

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 10:28AM, ON
MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Fitzgerald (Chair), Councillor Steve Allen, Councillor Ayres, Councillor Cereste, Councillor Howard, Councillor Simons

Cabinet Advisor Present: Councillor Jackie Allen, Councillor Hussain, Councillor Gul Nawaz, Councillor Sainsbury

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence received from Councillor Coles and Councillor Bisby.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON:

(a) SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE 15 DECEMBER 2021

The minutes of the Shareholder Cabinet Committee meeting held on 15 December 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

(b) CABINET 19 APRIL 2022

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 April 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. PETITIONS TO CABINET

There were no petitions presented to Cabinet.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

5. INTERIM REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES WITH CAR CRUISING IN PETERBOROUGH

The Cabinet received an interim report from the Task and Finish Group to Examine the Issues with Car Cruising in Peterborough, following consideration by the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

The purpose of this report was to advise Cabinet of the work of the Task and Finish Group and seek endorsement of the recommendations proposed by the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

The Cabinet Member for Communication, Culture and Communities introduced the report and introduced Councillor Hogg as the representative of the Task and Finish Group.

Councillor Hogg raised the following points:

- It had been a long process to reach this interim point with the Task and Finish Group.
- A key issue noted by the Group was that Peterborough was seen as a 'soft' option, with a high level of meets, with attendance from far afield.
- Car meets had, it was felt, got to an unmanageable state.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- The Task and Finish Group had spoken with residents, with feedback received indicating that the amount of noise created through modified engines and stereos, and the burning of rubber and smoke was having a significant impact.
- Concern was raised that due to the unofficial nature of the car meets, that these had not be subject to Health and Safety assessments, and organisers were not taking responsibility or insuring against injury.
- The Council, it was advised, was one of the largest organisations impacted by the car meets, with the unauthorised use of Council car parks. It was suggested that if the Council did not take enforcement measures, then this would be seen as giving tacit permission.
- Suggestion was made to work with organisers to hose a legal meet, however, it was noted that there was no incentive currently to do so.
- Members were advised that, while the police were keen to progress enforcement, most of the car meets happened on a Friday or a Saturday night, when the police's priorities fell elsewhere.
- It was noted that the Task and Finish Group had called on the Police and Crime Commissioner to work with the police to produce resources to tackle this issue.
- While those arranging the car meets had been approached by the Group, it was noted that they had not been particularly forthcoming.
- Comment was made that car meets were not just an issue at the Pleasure Fair Meadows car park, however, the recommendation in relation to the car park expanded on an existing Public Space Protection Order in Woodston.
- Members considered that the car meets themselves were not an issue, but behaviour at the meets and the lack of supervision. It was suggested that with the implementation of a small fee, funding could be set aside for an officer to attend, in a similar vein to the approach taken at football matches.
- It was noted that Councillor Stevenson had previously been involved with the Group, however, no longer had a seat as an independent. Members indicated that they had no objection to her continuing to sit on the Group.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to endorse the report and recommendations contained within; namely:

1. That the council shares this interim report with Cambridgeshire Police with a view to agreeing a memorandum of understanding which supports the Council with the implementation of injunction(s), community protection orders or public space protection orders.
2. That the Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and a member of the Council's cabinet agree to champion this issue and to engage with both Peterborough MPs and the Police and Crime Commissioner to secure their support in championing this issue.

3. That the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to work with the Chief Constable to compile a report on how the police should tackle this issue.
4. That the council fully costs the financial implications of developing an injunction for car meets in Peterborough.
5. That the council fully costs the financial implications of introducing Community Protection Orders.
6. That the council fully costs the financial implications of developing measures to prevent car meets from taking place at Pleasure Fair Meadow car park, as part of the Woodston PSPO.
7. That the Highways Team produces detailed plans, with a clear indication of costs, of how it proposes to alter the layout of Stapledon Road to ensure it is no longer suitable for antisocial driving.
8. That the Task and Finish Group continues its work by exploring sources of funding that are available to reduce the funding burden on city finances.
9. That the Task and Finish Group makes a further attempt to engage the car cruise community.
10. That the council's Planning Department should actively consider whether future planning applications should consider measures that will prevent antisocial driving.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Improved service provisions and responded to the impact these events were having on communities' quality of life.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do nothing and rely on other agencies to deal with the issues of anti-social driving. This was not an option due to the impact this was having on residents and the need for a multi-agency approach.

