

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 9</b>
<b>22 FEBRUARY 2023</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

**1. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2023**

**i. Final Budget 2023-2024 and MTFS 2023-2026**

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to recommend that Council approve:

1. The final Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/26 outlined in Appendix A- Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/2026 Final Settlement, which includes the key financial assumptions, strategic direction, and estimated budget gaps in future years.
2. The proposed Final Budget for 2023/24, outlined in Appendix B- Revenue & Capital Budget 2023/24 Final Settlement which includes:
  - a. Funding and Council Tax Summary, which includes a proposed Council Tax increase of 4.99% in 2023/24 and 2024/25.
  - b. Detailed Revenue budgets and proposal detail
  - c. Detailed Capital Budget (Programme)
  - d. Section 25 robustness statement
3. The feedback from the budget consultation summarised in section 4 of this report and outlined in Appendix C- Budget Consultation Feedback
4. The Reserves commitments outlined in section 2 of the draft budget report and the Reserves Strategy and Policy outlined in Appendix D- Reserves Strategy & Policy which sets the future direction of travel and planned use of reserves.
5. The Equality Impact Assessments outlined in Appendix E- Equality Impact Assessments, which have been completed for all major budget proposals
6. The Carbon Impact Assessments outlined in Appendix F- Carbon Impact Assessments, which have been completed for all major budget proposals
7. The Treasury Management Strategy outlined in Appendix G- Treasury Management Strategy, which has the fundamental roles of managing external investments, outlining the Prudential Indicators, ensuring debt is prudent and economic, and that decisions comply with regulations.
8. The Capital and Investment Strategy outlined in Appendix H- Capital and Investment Strategy 2022-25, which manages its assets and investment resources to help achieve the strategic priorities of the Council.
9. The proposed Schools Budget as set out in Appendix I- The Schools Budget 2023/24

10. The outline Asset Management Plan (AMP) as set out in Appendix J- Asset Management Plan, which sets out principles for managing the Councils assets in the most efficient and effective manner and the direction of travel for future years while a more detailed and refreshed AMP is developed.
11. The Council Tax Resolution, setting out the Council Tax requirement and precepts including those from the Parish Councils, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (new for 2023/24) is outlined in Appendix K- Council Tax Resolution 2023/24 Final Settlement - NOTE- The Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority are set to approve their rate of Band D Council Tax on 10th February therefore this appendix includes a provisional figure and will be finalised before this meeting on 13 February.
12. The Budget Virement Rules Appendix L- Budget Virement rules which sets out the financial approval limits for transferring budgets between different cost codes and directorates.
13. Community Leadership Fund policy for 2023/24 as outlined in Appendix M- Community Leadership Fund, which outlines revised spending criteria and an allocation per Councillor of £3,000, (£180,000 in total).
14. The Councils response to the Budget Consultation feedback received from residents, businesses, and community groups, as set out in Appendix N- Response to the Budget Consultation

Cabinet further **RESOLVED** to recommend that Council note:

1. The Final Local Government Finance Settlement was published on the 6th of February including the following changes:
  - Services Grant allocations had increased by £0.067m, from £1.632m to £1.699m
  - A slight reduction of £0.001m from the ASC Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund reducing from £1.859m to £1.858m.
  - All other grants remain at the value confirmed in the provisional settlement.
2. This has increased the Councils funding position by a net £0.066m, resulting in the final net funding position moving from £202,568m to £202,634m.
3. Changes have been made to the various tables within the documents to reflect this change including the covering report and appendix's A, B and K. These revised documents will be submitted to Council for approval.
4. The following text has also been added to Appendix B section 4, following suggestions from the members of the Green party, and discussions with other Local Authorities:
  - The council is continuing to support those most impacted by the national cost of living challenge in a number of ways, including through the council tax hardship and household support funds. Also following a suggestion from Green Councillor's to liaise with Lewes and Eastbourne councils to see if we can learn from anything they are doing, officers have spoken to counterparts at these Councils, and we are consequently also considering whether to procure an additional system that uses exiting data sets to better identify low-income

households to help ensure we are targeting our resources to support those most in need.

ii. **Electricity Contract Renewal: 1 October 2024 - 30 September 2028**

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

1. Approve the new contractual arrangements for the Council's supply of electricity and authorise the contract award to Total Energies Gas and Power Ltd via the ESPO Framework 191\_24 for a maximum value of £21,691,780, relating to the period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2028.

iii. **Shared Prosperity Funding**

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

1. Approve the Council's intended allocation of Shared Prosperity Funding to support eight projects as follows:

Youth Zone for Peterborough - £1,255,000  
Peterborough Cultural Alliance - £265,000  
Peterborough Digital Incubator - £309,000  
Local Resilience: Flood and Climate Risks - £100,000  
Community Carbon Literacy - £87,000  
Lincoln Road Regeneration - £150,000  
CPCA Skills - £254,562 CPCA  
Fly Tipping - £5,000

2. Delegate to the Executive Director of Place and Economy in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance the ability to finalise the details of, and the documents relating to, the individual projects in line with the Council's normal procurement and governance procedures.

iv. **Tree Management: Ash Dieback Action Plan**

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

1. Agree and endorse the proposals set out in the draft Ash Dieback Action Plan (Appendix A and Appendix 1 to the report).

2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place & Economy to make minor changes to the Action Plan, if required.

v. **Small Homes in Multiple Occupation (HiMO) Article 4 Direction Draft for Consultation**

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

1. Endorse the draft 'Small Homes in Multiple Occupation Article 4 Direction' at Appendix 1, to cover the areas shown on the map/s at Appendix 2, for a period of public consultation between Friday 24th February and Friday 19th May;

2. Delegate to the Executive Director Place & Economy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport, to consider consultation responses, and make any minor amendments to the draft Article 4 Direction (including minor detailed boundary corrections to the areas to be covered by the Direction); and
3. Delegate to the Executive Director Place & Economy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport, to advertise and submit the Direction (as amended) to the Secretary of State.

**vi. Budget Control Report December 2022 - Quarter 3**

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

1. The budgetary control position for 2022/23 on 31 December 2022 is a forecast overspend of £0.8m position.
2. The key variance analysis and explanations are contained in section 4.2 and Appendix A to the report.
3. The Council's performance with respect to Business Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax Collection, as outlined within Appendix B to the report.
4. The Council's capital financial performance as outlined in Appendix C to the report.

**2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Since the publication of the previous report to Council, the call-in mechanism has not been invoked.

**3. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS**

Since the publication of the previous report to Council the urgency, special urgency and/or waiver of call-in provisions have not been invoked.

**4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

<b>CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>
Leader of the Council  Cllr Fitzgerald  17/01/2023	JAN23/CMDN/81	<p><b>Appointments and Nominations to Outside Bodies Update – Peterborough Limited</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council consolidate its representation on the Board of Peterborough Limited, to bring the total number of Council representatives to three.</li> </ol>

		2. That Steve Crabtree (Chief Internal Auditor) to be nominated as Director on the Board of Peterborough Limited, for the remainder of the municipal year.
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