

CABINET MINUTE 60 OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2012

PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT (INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE)

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report outlining the performance and finance monitoring position of the Council as at the end of June 2012. Cabinet Members heard that the report was the last in its current format and would be replaced by a shorter more focussed version linked to the new administration pledges. In addition, Councillor Lowry raised concerns about the time taken to process housing benefit claims and sought members' approval to the inclusion of an additional recommendation to the report to ensure regular monitoring.

Alternative options considered and reasons for decision:

Recommendations 1 – 5 as set out in the report.

Additional Recommendation 6 as set out in the minute above.

Agreed to –

- (1) note the forecasted overspend for the year against budget of £1.789m and the performance contents of this report, and ensure portfolio holders and officers continue to work closely together to improve performance and take corrective action to deliver a balanced budget;
- (2) approve the re-profiling and variations (reductions) of (£2.945)m in 2012/13 and (£8.576)m for future years to capital spend as detailed in Table 3;
- (3) **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** the new capital schemes over £0.500m for investment as detailed in Table 4 amounting to £4.450m in 2012/13 and £4.450m for future years;
- (4) approve the budget virements as detailed in Table 15 of the report;
- (5) approve the move to a revised, more focused finance report, clearly linking the finance position to the new administration pledges, and setting out the countermeasures for any significant variances;

- (6) receive monthly updates on processing times in respect of housing benefit claims and changes in housing benefit circumstances.
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Note:

The full report in connection with this minute is available on the website

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