6. TOWNS FUND BUSINESS CASES

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Towns Fund business cases.

The purpose of this report was to set out the necessary steps to secure funding, allocated to Peterborough City Council through the 2021 Peterborough Town Deal, in relation to three of the Town Deal projects.

- Submission of the business cases and subsequent funding provides £6.0m investment which will deliver a pedestrian bridge over the River Nene, providing a walking and cycling route between the Embankment and Fletton Quays and also support the ambition of opening up the waterfront for regeneration.
- Upgrade Lincoln Road through public realm improvements to the streetscape, through improving pedestrian experiences, improving vitality and vibrancy of businesses and encouraging social interaction. This will be achieved through various improvements including resurfacing of footway and frontages within the curtilage of businesses with block paving, new pedestrian crossings, soft landscaping and street furniture.
- Improve accessibility and connectivity between Peterborough Station and the city centre through the provision of a ramp at the Bus Station and a number of other walking and cycling improvements.

The Leader introduced the report and advised that the proposals within the report related to three projects, each of which had been appraised by officers.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- It was confirmed that the proposed bridge would be 4m wide, with space for travel in both directions and with views from the bridge itself.
- Connections to and from the bridge would be set out within the detailed design stage, once funding streams had been secured. The bridge would be in line with all guidance in place and will take into account public consultation.
- It was noted that the pedestrianisation of Midgate and Westgate had not been included in proposals, as this had not been included in the Combined Authority budget as a priority.
- All public consultations on the various schemes would be undertaken separate at different times, with specific detail as to the location of face to face consultation to be determined.
- It was noted that there were a range of options to consider within the consultation, and feedback would be carefully reviewed prior to the design stage to ensure that all advantages and disadvantages were taken on board.
- In relation to the bus depot, officers had been working with the Combined Authority to secure funding for a feasibility assessment to relocate this. Any proposal would include working with the owners of nearby units to undertake any consequential improvements on their behalf.
- It was noted that while two electric vehicle charging points had been included in proposals, officers would endeavour to do more where possible, and the proposal further included the installation of underground cabling to allow for charging points to be installed at a later date.
- Improvements along Bright Street would include better access to the bus station, a steadier incline and improved signage.
- A levelling up bid would be submitted in July, it was advised, for work to the station itself, which would be of benefit regardless of the success of any other bids.

Cabinet considered the report and, following the endorsement of the Town Deal Board on 14 March 2022 in respect of the business cases for River Nene Pedestrian Bridge, Lincoln Road and Peterborough Station Quarter, delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, Director of Resources (s151 officer) and the Executive Director Place and Economy to **RESOLVED** to;

1. Approve Town Deal Summary Documents, as set out at Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of this report, and submit them to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for approval in line with our agreed Towns Fund programme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

River Nene Pedestrian Bridge

The Primary objectives for the River Nene Pedestrian Bridge were:

- Create a new pedestrian crossing over the River Nene to reduce severance - Improved pedestrian journey times between Fletton Quays and the Embankment
- Improve the quality of sustainable travel links between Fletton Quays and the Embankment
- Improving the riverfront and creating a landscaped features to enjoy - Protect and improve the biodiversity value of the study area

The Secondary Objectives were:

- Assist in creating a walking, liveable city
- Reduce pressure of City Centre traffic routes.

