



## Cabinet decision notice

The following decision(s) were taken by Cabinet at its meeting held on **15 November 2022**. Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 22 November 2022.

### **Agenda item no. 8**

#### **Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee Review of Pollution in Buckinghamshire's Rivers and Chalk Streams**

##### **(a) Decisions**

The Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee agreed to set up a Rapid Review of Pollution in Buckinghamshire's Rivers and Chalk Streams at its meeting on 22 January 2022. The Review Group was chaired by Cllr Robert Carington and comprised of Cllrs Bill Chapple OBE, Peter Brazier, Mick Caffrey, David King and Adam Poland-Goodyer.

Between March - June 2022, the Review Group collected evidence through meetings both in person and on Teams. The Review Group then met in June to discuss and agree its key findings and recommendations, which were presented in the report found at Appendix 1. The report was presented to the Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee on 3 November 2022.

Cabinet was asked to consider the recommendations of the Select Committee Review of Pollution in Buckinghamshire's Rivers and Chalk Streams.

##### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That the Select Committee and Review Group, as well as the supporting officers, be thanked for their work and subsequent recommendations.**
- 2) That Cabinet's responses to the review and recommendations, as set out and circulated to Members, be AGREED.**

Note: a complete breakdown of the scrutiny recommendations and Cabinet's responses can be found [here](#).

##### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

For Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee.

##### **(c) Alternative options considered**



None. Cabinet was asked to consider these recommendations and provided a response which can be found [here](#)

#### **(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

#### **Agenda item no. 9**

#### **Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee Inquiry report on Development of Primary Care Networks**

##### **(a) Decisions**

The Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee agreed to set up an Inquiry into the development of primary care networks in Buckinghamshire in September 2021.

A small group of councillors volunteered to participate in the Inquiry. Evidence gathering meetings, with a number of stakeholders, took place between January 2022 to June 2022. The Inquiry Group was chaired by Cllr Jane MacBean and comprised of Cllrs Phil Gomm, Carol Heap, Howard Mordue, Alan Turner and Julia Wassell. Following the evidence gathering meetings, the Inquiry Group then met to discuss and agree its key findings and recommendations, which were presented in the report found at Appendix 1.

As the focus of this Inquiry was on the development of primary care networks, the majority of recommendations were aimed at the Integrated Care Board, Integrated Care Partnership and Place-based Partnership. Representatives from the Integrated Care Board have been asked to respond to the recommendations relevant to them. Cabinet was asked to consider the recommendations of the Select Committee which were aimed at the Council.

##### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That the Select Committee and Inquiry Group, as well as the supporting officers, be thanked for their work and subsequent recommendations.**
- 2) That Cabinet's responses to the Inquiry and recommendations, as set out and circulated to Members, be AGREED.**

Note: a complete breakdown of the scrutiny recommendations and Cabinet's responses can be found [here](#).

##### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

For Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee.

##### **(c) Alternative options considered**

None. Cabinet was asked to consider these recommendations and provided a response which can be found [here](#)

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

**Agenda item no. 10**

**Council Resilience Framework and Standards (CRF&S)**

**(a) Decisions**

At Vesting Day, the Council put in place an interim Civil Contingencies Policy to discharge its duties under the Civil Contingencies Act (CCA). Since then the Government had developed a national strategy for resilience and the new Council Resilience Framework and Standards Policy (CRF&S) at Appendix 1 would ensure that the Council complied with these new national standards together with its duties under the CCA.

The CRF&S policy had been discussed at a range of presentations to Members, including the Select Committee for Communities and Localism in April 2022.

The new Council Resilience Framework and Standards Policy was the overarching policy document and this included 3 'sub' policies covering Emergency Resilience; Place Resilience and Organisational (Council) Resilience. The CRF&S Policy incorporated the detail covered in the interim Civil Contingencies Policy, so allowing that Vesting Day policy to be replaced.

**RESOLVED that the new Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Resilience Framework and Standards Policy be endorsed and it be noted that this replaces the interim Civil Contingencies Policy agreed prior to Vesting Day.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

The Council, as part of its commitment to the delivery of its statutory obligations with regards to the Civil Contingencies Act, had developed a new Corporate Resilience Framework and Standards Policy which incorporated the Government's new national strategy for Resilience so that there would now be a single Council wide approach.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

The interim Civil Contingencies Policy required updating and the new Council Resilience Framework and Standards Policy reflected the experiences and requirements of the new Council and was in line with the Government's national Resilience Framework. To not update or replace would have meant that the interim Policy was increasingly unfit for purpose. The new CRF&S Policy was to replace the interim Civil Contingencies Policy that was written to support the move to become a Unitary Council.

#### **(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

#### **Agenda item no. 11**

#### **Q2 Budget Monitoring Report 2022-23**

#### **(a) Decisions**

This report sets out the Revenue and Capital outturn position for Buckinghamshire Council for the financial year 2022/23 as at Quarter 2. The Council was continuing to experience significant financial pressures due to the current economic situation and the high levels of inflation.

The Revenue outturn position as of Quarter 2 was a forecast adverse variance of £1.8m, which was a reduction of £2m from the adverse variance of £3.8m reported at Quarter 1. Appendix 1 provided detailed information on the revenue forecast outturn by Portfolio. £19.2m of savings were incorporated into the approved 2022-23 Revenue budgets.

Work was ongoing to understand the impact of inflation and how this would affect the capital programme. The current exceptional rates of inflation might have a significant impact on what can be delivered within the approved budget for the year.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the report and the risks and opportunities contained within it be NOTED.**
- 2) That the following reserve movements be APPROVED:**
  - **A contribution to a corporate earmarked reserve of £15m of income arising from Energy for Waste electricity sales.**
  - **A contribution to a corporate earmarked reserve of £4.4m from income arising from a legal dispute regarding third party waste and metals income, and a corresponding contribution from reserves of £4.4m into corporate budgets.**
  - **A drawdown of £0.15m from the “Mitigating Future Financial Risks” reserve to create an employee hardship fund as approved by the Senior Appointments & Pay Committee (SAPC).**

#### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

To understand the financial position of the Council in respect of 2022-23 Budgets.

#### **(c) Alternative options considered**

None arising directly from this report.

#### **(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

## **Agenda item no. 12**

### **Q2 Performance Report 2022-23**

#### **(a) Decisions**

Cabinet received a performance report which detailed the key performance measures reported through the Corporate Performance Framework for 2022/23. Cabinet also received the performance scorecard, which provided information on four key elements of performance for the Council covering Finance, Customer Service, Performance and Human Resources indicators.

Within the performance report and performance scorecard, outturns which were performing at or better than target were classified as Green, those which were within 5% of the target were Amber and those which were more than 5% of the target were Red. At the end of Quarter 2, 92 indicators had outturns reported with a Red, Amber or Green status. Of these, 62 are Green (67%), 12 are Amber (13%) and 18 are Red (20%).

#### **RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the Council's performance for the Quarter 2 period 2022-23 be NOTED.**
- 2) That the actions being taken to improve performance, where required, be NOTED.**

#### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

The Corporate Performance Framework was reported on a quarterly basis to Cabinet to ensure there was understanding, ownership and accountability for performance outturns, including actions to improve performance where appropriate.

#### **(c) Alternative options considered**

None arising directly from this report.

#### **(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

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