

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

CABINET

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Wednesday, 27th June, 2018

Present:

Councillor Tim Warren	Leader of the Council and Conservative Group Leader
Councillor Vic Pritchard	Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Paul Myers	Cabinet Member for Economic and Community Regeneration
Councillor Karen Warrington	Cabinet Member for Transformation and Customer Services
Councillor Paul May	Cabinet member for Children and Young People
Councillor Bob Goodman	Cabinet Member for Development and Neighbourhoods
Councillor Mark Shelford	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Conservative Deputy Group Leader Bath

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Senior Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Charles Gerrish had sent his apologies for this meeting.

The Chair also informed the meeting that Councillor Mark Shelford would have to leave the meeting at 4.45pm.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Paul May declared disclosable pecuniary interest on any matters related to Sirona as he was non-executive director on the Sirona Board. Councillor Paul May would leave the room during questions, statements and discussion related to Sirona.

5 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

6 QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

There were 25 questions from Councillors and 2 questions from members of the public.

[Copies of the questions and responses, including supplementary questions and responses if any, have been placed on the Minute at Democratic Services and are available on the Council's website.]

Councillor Paul May had left the room during the duration of Cabinet questions and answers related to Sirona.

7 STATEMENTS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS FROM PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS

The Chair informed the meeting that David Redgewell had asked to address the Cabinet at this meeting but due to his poor health he was unable to attend today. The Chair said that the Cabinet had received David's statement in advance of the meeting and wished him a speedy recovery and best wishes.

Councillor Tim Ball read out a statement where he expressed his concerns on grass and weeds cutting. Councillor Ball said that he didn't think that the Council would be making any savings with this policy. Some areas in Twerton had been covered by high grass, so high that the tallest school children could not be seen by incoming traffic. Councillor Ball also added that some residents had tried to cut the grass, which they shouldn't, and asked the Cabinet to reverse its policy.

Councillor Paul Crossley read out the statement by suggesting that grass cutting was an unidentified cut in the budget as there was no consultation carried on that matter. Councillor Crossley said that Southdown Ward looked quite untidy on many places and that there were more people reporting hay fever syndromes. Councillor Crossley also said that dog owners were reporting more cases of ticks, that children play areas were not kept and that he has had so many complaints from the residents in terms of grass cutting issues. Councillor Crossley concluded this statement by asking the Cabinet to reverse the policy and make sure that all the grass was cut before schools' summer holidays.

The Chair responded that the Cabinet was aware of this issue. The Chair also said that the situation would soon improve and Councillor Bob Goodman would email all Councillors with the latest information.

8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 CONSIDERATION OF SINGLE MEMBER ITEMS REQUISITIONED TO CABINET

There were none.

10 MATTERS REFERRED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY BODIES

There were none.

11 SINGLE MEMBER CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet agreed to note the report.

12 REVENUE & CAPITAL OUTTURN 2017/18

Councillor Dine Romero made an ad-hoc comment about overspend in Adult Social Care and asked the Cabinet to lobby the Government for more funding in this area.

Councillor Will Sandry made an ad-hoc statement where he expressed his concerns on capital programme delivery. Councillor Sandry said that the Council had started a number of big projects yet there was no delivery required.

Councillor Robin Moss made an ad-hoc statement where he also expressed his concerns on overspend in Adult Social Care and that the Council had reached a financial cliff edge in support services. Councillor Moss also asked the Leader to lobby the Government for more funding in Adult and Social Care.

Councillor Paul May introduced the item by thanking the officers and Councillor Charles Gerrish on the report. Councillor May added that this report had presented the revenue and capital outturn for 2017/18, highlighting a net revenue over budget position of £1.255m after allowing for proposed carry forwards. The position had vastly improved through the management actions that were agreed and implemented earlier in the financial year. The improvement had continued since the last report, which forecasted an over budget position of £3.396m based on monitoring for the year to December 2017, mainly due to lower cost of Children's placements and improved income in Adult Social Care.

The report had referred to requests to carry forward specific revenue budget items to 2018/19 and to write-off revenue over budgets where recovery in future years would have an adverse impact on continuing service delivery. Budgets were also rebased for 2018/19 to realign them. It was proposed that the over budget position was funded by appropriate drawdowns from the mitigations set aside earlier in the financial year that were held as contingency against in year spending pressures. This included the use of the specific transitional grant funding provided by the government and set aside by the Council at the start of the financial year.

The main areas of over/under budget (greater than £1m) were:

- Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing – £1.148m over budget - The overspend related to continued pressure on Adult Social care spend arising from demographic change, with increasing levels of complexity and acuity of need impacting on the cost of individual packages of care / placements, despite enhanced control measures.
- Children & Young People - £1.534m over budget - The overspend relates to demand driven pressures mainly relating to children's social care placement costs due to a significant increase in expenditure for supporting individual

children, in particular, the support for residential placements, support for fostered (including independent fostering) and court directed parent and baby placements, along with direct payments for clients at risk of care and inter-agency adoption placements.

Councillor Paul May moved the recommendations.

Councillor Mark Shelford seconded the motion.

Councillor Vic Pritchard said that it was not a shock to the Cabinet about the Adult Care, Health and Wellbeing overspends. The Cabinet had lobbied the Government, and it would continue to lobby though, the Council should be more independent and efficient no matter what funding comes from the Government.

The Chair said that he had lobbied the Government for more funding, as had the other Councils across the country.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 1) Notes the revenue budget outturn over budget of £1.255m (including carry forwards) for 2017/18 and the funding mitigations used;
- 2) Approves the carry forward requests outlined in paragraphs 5.5;
- 3) Approves that all over budgets are written-off as an exception to the Budget Management Rules for 2017/18.
- 4) Notes the revenue virements for 2017/18 reported for information in Appendix 2(i)
- 5) Notes the reserve positions and the use of flexible capital receipts shown in paragraphs 5.15-5.17;
- 6) Notes the outturn position of the 2017/18 capital programme in paragraph 5.23, and the funding outlined in paragraph 5.25;
- 7) Notes the further use of CIL funding in 2017/18 outlined in paragraph 5.26;
- 8) Approves the capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 3. This reflects the outturn spend position on projects against final budgets as detailed in Appendix 4(ii).

13 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18

NOTE: Councillor Mark Shelford had left the meeting at this point (4.45pm).

Councillor Paul May introduced the report by saying that the average rate of investment return for 2017/18 was 0.30%, which was 0.04% above the benchmark rate. The Council's Prudential Indicators for 2017/18 were agreed by Council in February 2017 and performance against the key indicators was shown in the report, and all indicators were within target levels. Councillor May also highlighted a summary of returns, a summary of borrowings, strategic and tactical decisions, future strategic and tactical issues and budget implications.

Councillor Paul May moved the recommendations.

Councillor Tim Warren seconded the motion by welcoming that the average rate of investment return for 2017/18 was 0.04% above the benchmark rate.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed to:

- 1) The Treasury Management Report to 31st March 2018, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice, is noted;
- 2) The Treasury Management Indicators to 31st March 2018 are noted.

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

Chair _____

Date Confirmed and Signed _____

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