Lincoln Road Public Realm Improvements

- Enhance streetscape of the Millfield District Centre
- Increase pedestrian and cycling activity and reduce primacy of car use . Increase visitation to and use of Millfield District Centre
- Support existing business and employment activities in Millfield District Centre
- Support community cohesion and reduce criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in the District Centre by fostering increased sense of place and pride
- Improve socioeconomic outcomes for Millfield's resident and business community.

Peterborough Station Quarter

The Peterborough Station Quarter project was a transport scheme and could have both primary and secondary objectives. The primary objectives were the fundamental outputs required from the scheme and therefore must be achieved. Secondary objectives were other outputs that were achieved along the way but were not necessary to the success of the scheme. The secondary objectives tended to be delivered because of delivering the primary objectives. The primary objectives therefore represented the transport outcomes required by the scheme as stated above:

- Improve the accessibility between the Station and the city centre
- Improve the active travel infrastructure between the Station and the city centre

The project would also provide secondary objectives:

- Assist in creating a walking, liveable city
- Support the wider redevelopment of the Station Quarter

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The following options were considered and rejected:

To do nothing. This option was considered and rejected because the Council would lose £6.0m investment into Peterborough and the benefits expected to be delivered through the schemes would not be realised.

River Nene Pedestrian Bridge

- Option 1: Cable Stay Bridge (a cable stayed structure)
- Option 2: The Compass (a cable stayed steel bridge deck supported on an inverted V shaped bipod mast)
- Option 3: The Butterfly (a "Butterfly" bow string arch supporting a bridge deck which is made up of a steel open spandrel truss arch spanning over the river)
- Option 4: The Boat (a counterbalanced cable stay bridge with an inclined inverted V bipod mast and a suspended deck that is also V shaped in plan)

Lincoln Road Public Realm Improvements

- Option 1: Resurfacing-focussed intervention on the stretch of Lincoln Road corridor between Serjeant Street/Lincoln Road and Windmill Street/Lincoln Road junctions (i.e., at the heart of Millfield District Centre), that sought to improve public realm and streetscape through carriageway conversion to footway, soft-landscaping/green infrastructure provision, and an emphasis on improving existing footway assets.

- Option 2: Similar in extent and geographic location to Option 1, but with explicit provision of cycle infrastructure in line with LTN1/20 requirements, through provision of on-road cycle lanes in place of some car parking on both sides of the carriageway.

Peterborough Station Quarter

- Option 1: Improvements for the provision of a ramp at the stepped access to Queensgate Shopping Centre from Bourges Boulevard and the realignment of the ramp and crossing facilities at Queensgate Bus Station.
- Option 2: To improve walking and cycling connections at surface level through the Crescent Bridge roundabout into Cowgate. However, there were a few complexities with this project including the need for pedestrian traffic signals and an elevated footway / cycleway on the inside of Crescent Bridge. There are a number of technical considerations and the cost associated with this option would be more than the available budget so this was discounted.
- Option 3: To create a cycleway on Thorpe Road. The option would cost more than the available budget and would not directly improve access from the rail station into the city centre. Therefore, this option was discounted for this funding allocation from Towns Fund.

7. **EXTENSION OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY DAY OPPORTUNITIES CONTRACTS IN PETERBOROUGH**

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the provision of Day Opportunities contracts in Peterborough.

The purpose of this report was to gain Cabinet approval to extend the Contracts for the Provision of Day Opportunities until 31st March 2024 for the following Providers:

- Thera East Anglia
- Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association
- Helping Hands Group

thus ensuring the continuation of the Peterborough Learning Disabilities Day Opportunities contracts.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health introduced the report for debate.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- It was advised that those who use the service would be provided with opportunities to feed into the design.
- Support would be provided to families and careers, with a lot of work going into visiting service users and ensuring that the new model was community-based.
- It was noted that direct comparison to services provided by City College was difficult, as the Day Opportunities contracts dealt with many individuals with complex needs, comprising 86 people across the three services. City College provided a wider range of different services, with 250 people currently using those services.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the Agreements for the Provision of Day Opportunities to be extended until 31 March 2024 for the following Providers:

