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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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CABINET

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Chair

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillors Attended

Councillor Beverley Addy

Councillor Moses Crook

Councillor Nosheen Dad

Councillor Tyler Hawkins

Councillor Viv Kendrick

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillor Jane Rylah

Councillor Graham Turner

Observers

Councillor Cathy Scott

Councillor Munir Ahmed

Councillor Andrew Cooper

Councillor Jo Lawson

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Councillor Alex Vickers

Councillor Imran Safdar

Councillor Ali Arshad

8: Council Plan and Performance Update Report - Quarter 1 2025/2026

The Quarter 1 2025/2026 Council Plan and Performance Update Report provides information on progress against the 2025/26 Council Plan priorities and the performance against the 2025/26 Council Key Measures.

Contact: Mike Henry, Data and Insight

RESOLVED - That the Council Plan and Performance Update Report – Quarter 1 2025/2026 be noted.

9: Corporate Financial Monitoring Report - Quarter 1, 2025-2026

To receive financial monitoring information for General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Plan.

Contact: James Anderson, Accountancy

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the forecast revenue outturn position at Quarter 1 for 2025/26 (£5.9m overspend) be noted and that it be further noted that Executive Directors have been asked to bring forward sustainable proposals to reduce the overspend to bring the budget back into balance.
 - 2) That it be approved that £149k of the budget amendment for Christmas week bin collections be redirected to support the Flytipping Strategy (£100k) and the Kirklees Clean-Up project (£49k).
 - 3) That the Quarter 1 forecast that the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) deficit is forecast to increase by £12.5m in 2025/26 to £76.3m be noted.
 - 4) That the Quarter 1 forecast HRA position as £181k overspend and forecast year-end reserves position of £14m be noted.
 - 5) That the Quarter 1 forecast capital monitoring position for 2025/26 be noted and approval be given to a further net reduction in the 2025/26 position of £9.6m due to £9.9m re-profiling (£7.2m General Fund and £2.7m HRA) into future years.
 - 6) That £0.4m net increase in the overall capital plan (£0.3m 2025/26, £0.1m 2026/27) due to increased grant and S106 contributions be noted.
 - 6) That the Quarter 1 treasury management prudential indicators be noted.
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10: Corporate Risk Report - Quarter 1, 2025-2026

To receive an update on the Corporate Risk Register for Quarter 1, 2025-26.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Audit and Risk

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Risk Report – Quarter 1 2025/2026 be noted.

11: Council Budget Strategy Update 2026-2027 and following years (Reference to Council)

To determine the approach to the annual update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Contact: Kevin Mulvaney, Finance

RESOLVED – That the following recommendations be approved and that the report be submitted to the meeting of Council on 17 September 2025;

- 1) That the key risks to the delivery of the budget in 2025/26 outlined in the Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring report be noted, and that they be subject to consideration as part of the Budget Monitoring reports submitted to the Cabinet on a quarterly basis;
- 2) That the uncertainty as to the precise level of future funding for the Council and the assumptions around the potential impact of Fair Funding Review 2.0 be noted.
- 3) That the update and the revised budget gap to the MTFs for the period 2026/27 to 2030/3, as shown at Appendix A, be noted and that, in view of the uncertainty with some of the assumptions upon which the Strategy is based, it will remain under review as the Council's budget process progresses.
- 4) That it be noted that there is a significant gap of c£18m in 2026/27 which requires either reduction in budget pressures and/or new savings proposals to be brought forward.
- 5) That the scenario analysis (Appendix C) which models 'worst'/'best' case scenarios around the baseline MTFs as part of the assessment of potential risks facing the Council be noted.
- 6) That the current Capital Plan (Appendix D) reflecting updated General Fund funding assumptions prior to the completion of the Capital plan review and a revised HRA Capital Plan with updated funding be noted.
- 7) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy be agreed.
- 8) That in consultation with relevant Cabinet Members, Officers be requested to identify and bring forward budget savings proposals as part of the provisional budget report which will be initially considered by Cabinet in December 2025 and then a final budget report be presented for approval by Cabinet/Council as part of the development of the final budget for 2026/27 in February 2026; (subject to consultation as set out (11) below).
- 9) That it be noted that funding assumptions made in this report may be subject to change when the provisional local government finance settlement is published by Government.
- 10) That the timetable set out at Appendix E for the development of the Council's Budget for 2026/27 be noted.
- 11) That the proposal to undertake consultation on the budget proposals in late 2025 with a view to informing decisions on the Council's budget for 2026/27 be noted.
- 12) That 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 the 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 2026/27.

