

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **CABINET DECISIONS**

**TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor P Roberts (Chair)

Councillors J Aberley, M Deaville, K Flunder, J Porter, S Scalise,  
R Ward and M Worthington

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors M Gledhill, T Holmes, K Hoptroff and L Swindlehurst

12 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)**

**DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY**

There were no declarations made.

14 **ITEMS REQUESTED BY CABINET AND/OR NON-CABINET MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CABINET PROCEDURE RULES 8.5(B) AND (E), IF ANY**

It was announced that following the passing of Councillor Hilda Sheldon the following appointments to outside bodies would be re-allocated as follows:

- Moorlands Partnership Board – Councillor Andrew Hart
- Conservation Liaison Panel – Councillor John Jones
- Biddulph Arts Forum – Councillor Jim Davies

15 **FORWARD PLAN**

**DECISION:**

That the Forward Plan be approved for publication.

16 **SMDC REFRESHED ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The report presented an updated Corporate Enforcement Policy which set out the Council's general approach to enforcement. It also presented a revised policy on enforcing environmental crimes. The report was considered by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 11 July 2022.

Options considered:

There were no options to consider in the report because to be an effective regulator the Council needed to have a robust enforcement policies in place.

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### DECISION:

1. That the revised Corporate Enforcement Policy at Appendix A of the report be approved.
2. That the revised Policy on Enforcement of Environmental Crimes provided at Appendix B of the report be approved.

### 17 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2021/22

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 2021/22"). The report was considered by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 20 July 2022. The position was summarised as follows:

Subject	Headline	Reference
Finance	<p><b>The Finance headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</b></p> <p><i>Performance against Budget</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At the Fourth Quarter stage the General Fund projected outturn for 2021/22 was an underspend of £2,448,213.</li></ul> <p><i>Efficiency Programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At Quarter Four £696,520 in savings had been taken against the 2021/22 general fund efficiency target of £830,430 - a shortfall of £133,910 in the year.</li></ul> <p><i>Capital Programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The revised Capital Programme budget for 2021/22 was £13.96 million including the carry forward of capital underspends from 2020/21. The provisional outturn for the year was £13.05 million; an underspend of £0.91million.</li></ul> <p><i>Treasury Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cash investments held at 31 March 2022 totalled £27.3 million.</li><li>• Council borrowing at 31 March 2022 totals £12.6 million</li><li>• The Council's net interest income receipts for the year exceeded the budget by £4,002 in the year.</li></ul> <p><i>Revenue Collection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 98.46% of Council Tax was collected by 31 March 2022 compared to 98.17% for the same period last year.</li><li>• 99.01% of Business Rates was collected by 31 March 2022 compared to 97.35% for the same period last year)</li><li>• At the end of the Fourth Quarter debt that was over 60 days old was £15,962 which compares with £65,090 at 31 March 2021.</li></ul>	Appendix A

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Procurement	<b>The Procurement headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12 procurement activities were completed</li><li>• The Procurement forward plan included 41 procurement activities for completion in 2021/22 (either SMDC only or joint)</li><li>• At the 31 March 2022, 52% of procurement activity undertaken was on the forward plan.</li></ul>	Appendix B
Performance	<b>The Performance headlines for the Fourth Quarter were:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 68% of the key performance indicators met</li><li>• The Council received 61 complaints, 200 comments and 42 compliments</li><li>• Priority Actions - 12 green, 7 amber, 16 grey</li></ul>	Appendix C

Options considered:

Detailed Analysis is contained within the main body of the report.

### **DECISION:**

1. That the Fourth Quarter 2021/22 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 allocation of the surplus on the General Fund Revenue Account to reserves as explained in Appendix A (paragraph 2.11) be approved.
3. That the proposal to carry forward unspent revenue budget as described in Appendix A of the report (paragraph 2.13) be approved.
4. That the proposals to carry forward unspent capital budget as set out in Appendix A of the report (paragraph 5.6) be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.26 pm

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Chairman