- Thera East Anglia
- Helping Hands Group
- Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association

The total value of the extension period was £5,199,512.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The reason for the recommendation was to ensure there was sufficient time to review and develop day opportunities in a timeframe aligned to the transformation work. This would also allow for a compliant procurement process to be conducted in accordance with both local contract rules and UK Legislated Public Contract Rules.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do Nothing - The contract will lapse and if services continue to be received, they will be on implied terms, which increases the contractual and reputational risk to the Council and puts service users at risk through lack of protection under implied terms.

- Contract Termination - Ending the contracts and not completing a compliant procurement process and therefore having nothing in place. This could mean the Council is in breach of its duties under the Care Act 2014; to meet people's assessed needs, promote wellbeing and reduce or delay the need for more intensive support such as respite and residential care.
- Tender the Requirement - To seek to reprocure the requirements at this time would mean that meaningful engagement and co-production could not be undertaken due to the time constraints. The Council may not be commissioning services that best meet the needs of individuals or explore efficient models of delivery. Therefore, the reprocurement should be delayed until the completion of the review process to ensure that the future contractual provision is strategically aligned to the desired outcomes.

Over 80 people use day services across Peterborough and not providing services would leave people with unmet assessed needs under the Care Act 2014.

8. LYONS GARDENS EXTENSION TO 31 OCTOBER 2023

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the extension of the contract in relation to Lyons Gardens.

The purpose of this report was to seek Cabinet approval to extend the Lyons Gardens contract by 18 months from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2023 and to enter into a collaboration agreement with the CCG, to ensure the continuation of health crisis respite funding for people with Learning Disabilities (LD) in Peterborough, whilst a wider respite review is undertaken.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health introduced the report for debate.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- Members were advised that work had already commenced on a respite review, with liaison taking place with communities, providers, staff and service users. The next stage of this would be an options appraisal.
- To contract performance had returned to normal following the COVID-19 pandemic, and there had been no issues raised by the Contracts team. A CQC inspection from October 2017 had returning 'good' in all areas.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the contract extension with Hereward Care Services Ltd in relation to Lyons Gardens from 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2023 to align with the ongoing work around the respite review. The annual contract value is £787,125.60 per annum which equates to £1,180,688.40 over the life of the extension.
2. Approve Peterborough City Council entering into a collaboration agreement with the CCG in relation to their acceptance to fund 50% of the contract costs, for the period 1 May 2022 to 31 October 2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To extend the Lyons Gardens contract to 31 October 2023 to align to the wider respite review work and ensure sufficient time was available to undertake this and make recommendations and develop future services thereby ensuring we meet our statutory duties during this time.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Not extending the contract: would leave PCC at risk of not having a contract in place to govern the provision and roles and responsibilities of both the provider and PCC.
- To end the current contract and stop providing the provision at Lyons Gardens. However, this would leave a gap in supply which would not meet known demand. The majority of LD respite provision in Peterborough was delivered at Lyons Gardens and there were a number of people who rely on this for planned and unplanned respite. There was no alternative provision in Peterborough.
- It would leave a gap in provision and impact on service users and the wider health system, as there was no alternative respite care model within the City.
- Ending the provision would mean PCC was not meeting its statutory obligations under the Care Act to meet people's assessed need and also the needs of carers for whom respite allows them a break from their caring duties. The increased risk of carer breakdown would result in additional funding requirements for both in and out of county placements and greater likelihood of hospitalisations, delayed discharge and homelessness and well as greater demand on support services for carers.
- Timescales to reprocure the contract now were too short to undertake a compliant tender and would likely be a replica of the current contract without strategic review of demand and need.

9. A1260 NENE PARKWAY JUNCTION 3 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – DESIGN OF ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEMES

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the design of active travel schemes for the improvement scheme at A1260 Nene Parkway Junction 3.

