



THE EXECUTIVE

Meeting: Thursday, 8 October 2020 at 6.00 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, D Greenhalgh, F Sloman and J Todd

Councillors T Ashton, J Collins, R Quinn, E Thrane and S Young were also in attendance.

20/72 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Greenhalgh declared an other interest – Item 5 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 - 2023/24 – Update) – employer receives grant from the Borough Council.

Councillor Todd declared an other interest – Item 8 (Buxton Neighbourhood Plan) member of Buxton Neighbourhood Forum.

20/73 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 6 August 2020 be approved as a correct record. The minutes of the Corporate Select Committee held on 28 September would be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

20/74 **FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE, PROCUREMENT AND FINANCIAL REVIEW 2020/21** (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 30th June ("First Quarter 2020/21") The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 28 September 2020. The position was summarised as follows:

Subject	Headline	Reference
Finance	<p>The Finance headlines for the First Quarter were:</p> <p>Performance against Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the First Quarter stage the General Fund projected outturn for 2020/21 was an overspend of £459,580. <p>Efficiency Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Quarter One no savings had been taken against the 	Appendix A

	<p>2020/21 revised efficiency target of £257,000 (General Fund).</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Housing Revenue Account was predicted to be in surplus (against budget) by £749,030 at the Quarter One stage. <p>Capital Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The General Fund Capital Programme budget for 2020/21 as revised was £5.05 million. The projected outturn was £3.19 million, representing an underspend of £1.86 million – mostly in respect of programme slippage due to Covid19. The HRA Programme for 2020/21 as revised was £5.4 million. The projected outturn was £4.6 million which represented a £0.8 million underspend - mostly in respect of programme slippage. <p>Treasury Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash investments held at 30 June 2020 totalled £27.4 million. Council borrowing at 30 June 2020 totalled £66.8 million. The Council's net interest costs are forecast to be as budgeted for the HRA and £61,280 over for the general fund. <p>Revenue Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28.47% of Council Tax was collected by 30 June 2020, compared to 29.64% for the same period last year. 22.51% of Business Rates was collected by 30 June 2020 compared with 30.01% for the same period last year. At the end of Quarter One the value of sundry debt over 60 days old was £270,240 which compares to £178,520 at 30 June 2020 	
Procurement	<p>The Procurement headlines for the First Quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 procurement activities had been completed The Procurement forward plan included 66 procurement activities for completion/start in 2020/21 (either HPBC only or joint) At the 30 June 2020, 97% of procurement activity undertaken was on the forward plan and the Council paid 97% of its invoices within 30 days 	Appendix B
Performance	<p>The Performance headlines for the First Quarter were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 59% of the key performance indicators were on track, with 49% better than target The Council received 8 complaints and 44 compliments in the First Quarter. 15 projects were on track, 18 not yet commenced, 1 completed. 	Appendix C

Options considered:

Detailed Analysis was contained within the appendices to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the first quarter 2020/21 financial, procurement and performance position detailed in Appendices A, B and C and summarised at 3.3 of the covering report be noted.

20/75 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2020/21 - 2023/24 - UPDATE
(Agenda Item 5)

The purpose of the report was to present an updated summary version of the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2023/24, forecasting the longer term impact the Coronavirus pandemic had had on the financial position of the Authority. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 28 September 2020. The Committee expressed that consideration needed to be given to the funding arrangements around priority projects to ensure that reserves can be re-established at the end of the period. Particular reference was made to the Future High Streets Fund, Glossop Town Halls and Climate Change Emergency projects.

Options considered:

There were no options to consider at this stage.

RESOLVED:

That the forecast updated Medium Term Financial Plan position be noted.

20/76 REVISED PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2020/21 DUE TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19
(Agenda Item 6)

The report provided information on the proposed amendments to performance targets for 2020/21, which had been made necessary due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the Council's ability to meet its previously agreed targets. The report was considered by the Corporate Select Committee on 28 September 2020.

