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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CABINET

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Chair

Councillor Cathy Scott

Councillors Attended

Councillor Masood Ahmed

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillor Yusra Hussain

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Mussarat Pervaiz

Councillor Jackie Ramsay

Councillor Elizabeth Reynolds

Councillor Graham Turner

Observers

Councillor Bill Armer

Councillor David Hall

1: Membership of Cabinet

To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllr G Lowe submitted her resignation from the membership of Cabinet.

2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 July 2023.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3: Declaration of Interests

Cabinet Members will advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a Disposable Pecuniary Interest, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion or vote on an item, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items will be considered in public session, however, it shall be advised whether the Cabinet will consider any matters in private, by virtue of the reports containing information which falls within a category of exempt information as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was noted that all items would be considered in public.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Cabinet will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

No deputations or petitions were received.

6: Questions by Members of the Public

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

No questions were asked.

7: Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

Cabinet will receive any questions from Elected Members.

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 2.3 (2.3.1.6) a period of up to 30 minutes will be allocated.

No questions were asked.

9: Council Budget Strategy Update: 2024/25 and future years

To consider the Council Budget Strategy Update: 2024/25, and future years.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy

RESOLVED – That the report be referred to the meeting of Council on 13 September 2023 with a recommendation;

- 1) That the key risks to the delivery of the budget in 2023/24 be noted and that these would be subject to consideration as part of the regular Budget Monitoring reports submitted to the Cabinet;
- 2) That the uncertainty with the funding outlook for the Council be noted, not least the limited progress on Local Government Finance reforms and that these would not take place before the next General Election;
- 3) That subject to the continuation of the Business Rates Pooling arrangements, delegate authority to the Chief Executive and the Service Director Finance, in consultation with the Leader and the Finance and Regeneration Portfolio Holder, to determine whether the Council should continue as a member of the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool in 2024/25;
- 4) That the update to the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2024/29 as shown at Appendix A of the considered report be noted, and that in view of the uncertainty with some of the assumptions upon which the Plan is based, that it would remain under review as the Council's budget process progresses;
- 5) That the scenario analysis as shown at Appendix D which models 'worst' / 'best' case scenarios around the baseline MTFP as part of the assessment of potential risks facing the Council be noted;
- 6) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in the report be recommended for consideration and approval by Council;
- 7) That as delegations allow, and in view of the significant financial challenge faced by the Council, note that early action would be taken to identify and implement budget reduction measures (consistent with the Medium Term Financial Strategy set out above) as a means of reducing the funding gap set out in this report;
- 8) That in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members, request Officers to identify and bring forward proposals consistent with the Medium Term Financial Strategy set out in this report for consideration by Cabinet as part of their development of the budget for 2024/25;
- 9) That the timetable set out in the report for the development of the Council's Budget for 2024/25 be noted;
- 10) That, subject to consideration by respective Portfolio Holders, approval be given to any budget proposals arising from the work above be considered by the Cabinet in due course (and subject to the proposal on

consultation below);

- 11) That subject to the work above and agreement with Councillors and recognising that it may be necessary to consult on specific matters as required, note that it is proposed to undertake consultation on the budget over Autumn 2023 with a view to informing decisions on the Council's budget for 2024/25.
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