The purpose of this report was for Cabinet to consider and approve the award of £165k to Milestone Infrastructure Limited (in addition to £500k previously awarded in January 2021) to deliver preliminary design of active travel schemes to be delivered as part of the A1260 Nene Parkway Junction 32 to Junction 3 improvement scheme.

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport introduced the report for debate.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- It was noted that funding had previously been provided from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority in relation to Junction 3 congestion improvements.
- The additional funding was in order to make improvements around the walking and cycling provision at the junction.
- It was noted that, regarding the roundabout adjacent to McDonalds, work was currently being undertaken to widen the road coming from the direction of Thorpe Road.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the award of £165k to Milestone Infrastructure Limited to deliver preliminary design of active travel schemes to be delivered as part of the A1260 Nene Parkway Junction 32 to Junction 3 improvement scheme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This decision had been made to ensure that the Council was able to effectively deliver grant funding awarded to it by the CPCA for the active travel improvement schemes. Successful delivery of the funding will help the Council to obtain further funding from the CPCA for the detailed design and construction.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to deliver the scheme: This had been discounted because the walking and cycling network in and around Junction 3 of the A1260 Nene Parkway is in need of better connected routes that link to the wider network. Delivering the active travel improvements would provide residents with an alternative and more sustainable form of travel compared to the car. Successful delivery of the scheme will provide significant benefits to the wider travelling public, resulting in improvements to; journey times, accessibility and the environment.

10. AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE THE COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT WITH NPS PETERBOROUGH LIMITED IN RELATION TO PROPERTY AND ESTATE

The Cabinet received a report in relation to Council's agreement with NPS Peterborough Limited and the agreement to termination this arrangement.

With the approval of the Chair of the Growth, Resources, and Communities Scrutiny Committee, the urgency procedures had been invoked to suspend the requirement to publish the decision on the forward plan for 28 days. The consideration and call-in period remained in place. This procedure had been invoked to enable the 12 months' notice to start at the earliest opportunity, with delay to September Cabinet considered detrimental to future service provision.

The purpose of this report was to recommend that the Council gives notice to terminate the agreement with NPS Peterborough Limited.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance introduced the report for debate. The Leader confirmed that it was the appropriate time to reflect on the service provision and determine if this could be undertaken in a different manner. It was advised that NPS had been notified, and an amicable exit from the contract was expected.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Agree to terminate the Council's agreement with NPS Peterborough Ltd in relation to property and estate management services by giving twelve months notice.
2. Note that alternative arrangements for delivery of property and estate management services will be put in place within the twelve month period.
3. Delegate to the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Director of Resources the authority to issue notices and take all other steps necessary to give effect to recommendation 1 above.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The joint venture arrangement with NPS was established in 2016 as a way to provide a more focused property service following previously outsourcing of some of the property functions. The arrangement had left the Council with a gap in terms of its strategic property and asset management planning, and had not reduced the fragmentation of delivery. Some of the services provided by NPS had been added in because at the time there was nowhere else to put them, but as a whole this had resulted in fragmentation and a lack of coherence in particular on the facilities management side.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The CIPFA review considered the alternative options as below:

Option 1: Do nothing - this option was considered in the CIPFA review and not recommended as there were fundamental issues relating to the structure of the contract that meant the Council should not continue on the current basis.

Option 2: Improve the existing arrangements - this option had been considered in the CIPFA review and was not recommended due to the significant level of change required and the need in any case for the Council to re-establish its own internal strategic property function.

Option 3: Serve notice to end the NPS Joint Venture and make alternative arrangements for the services currently provided by NPS - this option was recommended in the CIPFA review and in this report. This option would allow the Council to establish an appropriate internal structure to manage its property portfolio more effectively and would allow the Council to decide in coming months which services could continue to be provided by external arrangements. This option allowed for a potentially new relationship with external providers potentially including NPS.

