

COUNCIL – 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

Report of the Cabinet

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL OUTLOOK 2024-27 AND CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024-25

Purpose of Report

To consider the Medium Term Financial Outlook 2024-27 and a Capital Strategy, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2024-25.

Recommendations

1. That the Medium Term Financial Outlook 2024-2027 as set out at Appendix A to the report (attached as an Annex) be approved.
2. That the Capital Strategy as set out at Appendix B to the report (attached as an Annex) be approved.
3. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix BB to the report (attached as an Annex) be approved.
4. That the Prudential and Treasury Indicators also set out within Appendix BB to the report (attached as an Annex) be approved.

Reasons

1. To inform members of the future financial outlook for the Council.
2. To enable the Council to comply with the statutory code of practice issued by CIPFA: 'The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, 2021 Edition'.
3. To ensure that the Council's governance and management procedures for Treasury Management reflect best practice and comply with the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice, Guidance Notes and Treasury Management Policy Statement.
4. To ensure that funding of capital expenditure is taken within the totality of the Council's financial position and that borrowing and investment is only carried out with proper regard to the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Policy justification detailed in the attached Annex.

At its meeting on 8th February 2024, the Cabinet considered a report of the Director Finance, Governance and Contracts setting out a Medium Term Financial Outlook 2024-27 and a Capital Strategy, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2024-25, for recommendation to Council. A copy of that report is attached as an Annex.

The following minute extract details Cabinet's consideration of the matter:

"71. MTFO 24-27 + CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024-25

Considered, a report of the Director Finance, Governance and Contracts: Medium Term Financial Outlook 2024-27 and Capital Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2024-25, for recommendation to Council (item 8 on the agenda supplement filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED

1. *that the Medium Term Financial Outlook 2024-2027 as set out at Appendix A to the report be noted and **recommended to Council** for approval;*
2. *that the Capital Strategy as set out at Appendix B to the report be approved and **recommended to Council**;*
3. *that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as shown at Appendix BB to the report be approved and **recommended to Council**;*
4. *that the Prudential and Treasury Indicators also set out within Appendix BB to the report be approved and **recommended to Council**.*

Reasons

1. *To inform members of the future financial outlook for the Council.*
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Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

As detailed in the attached Annex.

A report of the Director Finance, Governance and Contracts on these matters was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 30th January 2024. The Committee had no issues that it wished to be reported to Council (Audit Committee Minute 43 2023/24 refers).

Report Implications

As detailed in the attached Annex.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None additional to those listed in Cabinet report.

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