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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CABINET

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Chair

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillors Attended

Councillor Beverley Addy

Councillor Munir Ahmed

Councillor Moses Crook

Councillor Tyler Hawkins

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Graham Turner

Observers

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor Tanisha Bramwell

Councillor Andrew Cooper

Councillor Jo Lawson

Councillor John Lawson

Councillor Imran Safdar

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Councillor John Taylor

Apologies

Councillor Viv Kendrick

8: To present Cabinet with findings from recent informal consultation and other relevant details to enable a decision to be made on the future library service

To consider the report.

Contact: Mags Rogerson, Head of Local Integrated Partnerships

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to the revised targeted libraries delivery model, retaining some paid staffed hours across all 24 Kirklees library locations.
 - 2) That the consultation process on the option of targeted reduction in staffed hours and opening hours that will seek community and partner input through surveys and focus groups, as well as ensure the proposed model meets the legal requirements for a comprehensive and efficient service that meets the needs of the communities served, be endorsed.
 - 3) That the Integrated Impact Assessment be noted, before making a decision to consult.
 - 4) That the outcome of the public consultation process be submitted to Cabinet prior to implementation.
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9: Damp, Mould and Condensation Policy

To consider the approval of the policy.

Contact: Neil Hutchinson, Homes and Neighbourhoods

RESOLVED - That the Damp, Mould and Condensation Policy be approved.

10: Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2024-2027

To consider the adoption of the policy.

Contact: Stephen Bonnell, Policy Partnerships and Corporate Planning

RESOLVED - That the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2024-2027 be approved.

11: Council Budget Strategy 2025/2026 and future years (Reference to Council)

To receive the Council Budget Strategy.

Contact: Kevin Mulvaney, Service Director - Finance

RESOLVED - That the report be referred to Council with a recommendation that;

- (i) the key risks to the delivery of the budget in 2024/2025 be noted and submitted to Cabinet on a quarterly basis as part of budget monitoring reports.
- (ii) the continued uncertainty with the future funding outlook for the Council be noted.
- (iii) the update and the revised budget gap to the Medium Term

- Financial Strategy for the period 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 (as set out at Appendix A) be noted and that, in view of the uncertainty with some of the assumptions upon which the Strategy is based, it remain under review as the Council's budget process progresses.
- (iv) it be noted that there is a significant gap of c£30m in 2025/2026 which requires either reduction in budget pressures or increased savings proposals to be brought forward at pace.
 - (v) the scenario analysis, as shown at Appendix C, which models the worst/best case scenarios around the baseline MTFP, as part of the assessment of potential risks facing the Council, be noted.
 - (vi) the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved.
 - (vii) it be noted that, as delegations allow, and in view of the significant financial challenge faced by the Council, early action be taken to identify and implement budget reduction measures, consistent with the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as a means of reducing the funding gap, as set out in the report.
 - (viii) in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members, Officers be requested to identify and bring forward proposals consistent with the Medium Term Financial Strategy for consideration by Cabinet and Council as part of the development of the budget for 2025/2026.
 - (ix) the timetable as set out at Appendix E for the development of the Council Budget 2025/2026 be noted.
 - (x) it be agreed that, subject to consideration by Cabinet Members, any budget proposals arising from the work be considered by Cabinet in due course (subject to (xi) below).
 - (xi) it be noted that it is proposed to undertake consultation on the budget proposals in late 2024 with a view to informing decisions on the Council's budget 2025/2026.
 - (xii) subject to the continuation of the Business Rates Pooling arrangements, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Service Director (Finance), in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration, to determine whether the Council should continue as a member of the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool in 2025/2026.
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12: Kirklees Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 - 2029 & Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy 2024

To consider the approval of the policies.

Contact: Sarah Holmes, Housing Services

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the draft Kirklees Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029 be approved.
 - 2) That the refreshed Kirklees Housing Solutions Service Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy 2024 be approved.
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13: Kirklees Major Transport Capital Schemes; Annual Report 2024

To consider the report.

Contact: Rashid Mahmood, Major Projects

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the annual update on the Council's major transport capital programme be noted.
 - 2) That approval be given to the necessary delegated authority to progress the schemes as detailed within the report.
 - 3) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Skills and Regeneration) in consultation with the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to enter into any procurement, funding or contract documentation to enable individual projects and schemes to proceed, as set out within the report, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.
 - 4) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Skills and Regeneration) in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Service Director (Finance) to enable changes to individual projects and funding allocations in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules to facilitate efficient delivery of this programme and the spend of available budgets to allow the outcomes to be realised.
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