

Cabinet Decisions

10 July 2023

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 10 July 2023.

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member Neighbourhood Working	Councillor Sarah Allen
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor David Roche
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member – Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Councillor Saghir Alam
Cabinet Member – Housing	Councillor Amy Brookes
Cabinet Member – Jobs and the Local Economy	Councillor Denise Lelliott
Cabinet Member – Social Inclusion	Councillor David Sheppard
Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Councillor Dominic Beck

All Cabinet decisions are taken collectively at Cabinet Meetings. There are no decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members.

Decisions taken by Cabinet are detailed below and are subject to the Call-In Procedure set out at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13. This rule provides for a period of seven working days from the date of the publication of the decision notice before any decision taken by the Cabinet can be implemented.

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 10 July 2023

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
District Heating Charges 2023-2024	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That the Cabinet note the content of the report and recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the decision Council took in March 2023 to increase the District Heating unit charge to 20.68 per Kwh for 2023-24 so that an average bill was equivalent to the heating element of the then Government's Energy Price Guarantee, leading to a proposed District heating budget deficit of £2.592m. 2. Noted that the actual cost to the Council of purchasing energy to supply District Heating schemes is lower than the cost assumed in March 2023; and that the agreed unit charge now exceeds the Energy Price Guarantee and the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) price 	Report - District Heating Charges 2023-2024	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>cap for July 2023 onwards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Agreed that in light of these changes, the District Heating unit charge per Kwh for 2023-24 is reduced to 15.94 pence per kwh and weekly prepayment charges are reduced by 59% to 67% depending on property size (Option 4 in this report), bringing prices into line with the Ofgem price cap for July 2023 onwards and well within the Energy Price Guarantee. 4. Agreed that this charge should be backdated to 3rd April 2023. 5. Agreed that the decision to reduce the price further during 2023-24 be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Financial Services 				

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				following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. The delegation would only be used to respond to a change in Government policy or a significant change in the Ofgem price cap that has the effect of necessitating a lower unit price, and the approved budget deficit of £2.592m cannot be exceeded through a delegated decision.				
Housing Development Programme Report 2023-2024	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet approved the additional Council-owned sites listed in Appendix 1 being brought forward to deliver new Council homes. 2. Cabinet approved the purchase of homes from the additional schemes identified in Exempt Appendix 2. 3. Cabinet delegated authority to the Council's Property Officer (Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and 	Report - Housing Development Programme Report 2023-24	N/A	N/A	

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				Transport) to purchase additional homes from private developers or the open market to add to the Council's housing stock, with the agreement of the Assistant Director for Housing, Cabinet Member for Housing and Section 151 Officer. 4. That Cabinet notes the other updates contained within this report and agrees to receive a further update in six months' time.				
Aids and Adaptations Policy	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the proposed approach to undertaking a review of the Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy and the intention to return to Cabinet with an updated policy in December 2023. 2. Delegated authority for all aids and adaptations costing over £30,000 to the Assistant Director for Housing in line with the national threshold for 'discretionary' funding and 	Report - Aids and Adaptations Policy	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>until the new policy is adopted.</p> <p>3. Delegated authority for approvals of aids and adaptations costing over £50,000 to the Assistant Director for Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing in line with the current agreed policy and until the new policy is adopted.</p>				
Financial Outturn 2022-23	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the revenue outturn position. 2. Noted the budgeted transfer to HRA reserves increased by £2.1m following the revenue and capital outturn positions. 3. Noted the carry forward of the combined schools balance of £2.992m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations. 	Report - Financial Outturn 2022/23	N/A	N/A	

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Noted the reduced DSG deficit following receipt of Safety Valve funding, as set out in paragraph 2.14. 5. Noted the reserves position set out in paragraphs 2.51 to 2.62. 6. Noted the capital outturn and funding position as set out in paragraphs 2.63 to 2.92. 7. Noted the revised Capital Programme following year end 2022/23 as set out in paragraphs 2.93 to 2.97 and appendices 1 to 4 of this report. 				
Treasury Management Outturn 2022-23	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators outturn position as set out in Section 3 and Appendix 1. 2. Agreed that the report is forwarded to Audit Committee for information. 	Report - Treasury Management Outturn 2022-23	N/A	N/A	

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May 2023-23 Financial Monitoring Report	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £2.0m. 2. Noted that actions will be taken as necessary to reduce the overspend position during the course of the year but that it is possible that the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2023/24 financial position. 	Report - May 2023-24 Financial Monitoring Report	N/A	N/A	
Equalities Annual Report	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Assistant Chief Executive	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the progress made over the past 12 months towards the equalities agenda. b) Noted the next steps outlined within the Equalities Annual Report and action plan for 2023/24. c) That case studies in future annual reports should reference explicitly how they contribute to the equality, diversity and inclusion agendas. 	Report - Equalities Annual Report	N/A	N/A	

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Local Plan: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet approved the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Documents at Appendices 1 to 5. 2. Cabinet approved delegation to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, to amend and republish the Biodiversity Net Gain SPD if so required, to ensure conformity with the anticipated publication of Government regulations and guidance (paragraph 5.2 refers). 	Report - Local Plan: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents	N/A	N/A	
Wath Projects (Levelling Up Fund)	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet accepted the Principal Areas of Growth allocation of £19,990,111 into the Capital Programme through the Grant Process. 2. Cabinet allocated 	Report - Wath Projects (Levelling Up Fund)	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>£8,940,564 to the Wath Project.</p> <p>3. Cabinet delegated the Commissioning of the design of the project based on the parameters in paragraph 1.2.1 to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and the Environment in Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Economy and the Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>4. Cabinet agreed to the development of 'Principal Areas of Growth' projects in Wath with further detail provided to Cabinet in February 2024.</p>				
Annual Report on Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress for 2022-2023	Leader of the Council	Assistant Chief Executive	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	<p>Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.</p>	Report - Annual Report on Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress for 2022-2023	N/A	N/A	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1061 341 1408 432">2. The Quarter 4 2022-23 data for the Council Plan performance measures. <li data-bbox="1061 464 1420 580">3. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2022-2023 				