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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
25 JULY 2023

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 25 July 2023 and will come into force and may be implemented on 3 August 2023 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **2 August 2023**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

6 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2023/24

- (a) That the Senior Leadership forecast of the full year's outturn for the council, made at the end of Quarter 1, including progress of the transformational and tactical savings incorporated into the budget, be agreed.
- (b) That the capital programme for 2023/24 be noted.

Reason for the decision

The Council had responsibilities to deliver within its corporate plan and it must do this within the resources made available through the revenue and capital budgets for 2023/24. This report summarised the Council's forecast financial performance for the year at the end of the first quarter.

7 OFSTED FOCUSED VISIT TO CARE LEAVER SERVICE

That the contents of the report and the action plan to address areas for improvement, be noted.

Reason for the decision

This report provided members with an overview of the Ofsted focussed visit and the intended actions to further strengthen the service and experiences for care leavers in Dorset.

8 ADULT SOCIAL CARE, REABLEMENT CENTRE (BED-BASED CARE)

- (a) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of People - Adults & Housing, Executive Director of Corporate Development and the Portfolio Holder for Adults, Health & Housing, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy to finalise negotiations with NHS partners to secure the Dorchester County Hospital site for the first centre.
- (b) That the procurement of a design partner to develop detailed plans and costings for the Dorchester Reablement Centre, be approve, and to present back to Cabinet for the delegated authority to approve the required capital commitment to deliver the build stages of the project.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of People – Adults & Housing and the Executive Director of Corporate Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults, Health & Housing, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy and the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property to commence the design of the scheme.

Reason for the decision

To receive a report on progress of the Reablement Centre Project and give approval for the commencement of work on the design of the first centre which would be located in Dorchester.

9 A DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR DORSET

That the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Levelling up together with the Chief Executive and Executive Director for Place continue to take forward work to seek to secure a Devolution Deal for Dorset as set out in the report.

Reason for the decision

There was an opportunity for Dorset Council to progress a Devolution Deal for Dorset which could have significant social, economic and environmental benefits. Such a Deal could give the council not only additional powers in relation to these matters but also additional funding and other resources.

Seeking a Devolution Deal would require Dorset Council to be proactive not only in making the case with Government but also in seeking a suitable partner or partners with neighbouring authorities. Suitable governance arrangements would need to be put in place to provide oversight of the deal.

10 LIBRARY STRATEGY - RECOMMENDATION FROM JOINT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

- (a) That the Library Strategy, operating model, and action plan be endorsed and adopted (appendices 1,9, & 10)
- (b) That the operation model be implemented from 2024 by the Library Service following consultation with the workforce and engagement with communities.
- (c) That the consultation and engagement undertaken with our communities, involving residents, children, communities, partners, businesses, councillors, our workforce, and all council services be noted (appendices 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6).
- (d) That the findings and proposals contained within the Equalities Impact Assessment be noted (appendix 8).

Reason for the decision

The Dorset Council Library Strategy would guide the council on how to develop and deliver library services over the next 10 years, delivering services in line with the needs of residents and Dorset Council's strategic priorities.

15 THE PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT POND WALK, STALBRIDGE

That recommendations 1 to 3 (as amended) set out within the exempt report to Cabinet of 25 July 2023 be approved.

Reason for the decision

To consider the disposal of land at Pond Walk, Stalbridge.

16 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION FUNDING COMPETITION

That recommendations 1 to 3 as set out in the exempt report to Cabinet of 25 July, be approved.

Reason for the decision

To support the corporate aim of driving economic prosperity and Cabinet's commitment to digital innovation.

17 APPROACH TO ENGAGING OUR TEMPORARY WORKFORCE

That recommendations 1 and 2 as set out in the exempt report to Cabinet of 25 July 2023, be approved.

Reason for the decision

To agree the approach to engaging the Council's temporary workforce.