12: Our Cultural Heart, part of the Huddersfield Blueprint, Phase 2 Gateway 4

To consider matters relating to the progression and next stages of the cultural heart development.

Contact: David Glover, Our Cultural Heart

Exempt Information is provided within several appendices to this report.

Consideration must be given to whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting prior to the determination of the matter to enable the exempt information to be discussed by passing the following resolution:-

To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

It is considered that the disclosure of the information would adversely affect those third parties including the Authority and therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption, which would protect the rights of an individual or the Authority, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness and transparency in relation to public expenditure in the Authority's decision making.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That, in regards to the Conclusion of Phase 2 Gateway 4 & Enabling Works, authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Regeneration to sign off the conclusion of Phase 2 Gateway 4 including the contractors design proposals, planning and listed building consent matters, the RIBA 4 design, the construction programme, the construction contract and the contract sum and if required to maintain the optimum programme and subject to approval of Recommendation 6 to instruct any necessary enabling works from the Phase 2 Construction Budget during the PCSA period prior to the conclusion of Phase 2 Gateway 4.
- 2) That, in regards to Construction Partner, Phase 2, JCT Construction Contract, authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place), in consultation with the Service Director (Finance) and the Cabinet Member (Finance and Regeneration) to make the decision to award the JCT construction contract and start works on site and that if the award would exceed the Phase 2 Construction Budget the matter be brought back to Cabinet.
- 3) That, in regards to Demolition Partner, Retail Demolition Contract, authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place), in consultation

with the Service Director (Finance), the Head of Procurement and the Cabinet Member (Finance and Regeneration) to make all necessary preparations to secure vacant possession of the Piazza Shopping Mall including serving notice on the remaining tenants and occupiers and ending all contracts, procure and then award the demolition contract either as part of Phase 2 or as a separate contract and start works on site and that if the award would exceed the Retail Demolition Budget the matter will be brought back to Cabinet.

- 4) That, in regards to SDP, Architect and Engineer Services and Extension of Appointments, subject to agreement on fees and in line with the Council's procurement process and Contract Procedure Rules, approval be given to continue the services being provided by the Client construction delivery team (SDP, architect and the engineer) to progress Phase 2 to Gateway 5 and the procurement and completion of the retail demolition, and that it be noted that same delivery team is providing the necessary services on Phase 1 and the rest of the feasibility work on the master plan.
- 5) That, in regards to Construction Budget for Phase 1 Gateway 5, Phase 2 Gateway 5, Retail Demolition & Master Plan Allowances, approval be given to the further draw down of £58.228m, thereby increasing the committed funding for the programme from £78.957m to £137.185m.
- 6) That, in regards to Reallocation of Budget to Operational Services, approval be given, subject to no other sources of funding being available, the reallocation of funding from the Construction Budget to fund the West Yorkshire Archive Service (£265k) archive cleaning pre-opening capital costs as part of Phase 1 and IT costs (£200k) for Phase 2.
- 7) That, in regards to Reallocation of Budget for Internal Staff Costs and Property Costs, approval be given, subject to no other sources of funding being available, the reallocation of funding from the Construction Budget to fund the council's internal staff costs associated with the construction delivery (£2m) and property costs (£750k) as set out in Section 3.2 of the report.
- 8) That, in regards to Deliver the Programme to Phase 1 Gateway 5 (end of construction), Phase 2 Gateway 5 (end of construction) , Retail Demolition & Develop the Master Plan, authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place) to work within approved budgets to deliver the project management, design and construction of the programme to Phase 1 Gateway 5, Phase 2 Gateway 5, retail demolition and develop the master plan.
- 9) That, in regards to, Complete the Agreement to Lease and the Lease for the Phase 1 Food Hall Tenant, authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place), in consultation with the Service Director (Finance) and the Cabinet Member (Finance and Regeneration) to conclude the tenant selection process, negotiate the commercial terms and complete the Agreement to Lease, and the Lease.
- 10) That, in regards to, Operational Services Additional Budgets Phase 1 &

