

CABINET**Tuesday, 23rd November, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors D Collins
Holmes
Mannion-Brunt

Councillors Sarvent
Serjeant

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**50 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blank, J Innes, P Innes and Ludlow.

52 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 2 November, 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

53 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 December, 2021 to 31 March, 2022 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

54 COUNCIL PLAN DELIVERY PLAN - HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE

UPDATE

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report detailing progress with regards delivery of the Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2021/22 as measured at the end of the second quarter.

It was acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic had presented significant challenges which in turn had impacted on the council's ability to deliver some aspects of the in-year Delivery Plan.

There had nonetheless still been many significant achievements which were noted, along with appropriate mitigations and new approaches to those actions which had been flagged as 'at risk' at the end of the first quarter.

All members of staff at the Council were commended for their hard work in driving forward delivery of the Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2021/22.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the significant achievements against the priority areas within the Council Plan Delivery Plan be noted.
2. That the Corporate Leadership Team leads for all amber rated milestones meet with the relevant key officers to develop improvement strategies to support further progress in quarters 3 and 4.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To progress delivery of the Council Plan 2019 - 2023 and maximise positive outputs and outcomes for our communities.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22

The Service Director - Finance presented a report outlining the Council's budget position at the end of the second quarter of 2021/22, and the implications for the medium term financial plan.

At the end of the second quarter, the forecast position had changed to a deficit of £355k at year end. A table containing the key variances that had

contributed to this forecast position was included in paragraph 4.2.2 of the officer's report.

The report emphasised the significant impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on income generation and identified which income losses had been partially offset by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' income compensation scheme albeit just for the first quarter of the financial year.

The report noted the anticipated movement in the Council's reserves. A combined uncommitted balance of £1.281m remained in the Budget Risk Reserve and Service Improvement Reserve.

Councillor Holmes requested that his vote against the officer's recommendations be recorded in the minutes.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the financial performance of the General Fund Revenue Account for the first half of the financial year, as set out in section 4.2 of the officer's report, be noted.
2. That the General Fund reserves position, as set out in section 4.5 of the officer's report, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To summarise the current assessment of the forecast outturn for the General Fund Revenue Account and enable formal monitoring of progress against the 2021/22 budget, including the impact of actual and planned management actions to address the adverse variance to budget.