitate these services;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements or other related documents for such services should this be required throughout the duration of the term of any contracts; 4. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, to enter into ‘call off’ contracts with Independent Fostering Agencies who are awarded ‘Fostering Framework Agreement’ contracts by Coventry City Council pursuant to the new West Midlands Regional Foster Care Framework for a period of 4 years from 1 August 2024 with the provision to extend the ability to call off for by 2 increments of 3 years to an expiry date no later than 31 July 2034; 5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, to enter into ‘spot contracts’ where the framework does not meet capacity and/or capability requirements.
<p>16. Families First for Children – Pathfinder Programme</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve the Families First Wave Two Pathfinder Programme; 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to subsequently sign contracts or other related documents and to authorise any variations to the contractual arrangements should this be required; 3. That Cabinet note the initial overview and activity, the proposed structure, financial plan and implications for future budget setting.
<p>17. Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2028: Draft for Consultation</p>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note and approve the draft EDI strategy for public consultation; 2. Note the future plans and work already underway to strengthen EDI across the Council aligned to the EFLG; 3. Agree to the inclusion of Armed Forces as a local characteristic for EDI within the Equality Impact Assessment process, alongside the existing 9 statutory characteristics and the existing local characteristic of care leavers.

<p>18. Interim provision of street lighting services</p>	<p><i>The decision was taken in the private session following consideration of exempt information (see Item 21).</i></p>
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Part II – Private session – public summary of decisions.

<p>Item</p>	<p>Decision – Public Summary</p>
<p>21. Interim provision of street lighting services</p>	<p>That authority be delegated to the to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth & Regeneration, to enter negotiations with Amey with a view to directly awarding a contract for delivery of public lighting services for the 11-month interim period between the end of the PFI contract and the commencement of the combined highway services contract.</p>
<p>22. Corporate Financial Performance 2024/25 and approach to Budget Setting for 2025/26 – Supplementary Report</p>	<p>That Cabinet approve the release of funding from the Development Pipeline Fund for the Willenhall-Framework Plan Phase 1 scheme, Moat Street/Villiers Street.</p>