Phase 2, it be agreed that the Executive Director (Place), Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director (Public Health and Corporate Resources) in consultation with the Service Director (Finance) review and monitor the relevant service pre and post opening costs of the various phases of the Our Cultural Heart programme, and that the Service Director (Finance) shall ensure that the requests and estimates are added to the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and be further refined as updated information becomes available.

- 11) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to negotiate, agree, enter into all agreements and enter into and execute any documents necessary to enable the delivery of the Our Cultural Heart project to proceed.

13: Kirklees Transport Strategy, Consultation Results and Adoption

To consider the adoption of the Kirklees Transport Strategy.

Contact: David Wildman, Skills and Regeneration

RESOLVED – That the Transport Strategy, as attached at Appendix E, be endorsed and that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Transport, in consultation with the Executive Director for Place, be delegated authority to make any necessary changes to the Strategy and formally adopt the Strategy.

14: Simpler Recycling in Kirklees

To consider the implementation of a Simpler Recycling collection model.

Contact: Nick Jenkin, Operational Services

RESOLVED –

- 1) That approval be given to planning for the implementation of a simpler recycling collection model, in line with legislative requirements.
- 2) That it be agreed that a new model will be implemented for recycling collections, which will commence in 2028, subject to the submission of a report to Cabinet to seek approval to commence a new contract.
- 3) That approval be given to the development of options for a future collection model that complies with simpler recycling legislation at the relevant time during the procurement process for the new integrated resource and waste management services contract.

15: Kirklees Lane Rental Scheme

To consider the introduction of a Kirklees Lane Rental Scheme.

Contact: Donna Hodgson, Highways Management

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the commencement of the statutory consultation be noted.
 - 2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Highways and Waste) to (i) consider the results of the statutory consultation (ii) determine the contents of the Lane Rental Scheme (iii) determine whether to make an application and of the timing of the submission to the Department of Transport (DfT), and if DfT/Secretary of State for Transport (SoS) approval is granted, to implement the Kirklees Lane Rental Scheme and (iv) to determine the governance arrangements for the Surplus Income Board.
 - 3) That the content of the Integrated Impact Assessment as set out at paragraph 3.5 be noted.
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16: Community Asset Transfer of the Hudawi Centre, Great Northern Street, Huddersfield

To consider the Community Asset Transfer of the Hudawi Centre.

Contact: Mark Varley, Asset Strategy

RESOLVED - That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Development), in consultation with Cabinet Member (Finance and Regeneration), to negotiate and agree terms with BBSA (Black Business Support Agency) C.I.C for the grant of a 125 year lease for the Hudawi Centre and instruct the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to enter into and execute all necessary documentation in connection with the grant of the lease.

17: Community Asset Transfer of the DRAM Centre, Ridgeway, Dalton, Huddersfield

To consider the Community Asset Transfer of the DRAM Centre.

Contact: Mark Varley, Asset Strategy

RESOLVED - That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Development) in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Finance and Regeneration), to (i) negotiate and agree terms with Moldgreen ARLFC (DRAM Holdings) for the grant of a 125 year lease for the DRAM Centre and (ii) instruct the Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning) to enter into and execute all necessary documentation in connection with the grant of the lease.
