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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 13th August 2024

Present: Councillor Moses Crook (Chair)
Councillor Beverley Addy
Councillor Munir Ahmed
Councillor Tyler Hawkins
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Amanda Pinnock
Councillor Graham Turner

Observers: Councillor Ammar Anwar
Councillor Tanisha Bramwell
Councillor Imran Safdar
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Apologies: Councillor Carole Pattison (Chair)

19 Membership of Cabinet

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Carole Pattison.

20 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

21 Admission of the Public

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

22 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

23 Questions by Members of the Public

No questions were received.

24 Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

Cabinet received oral questions under Executive Procedure Rule 2.3.

Question from Councillor T Bramwell

“Will the administration prioritise the re-opening of the Dewsbury Sports Centre?”

A Response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration (Councillor G Turner)

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Question from Councillor A Anwar

“What is the administration doing to ensure public safety in light of the recent far right riots?”

A response was provided by the Deputy Leader (Councillor M Crook)

Question from Councillor I Safdar

“Are there any plans to celebrate the diverse cultural community in which we live, and what plans are there to tackle misinformation and to promote positive immigration?”

A response was provided by the Deputy Leader (Councillor M Crook)

Question from Councillor A Anwar

“What are the administration’s proposals to keep key services active rather than relying on communities?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Corporate (Councillor T Hawkins)

Question from Councillor T Bramwell

“The issue of potholes and hedge trimming are becoming a huge issue in North Kirklees. How will the administration mobilise volunteers to work alongside councillors to do more?”

A response was provided by the Deputy Leader (Councillor M Crook)

Question from Councillor I Safdar

“Whilst appreciating the pressure on Council budgets, will the portfolio holder for environment and highways attend and visit the play area in my ward to assess what can be done to repair the area and equipment?”

A response was provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways (Councillor M Ahmed)

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Appointment of Cabinet and Portfolios (Notice Under Article 7)

Cabinet received, for information, the schedule of appointment of Cabinet Members and associated portfolio responsibilities, in accordance with Articles 7.2.4 and 7.3.4 of the Constitution.

RESOLVED – That the appointment of Cabinet Portfolios, under the provision of Article 7.2.4 and 7.3.4 of the Constitution, be noted.

26 Q1 2024/25 Council Plan and Performance Update Report

Cabinet received a report which provided information on the Q1 Council Plan and Performance against the 2024/25 Council Plan priorities and Key Measures.

Cabinet noted the Key Measures formed a fundamental part of the new quarterly reporting arrangements and represented the most critical and important areas of the Council with consideration of (i) the Council's strategic priorities for 2024/25 (ii) the Council's transformation programmes (iii) the Council's statutory functions and responsibilities (iv) the Council's regulatory requirements (v) risks to the Council and (vi) the Council's resources (finance and people).

The report advised that updates would be shared on a quarterly basis to enable progress to be monitored against key priorities to enact change where needed, and to maximise improvements and outcomes for people and places.

RESOLVED – That the Q1 2024/25 Council Plan and Performance Update Report, progress against the 2024/25 Council Plan priorities, and performance against the 2024/25 Council Key Measures be noted.

27 Corporate Financial Monitoring Report Q1 2024-2025

Cabinet considered the Corporate Financial Monitoring Report for General Fund Revenue, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Plan as at Quarter 1 2024/25.

Cabinet noted the slides contained within the considered report which provided a detailed background of the projected outturn financial monitoring position in relation to the (i) Forecast General Fund revenue outturn position in 2024/25 by service area (ii) General Fund reserves and balances movements in-year (iii) Forecast HRA revenue outturn position including movements in HRA reserves in-year (iv) Forecast capital outturn position in 2024/25 and (v) Treasury management prudential indicators.

The report advised that the forecast outturn position at Q1 was an overspend of £18.1m which after the use of earmarked reserves and contingencies reduced to £12.9m. Within the position of £18.1m, an estimated £8.5m was due to slippage in the approved savings programme across the Council.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the forecast revenue outturn position at Quarter 1 for 2024/25 (£12.9 m overspend) be noted.
- 2) That the Quarter 1 forecast that the DSG deficit is forecast to increase by £20m in 2024/25 be noted.
- 3) That the Quarter 1 forecast HRA position (£403k deficit) and forecast year-end reserves position of £13.8m be noted.
- 4) That the Quarter 1 forecast capital monitoring position for 2024/25 and approve £62m re-profiling of the 2024/25 capital plan into future years be noted.
- 5) That the Quarter 1 treasury management prudential indicators be noted.
- 6) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Adults and Health or his authorised representative to receive, host and utilise accelerating Reform

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Fund revenue funding (£1.57m) and to transfer to regional partners by way of revenue grants as part of this.

28 Corporate Risk: Quarterly Report 1 2024/25

Cabinet received the corporate risk management report for Q1 2024/25 which provided information about the assessment of risks faced by the organisation at a significant corporate level.

Cabinet noted the slides, which were appended to the considered report and gave a summary position of new risks, increases in risk score and reductions in risk score. Three new risks had been added to the Corporate Risk Register being (i) Homelessness and Housing Stock Availability (ii) Potential for Industrial Action and (iii) Data Insight for operational delivery of Adult Social Care. No risks were removed in Q1.

Cabinet was advised that monitoring, reporting, and actions as determined through other parts of the councils' governance and management processes, would continue.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Risk Q1 2024/25 report be noted.