

Reference 13 July 2023 Cabinet Meeting, minute 13 A (Question from Councillor Bokor – Corporate Plan). The following is the response to the supplementary question asked at the meeting to which the Leader stated he would respond:

*Officers will respond to the Cabinet's direction to work up options/plans for the delivery of Manifesto pledges where these are required. The financial and other implications will be considered as part of the decision-making process and our normal governance arrangements will apply. At this point, the overall financial impact of delivering the Labour manifesto is not known. This is not unusual for a new administration and new manifesto. Some pledges will be deliverable with no additional costs, and these will be delivered as business as usual. Where projects or initiatives reach our decision-making thresholds there will be an opportunity to consider the impact on the Council's finances as part of the decision-making process. The use of reserves and the need for savings will also be determined by many external factors which affect our budget to perhaps a greater extent than the Manifesto.*