11. OPPORTUNITY PETERBOROUGH

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Council's economic development function.

The purpose of this report was to enable Cabinet to consider a proposal relating to the way our economic development function is carried out.

The Leader introduced the report and advised that the Council was taking positive steps to review its relationship with all its various partners. It was noted that the Council would be looking to keep integrate a number of officers currently within Opportunity Peterborough into the new service.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- It was suggested that the third recommendation be removed and replaced with a delegation to allow the Executive Director of Place and Economic to take the final decision following consultation.
- It was noted that the proposals were an important step forward in encourage developers to invest in the city.
- Those at Opportunity Peterborough were thanked for their worked and it was considered that a number of staff would be brought into the Peterborough City Council service.
- It was the intention of the proposals to strengthen the Council's economic development, not to shrink it.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

- Approve, in principle, the integration of Opportunity Peterborough into the Council
- Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Economy, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to formally engage with the Opportunity Peterborough Board in order to facilitate and implement an effective transfer, subject to the outcome of consultation with affected staff.
- Note the exceptional performance of Opportunity Peterborough over many years, and formally thanks the Opportunity Peterborough Board of Directors for their governance and leadership

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The decision was agreed in order to improve the effectiveness of the Council's whole growth, regeneration and economic development functions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to negotiate a transfer as set out in this report; this however was discounted as the Council had identified the need to bolster its capacity across its growth, regeneration and economic development functions in order to maximise the benefits to the city.

MONITORING ITEMS

12. BUDGET MONITORING FINAL OUTTURN 2021/22

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the final budget outturn position for 2021/22.

The purpose of this report was to provide Cabinet with the outturn position for both the revenue budget and capital programme for 2021/22, subject to any changes that may be needed as part of the finalisation of the Statement of Accounts and subsequent external audit.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance introduced the report for debate.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- There was an underspend position at year-end of £4.5 million and the overall position had shifted quite significantly.

- All staff and managers, as well as Cabinet Members, who had worked on the savings were there thanked for their contributions.
- It was noted that the improved position did not mean that the Council had money to spend, as savings made had been used to supplement the Council's reserves.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note:

1. The final outturn position for 2021/22 (subject to finalisation of the statutory statement of accounts) of a £4.5m underspend on the Council's revenue budget.
2. The reserves position outlined in section 7, which includes a contribution to of £4.5m to reserves balances, resulting from the underspend highlighted in the revenue outturn report in Appendix A.
3. The outturn spending of £79.3m in the Council's capital programme in 2021/22 outlined in section 7. 4
4. That the financial performance for the year is a positive first step and is in line with the Improvement Plan and Tactical Budget approved by Council, however, the financial challenge for the Council remains and requires continued focus and discipline to deliver per both aforementioned plans.
5. The performance against the prudential indicators outlined in Appendix C.
6. The performance on the payment of creditors, collection performance for debtors, local taxation and benefit overpayments outlined in Appendix D.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This monitoring report formed part of the 2021/22 closure of accounts and decision-making framework culminating in the production of the Statement of Accounts and informs Cabinet of the final position.

Theme One Financial Sustainability of the Improvement Plan recognised the need to introduce a moratorium in November 2021 to ensure that only essential expenditure was incurred in the remaining months of the financial year. This financial strategy was adopted in order to reduce the reliance on reserve balances to fund expenditure in 2021/22 so that reserves could be used to fund transformation, increase the Council's financial resilience and strategically support the 2022/23 Tactical Budget. This outturn report provided evidence of the implementation of actions contained in the Improvement Plan and the positive first contribution towards a sustainable financial position.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

13. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the outcome of petitions.

The purpose of this report was to update Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions submitted to the Council.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the actions taken in respect of petitions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As the petitions presented in this report had been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers, it was appropriate that the action taken was report to Cabinet.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There had been no alternative options considered.

Chairman
10.28am to 12:01pm
20 June 2022