



Statement of decisions made at a meeting of the **Executive**

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ITEM

4. **OBSERVATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2021/22**

RESOLVED to note the following observations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in response to the Service and Financial Planning 2021/22 report:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee thanks the Executive Member for Finance, Executive and Officers for preparing initial revenue and capital budget proposals for 2021/22
2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the following to be achievable, realistic and based on sound financial practices and reasonable assumptions:
 - a) Revenue Budget Savings and Additional Income proposals totalling £2.094m.
 - b) Revenue Budget Growth proposals totalling £0.812m
 - c) Forecast ongoing income budget pressures in 2021/22 as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic totalling £1.610m (to be met by one-off funding from the Government Funding Risk Reserve)
 - d) Capital Programme Growth and Reprofiling proposals resulting in a net reduction in the five-year Capital Programme of (£0.286m)
 - e) Revenue Reserve Balances at 1 April 2020 of £35.391m
3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the potential negative impact of the savings and growth proposals on service delivery to be minimal and concluded that the Council was managing its finances well on behalf of its residents.

4. That the budget proposals for 2020/21 included an allowance of £1.256m for the use of reserves including £1m to fund the headroom contingency budget, or a net increase of £256k excluding the headroom contingency budget. For 2021/22 no headroom budget has been established, and a drawing of £539k from reserves is planned. Any overspending will require further drawings from reserves.
5. That implementation of the Council's Commercial Strategy is vital to meeting the budget gaps in future years, as government funding is further reduced. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee notes that no substantial additional commercial income from investments is included in the 2021/22 budgets.
6. That some capital budgets for investment are yet to be finalised, as well as a number of revenue budget items, and for this reason the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has yet to draw a conclusion on the overall budget proposals for 2021/22.

Reason for decision:

To take account of the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on its consideration of Service and Financial Planning for 2021/22.

Alternative options:

- a) Accept the report and note the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- b) Request that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertake additional scrutiny of all or part of the service and financial plans for 2021/22.

Lead officer:

Interim Head of Finance

5. RISK MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 2 2020/21

RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive note the Q2 update on risk management provided by the report and in the report and accompanying annexes.
2. That the Executive approve the new strategic risk identified in Q2, and as detailed in annex 3, for inclusion on the strategic risk register.

Reason for decision:

In accordance with the Council's risk management strategy, the Executive is required to receive regular updates on risk management.

Alternative options:

- a) Note this report and approve the newly identified strategic risk for inclusion on the strategic risk register.
- b) Note this report and do not approve the newly identified risk for inclusion on the strategic risk register.

Lead officer:

Head of Corporate Policy

6. QUARTER 2 2020/21 PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. To note the Key Performance Indicator performance for Q2 2020/21.
2. To note the revenue and capital budget position at Q2 2020/21.
3. **To RECOMMEND to Council the allocation of an additional allocation of £0.054 million in the Capital Programme for the Horley Pay-on-Exit parking to be funded through prudential borrowing.**

Reason for decision:

For the Council's performance to be reviewed.

Alternative options:

- a) Approve the recommendations in the report.
- b) Reject the recommendations and/or request further information.

Lead officer:

Interim Head of Finance, Head of Corporate Policy

7. RATIONALISATION OF PUBLIC REALM CCTV

RESOLVED:

1. That the CCTV cameras at Bancroft and Clarendon Road Car Parks are upgraded and replaced by:
 - a) Upgrading cameras to digital technology replacing old analogue systems
 - b) Upgrading existing connections to fibre technology and enable Wi-Fi connectivity where possible
 - c) Undertaking local recording of images
2. That the CCTV cameras within Priory Park, Memorial Park and Lady Neville Park are upgraded by:
 - a) Upgrading cameras to digital technology replacing old analogue systems
 - b) Upgrading existing connections to fibre technology and enable Wi-Fi connectivity where possible
 - c) Undertaking local recording of images
3. That all other Council owned public realm CCTV cameras be de-commissioned
4. That the Head of Community Partnerships be authorised, in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance, to undertake procurement and enter into contracts for the upgrade and decommissioning works, and for subsequent maintenance and running costs of the remaining CCTV cameras, with any significant variation in anticipated costs as a result of the procurement process being resolved in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Partnerships and the Head of Finance and Executive Member for Finance.

Reason for decision:

These decisions offer a measured response to losing the current Police CCTV monitoring arrangements in the coming years. They will provide modern digital CCTV cameras in key locations in the borough. The rationalisation recognises the developments in privately owned CCTV since the Council cameras were established and creates savings opportunities for the Council.

Alternative options:

See report.

Lead officer:

Head of Community Partnerships