

**Meeting of the Cabinet – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Notice of Decisions**

**Notice is given** that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, made the following decisions in respect of the items listed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
2023/2024 Revenue and Capital Programme Monitoring	<p>(1) That the forecast General Fund revenue outturn position for 2023/24 and the effect on Unallocated General Fund Reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the risk in relation to the Continuing Health Care Income, as reported at the meeting, be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Council be recommended:-</p> <p>(a) To approve the deferral, reduction and removal of various capital budgets, as set out in paragraphs 11 to 18 of the report.</p> <p>(b) To include in the Capital Programme the additional budget for the swimming pool works at Halesowen Leisure Centre, funded by grant, as set out in paragraphs 19 to 23 of the report.</p> <p>(c) To approve and include in the Capital Strategy, the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy, as set out in paragraphs 24 to 26 and Appendices C and D to the report.</p> <p>(d) To note the progress against the Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix B to the report.</p>

Spending Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the review of spending controls, as set out in the report, be noted.</li> <li>(2) That the revised process, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.</li> <li>(3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Legal to further refine the processes supporting the spending controls as required.</li> </ul>
Improvement and Sustainability Programme (Fit for the Future) Scope and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the achievements and completion of Phase 1 of the programme, be noted.</li> <li>(2) That the detailed scopes of Phase 2, 'Fit for Purpose' at the first Programme Gateway, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.</li> <li>(3) That the governance of the 'Fit for the Future' Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.</li> </ul>
Council Plan 2024 - 2025	<p>That the Council be recommended to approve the new one-year plan for 2024-25 which focusses on those priorities and projects that will prevent a higher cost, deliver cost reductions/increased income and which will support the delivery of the Council's improvement and sustainability programme.</p>
Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023 and Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) – Allocation of Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the two projects which scored the highest to receive CIL funding, as detailed in Table 1 of the report, be approved.</li> <li>(2) That the use of a crowdfunding platform as a pilot to allocate Neighbourhood CIL, to run alongside the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) programme, be approved.</li> </ul>

- (3) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Delivery, be authorised to finalise the criteria and process for allocating NCIL funds via the crowdfunding platform
- Portersfield Development Brief
- (1) That the Portersfield Development Brief, as set out in Appendix Two to the report, be endorsed.
- (2) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Delivery, be authorised to make any non-substantive changes necessary to the document prior to publication.
- Dudley Borough Economic Regeneration Strategy
- (1) That the Dudley Borough Economic Regeneration Strategy, be approved.
- (2) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Delivery, be authorised to implement the Strategy.
- (3) That the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Delivery, be authorised to progress the procurement of a Development Partner, to support regeneration project delivery across the Borough, and to report back to Cabinet on progress at key decision points; the final appointment to be the subject of a Cabinet report.
- Dudley Council Climate Action Plan
- (1) That Dudley Council's Climate Action Plan, Phase 1 (2024-2027), as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the requirement for an annual update of the Action plan to address rapidly changing international/national/regional/local context and to review the data and evidence, monitor progress and insert new actions to further reduce the Council's carbon footprint, be noted.
- (3) That the Director of Environment, be authorised to amend and/or make additions to the Action Plan in the interest of achieving the objectives of mitigating

and adapting to climate change both in respect of the Council's own operations and activities borough-wide.

- (4) That the establishment of a Borough Climate Partnership, as set out in the Action Plan, be approved.
- (5) That the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, be authorised to implement arrangements for the operation of the Partnership.
- (6) That the report be referred to Full Council to endorse the Council's response to the climate change emergency.

#### Camera Enforcement

- (1) That the positive impact the existing Average Speed Enforcement Scheme has had on road safety and speed compliance in Dudley, be acknowledged.
- (2) That the interim arrangements and negotiations towards agreeing a West Midlands Joint Working Agreement for speed enforcement between West Midlands Police and the seven local authorities, be supported.
- (3) That the financial risk to all partners who enter into the joint working agreement be noted and any unexpected costs be reported to Dudley's Spending Control Group.
- (4) That the Director of Environment be authorised to determine whether to enter into a new West Midlands regional joint working agreement for Camera Enforcement.

#### Proposal to accommodate the Eton/Star Academies College in Stafford Street, Dudley

- (1) That the costs, benefits and risks inherent in Star Academies proposal, be noted.
- (2) That the cessation of the work to gain vacant possession on Castle Street, be endorsed.
- (3) That the Director of Environment be authorised to undertake the work required to ascertain the impact

on all town centre car parking provision and to identify possible solutions to remedy any shortfall as a result of the development.

- (4) That the Director of Environment be authorised to declare the site surplus and to implement work required to provide vacant possession of the site, including relocation of parking equipment.
- (5) That subject to the above, the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, be authorised to commence work to dispose of Council owned land affected by the proposed College.

Details of the above decisions are set out in the reports considered at the Cabinet meeting. The public reports may be obtained from Democratic Services (contact 01384 815238; e-mail [democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@dudley.gov.uk)) or on the [Council's Website](#). The report considered in private session is available to Members only on request.

Except otherwise stated, or where matters have been referred to the Full Council, the decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days from 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 unless a decision is called in for scrutiny.

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(Display until 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024)