Options considered:

This report was for information only and therefore no alternatives had been presented. However, if the target review had not taken place the 2020/21 Q4 report would no doubt show a higher than usual proportion of 'off track' measures due to lockdown and on-going coronavirus restrictions, which were outside the Council's control.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed amendments be noted.

20/77 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT UPDATE ON THE AQAP WOODHEAD ROAD (A628) TINTWISTLE
(Agenda Item 7)

The report updated the Executive on the progress of the Air Quality Action Plan for the Air Quality Management Area (1) Woodhead Road (A628) Tintwistle, attached at Appendix 1 and on the proposed steps the Council was taking to address the air quality issues across the Borough. The report was considered by the Community Select Committee on 23 September 2020.

Options considered:

There were no alternative options to consider, the Council was required by law to produce an action plan once an Air Quality Management Area had been declared.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted and approved.

20/78 BUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
(Agenda Item 8)

The report considered an application made by 'The Buxton Neighbourhood Forum Community Interest Company (CIC)' to designate a neighbourhood area and neighbourhood forum for Buxton under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The report was considered by the Economy and Growth Select Committee on 7 October 2020 which requested that the report be considered by the Committee prior a further decision by the Executive.

Options considered:

Option 1 (recommended) that the Council agreed to the recommendations as set out in section 2 of the report. This would enable the community to comment on the applications prior to the Council making a final decision. The process for the consideration of such applications was established through the regulations

Option 2 (not recommended) that the Council does not support consultation on the applications. There was no sound basis not to allow the applications to be subject to consultation. Local planning authorities were required to enable the preparation of neighbourhood plans and applications for neighbourhood areas and forums must be subject to consultation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the consultation on the applications for the designation of a neighbourhood area and neighbourhood forum for Buxton be approved.
2. That the responses to the consultation be considered at a future meeting of the Economy and Growth Select Committee prior the Executive in order to meet the 13 week deadline specified in the regulations.

20/79 RECENT CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE PLANNING WHITE PAPER 2020
(Agenda Item 9)

The report appraised the Executive of proposed changes as set out in the White Paper "Planning for the Future" which was published for consultation by Government on 6th August 2020. The report was considered by the Economy and Growth Select Committee on 7 October 2020. A training session for councillors in the proposed changes would take place on 12 October 2020.

Options considered:

As detailed in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and that comments be provided for inclusion in the Council's response to Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government before the end of the consultation period.

20/80 HIF PROGRAMME FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT: PROJECT AND COSTS REVIEW
(Agenda Item 10)

The report provided members with an overview and project update on progress in delivering the Homes England funded Fairfield Roundabout and sought approval for progressing the project as outlined in the report. The project was considered by the Economy and Growth Select Committee on 7 October 2020.

Options considered:

Two options were detailed in section 5 of the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress on delivering the Homes England funded Fairfield roundabout be noted.
2. That the revised construction costs for delivery of the roundabout as set out in Appendix 2 (Part 2 of the report) be noted.
3. That the Executive Director (Place) be authorised to proceed to producing detailed design drawings for the roundabout and related tender documentation and report back to the Executive with results of the procurement exercise and seek approval to draw down HIF funding for construction of the roundabout.
4. That the advanced payment offer from Homes England of up to £500,000 to allow the project to proceed and meet the grant funding deadline be accepted.

5. That the updated project risks and mitigation as set out in the report and Appendix 3 be noted and accepted.

20/81 **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 11)

RESOLVED:

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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

20/82 **TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 6 August 2020 be approved as a correct record.

20/83 **HIF PROGRAMME FAIRFIELD ROUNDABOUT: PROJECT AND COSTS REVIEW - APPENDIX 2**
(Agenda Item 13)

The Executive approved a report with regards the progression and delivery of the project.

20/84 **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT HOGSHAW, BUXTON**
(Agenda Item 14)

The Executive approved an interim report with regards to the disposal of land assets at Hogshaw, Buxton.

The meeting concluded at 6.56 pm

CHAIRMAN