



## THE EXECUTIVE

**Meeting: Thursday, 6 August 2020 at 6.00 pm in Virtual Meeting**

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, D Greenhalgh and J Todd

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Sloman

In Attendance Councillors T Ashton, J Collins and E Thrane

**20/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/65 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 18 June 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**20/66 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW**  
(Agenda Item 4)

The purpose of the report was to inform members of the Council's overall performance and financial position for the period ended 31st March ("Fourth Quarter 2019/20"). The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and collection rates were discussed. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 13 July. The position was summarised as follows:

Subject	Headline
Finance	<p>The Finance headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</p> <p>Performance against Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the Quarter Four stage the General Fund provisional outturn for 2019/20 was an underspend of £295,441.</li> </ul> <p>Efficiency Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2019/20 revised efficiency target of £714,000 (General Fund) had been exceeded with £867,000 of savings achieved to date.</li> </ul> <p>Housing Revenue Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Housing Revenue Account was in surplus (against budget) by £2,114,450 at the Quarter Four (provisional outturn) stage.</li> </ul> <p>Capital Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The General Fund Capital Programme budget for 2019/20 as revised was £5.33 million. The outturn was £4.7 million, representing an underspend of £0.62 million at year end.</li> <li>• The HRA Programme for 2019/20 as revised was £2.7 million. The outturn was £2.55 million which represents a £0.15 million</li> </ul>

	<p>underspend.</p> <p>Treasury Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash investments held at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 totalled £20.5 million.</li> <li>• Council borrowing at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 totalled £66.8 million.</li> <li>• The Council's net interest general fund budget was in surplus by £112,079 with a £25,112 surplus on the HRA</li> </ul> <p>Revenue Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98.41% of Council Tax was collected by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, compared to 98.43% for the same period last year.</li> <li>• 98.39% of Business Rates was collected by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 compared with 99.09% for the same period last year.</li> <li>• At the end of Quarter Four the value of sundry debt over 60 days old was £162,981 which compares to £184,465 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</li> </ul>
Procurement	<p>The Procurement headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 procurement activities were completed</li> <li>• The Procurement forward plan includes 67 procurement activities for completion/start in 2020/21 (either HPBC only or joint)</li> <li>• At the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, 67% of procurement activity undertaken was on the forward plan and the Council paid 97% of its invoices within 30 days</li> </ul>
Performance	<p>The Performance headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64% of the key performance indicators met target, with 49% better than target</li> <li>• The Council received 120 complaints, 325 comments and 119 compliments in the Fourth Quarter. Repeat complaints and response times both on track</li> </ul>

Options considered:

Detailed analysis was contained within the appendices.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Fourth Quarter 2019/20 financial, procurement and performance position detailed in Appendices A, B and C and summarised at 3.3 of the covering report be noted.
2. That the surplus on the General Fund Revenue Account to reserves as explained in Appendix A (paragraph 2.10) of the report be approved.
3. That the proposal to carry forward unspent revenue budget as described in Appendix A (Paragraph 2.13) of the report be approved.
4. That the proposals to carry forward unspent capital budget as set out in Appendix A (Paragraph 6.5 and 7.4) of the report be approved.

The Executive considered the proposed financial planning process in order to review the longer term impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the financial position of the Authority. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 13 July.

Options considered:

There were no options to consider at this stage.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed process be noted.

**20/68 REQUEST FOR MATCH FUNDING FROM THE OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATION CAPITAL FUND TO SUPPORT FURNESS COGS PAVILION PROJECT**  
(Agenda Item 6)

The Executive considered the allocation of £20,000 from the Outdoor Sports and Recreation Capital Fund to provide match funding to Furness COGS (Community Organising Green Space) for the development of a Community Pavilion at Furness Vale Community Field.

Options considered:

1. To provide funding of £20,000 from the Outdoor Sports and Recreation Capital Fund in support of this key project. This will be funded from the £100,000 capital pot assigned for outdoor sports facilities.  
(Recommended)
2. To do nothing – This will place the project in jeopardy of not progressing and will leave a large and possibly unachievable funding shortfall for COGS. (not recommended)

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of £20,000 from the Outdoor Sports and Recreation Capital Fund be approved as the Council's contribution to support the development of a Community Pavilion at the Community Field in Furness Vale, on the basis that the full project costs are secured by COGS.

**20/69 TO RESOLVE THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BECAUSE THERE MAY BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.**  
(Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item because there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**20/70 TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 18 June 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**20/71 REVIEW OF ICT MANAGED SERVICE CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS**  
(Agenda Item 9)

The Executive approved a report on future options in relation to the Council's ICT managed service contract with Northgate Public Service (NPS).

The meeting concluded at 6.27 pm

**CHAIRMAN**