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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 18th June 2019

Present: Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)
Councillor Carole Pattison
Councillor Rob Walker
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Graham Turner

Observers: Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Apologies: Councillor Cathy Scott

17 Membership of the Committee

Apologies were received from Cllr Cathy Scott.

18 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 29 May 2019 were agreed.

19 Interests

No interests were declared.

20 Admission of the Public

It was noted that agenda item 15 would be considered in private session.

21 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

22 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

23 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

24 Council Financial Outturn & Rollover Report 2018-19 incorporating General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue account, Capital and Treasury Management

Cabinet gave consideration to the Council's 2018-19 financial outturn position for General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Plan, including proposals for revenue and capital rollover from 2018-19 to 2019-20. This report also included an annual review of Council Treasury Management activity

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Cabinet noted that the Council's General Fund Revised (net) revenue budget for 2018-19 was £275.2m. The budget included planned (net) revenue savings of £16.2m in 2018-19.

The revised budget was net of a number of planned transfers to reserves during the year, the most significant being the approved release of £8.5m Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) overprovision from the Treasury Management budget in-year.

Cabinet were informed that Council spend was £275.0m in 2018-19 which had resulted in an underspend of £0.2m or 0.07% against the revised budget. The year-end financial position was the equivalent to the delivery of £16.4m overall savings broken down as follows:

- (i) £13.1m savings achievement against the £16.2m target; equating to 81%
- (ii) £3.3m net underspends elsewhere

Cabinet noted that the revenue outturn position was summarised at Appendix 1 and in Table 1 of the report.

Cabinet were asked to recommend that the underspend be used to fund a co-ordinated Healthy Holiday Programme through a partnership of 60 organisations which would allow those most in need to access services such as healthy meals, nutrition education and exercise.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet:-

- (1) Noted the revenue outturn position for 2018-19;
- (2) Noted the year end position on corporate reserves and balances;
- (3) Noted the regular monitoring and review of corporate reserves in 2019-20 to be reported to Cabinet as part of the Quarterly financial monitoring cycle; and
- (4) Approved the revenue rollover recommendation set out in the report.
- (5) Noted the year end position on the Collection Fund;
- (6) Noted the HRA revenue outturn and reserves position 2018-19;
- (7) Noted the Council capital outturn position for 2018-19;
- (8) Approved the £31.7m capital rollover from 2018-19 to 2019-20;
- (9) Approved the revised capital plan for the period 2019-24 after taking into account rollover, the re-phasing of schemes and changes to grant assumptions.
- (10) Noted the review of Treasury Management activity for 2018-19.

25 Quarter (4) Corporate Performance Report

Cabinet considered an overview of the Council's corporate performance at the end of Quarter (4) 2018/19.

Cabinet was informed that Kirklees was rated 6th out of 150 councils by iMPower (endorsed by the LGC) for achieving best value and positive outcomes for people receiving Adult Social Care services.

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Cabinet noted that the Kirklees Economic Strategy 2019-25 had been adopted by the Council, an innovative plan to bring together all local organisations and businesses to create more local success and wealth.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Performance Report Quarter 4 2018/2019 be received and noted.

26 Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan

Cabinet considered an overview of the new Communities Partnership Plan for Kirklees and the key priorities to make Kirklees safer and more cohesive.

The Communities Partnership Plan has been developed in consultation with the Communities Partnership and Overview and Scrutiny Committee but there was a formal requirement for the plan to be approved by Full Council as a key policy.

The Cabinet Member for Learning Aspirations and Communities recommended to Cabinet that the report be deferred to enable a further look at the policy framework of the Council to ensure that all issues of concern to residents in Kirklees had been included.

Cabinet also agreed that partners should be invited to be part of a joint presentation for the Communities Partnership Plan, when this matter was reconsidered by Cabinet.

RESOLVED - That the item be deferred.

27 Corporate Plan 2019 Refresh

Cabinet considered an update on some of the activities which had helped contribute to achieving the outcomes set in the two year Corporate Plan, approved July 2018.

Cabinet noted that the Corporate Plan 2018-20 was being refreshed for 2019/20 to highlight key delivery to date, as well as the priorities and continued direction of travel for the next 12 months. The shared outcomes, aims and impact measures remained consistent with the 2018-20 plan. However, this refresh provided the opportunity to update both the We're Kirklees journey, and the ways in which the Council would deliver against its outcomes.

Cabinet expressed thanks to the team that had produced the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Corporate Plan 2019/20 be endorsed by Cabinet and referred to the meeting of Council on 17 July 2019 for approval.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to make any required amendments, in consultation with the Leader, following approval by Council at its meeting on 17 July 2019.

28 Huddersfield Business Improvement District (BID)

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1) Cabinet received a representation from Councillor Munro).

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Cabinet considered a report to note the progress on the development of the BID project in the run up to the forthcoming July BID ballot, and the financial implications and considered potential waiver of any eligible admin costs incurred by the Council.

Cabinet was informed that it was envisaged the BID would charge an additional levy on top of existing business rates of 1.5% or 0.75% for those businesses within the 2 Zones. The estimated total levy income was £2.16m. Wherever possible the BID company would seek additional funding to increase the benefits that could be delivered to businesses.

Cabinet noted that the proposal would help to regenerate the Huddersfield Town Centre and engage businesses in future improvements of the area and to help celebrate its culture and heritage.

Cabinet was informed that decisions on expenditure of the BID would be taken by the partners involved and would take account of the heritage and priorities which were important to local businesses.

Cabinet noted that there would be a further investment requirement from the Council in terms of Council owned buildings in the BID area that would be part contributors towards the estimated additional £2.4m BID levy generated over a 5 year period.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That approval be given to waive the charges for the collection of the business levy associated with the BID.
- (2) That the potential financial implications if the BID was successful, be noted.
- (3) Subject to the outcome of the ballot, authority be delegated to the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning or her authorised representatives, to approve the terms of, and execute any legal documentation to which the council is to be a party, necessary to finalise the implementation of the BID.

29 Ashbrow Housing Site - Update

Cabinet considered a report outlining the current position with the Ashbrow Housing site.

An exempt appendix to the report set out contractual terms of the Ashbrow development.

Cabinet gave consideration to the exempt information as set out at Agenda Item 15 prior to the determination of this item (Minute No. 31 refers).

RESOLVED -

- (1) That approval be given to proceed with the Ashbrow development in accordance with the contractual terms as set out in the private appendix of the report.
- (2) That the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning be authorised to enter into any contractual documentation required to reflect the changes to Ashbrow scheme.

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30 Exclusion of the Public

That acting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the undermentioned Minute.

31 Ashbrow Housing Site - Update

(Exempt information within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006, namely Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Cabinet gave consideration to the exempt information prior to the determination of Agenda Item 13 (Minute No. 29 refers).