Decisions to be considered by Full Council on 21 July 2015

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 7th July, 2015 at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor P R Wilkinson Councillor N A Knapton

Mrs B S Fortune B Phillips

Also in Attendance

Councillor P Bardon Councillor D Hugill

D M Blades J Noone

Mrs C S Cookman C Patmore

S P Dickins Mrs I Sanderson

A W Hall Mrs J Watson

K G Hardisty D A Webster

CA.7 2014/15 REVENUE AND RESERVES OUTTURN POSITION

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the revenue outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2015, which included the position on reserves. The Statement of Accounts, which was the consolidated financial position of the Council for 2014/15, was the responsibility of the Audit and Governance Committee which would meet on 22 September 2015 to approve the Annual Financial Report – Statement of Accounts.

Cabinet wished it to be noted that there was concern around the way in which the other parties interpreted the agreement with regards to the use of the Business Rate funding scheme.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

It is a legal requirement under S25 of The Local Government Act 2003 to set a balanced budget and monitor the financial position throughout the year.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:

- (1) this Cabinet notes with disappointment the way other parties interpreted the agreement with regards to the use of the Business Rate funding scheme and that the view of the Leader and Chief Executive in paragraph 2.7 be supported:
- (2) the under spend of £253,030 on the 2014/15 revenue budget, at paragraph 2.3 and in Annex A of the report, be transferred to the One-Off Fund reserve:
- (3) the decrease in the One-off Fund at Quarter 4 £274,714, detailed at paragraph 3.3 and attached at annex 'B' of the report be noted;
- (4) the increase in the reserves position £50,757, at paragraph 3.1 and detailed in Annex 'C' be approved.

CA.8 2014/15 CAPITAL AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN POSITION

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the Capital outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2015 and also provided an update on the annual treasury management position. Capital expenditure was intrinsically linked with treasury management as the way that the Capital Programme was funded, directly affected the treasury management arrangements of the Council.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To ensure that the overall Capital programme remained affordable and sustainable over the 10 year approved capital plan.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the 2014/15 capital outturn position of £1,620,795 at paragraph 2.3 and attached at Annex 'A' of the report be noted;
- the under spend of £27,717 at paragraph 2.10 and over spend of £6,215 at paragraph 2.8 of the report be approved;
- the requests at paragraph 2.12 of the report for re-profiling the capital schemes totalling £2,373,629 from 2014/15 programme to 2015/16 be approved;
- (4) the requests at paragraph 2.13 of the report for re-profiling the additional capital schemes totalling £365,658 from 2014/15 programme to 2015/16 be approved;
- (5) the Treasury Management outturn position 2014/15 detailed at paragraph 9.2 of the report be noted; and
- (6) the Prudential Indicators attached at Annex 'B' of the report be noted.

CA.9 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business at minute nos CA.10 and CA.11 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Cabinet was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

CA.10 FINANCING DALTON BRIDGE

Sowerby and Topcliffe

The subject of the decision:

This report sought approval for financing Dalton Bridge.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that approval of the funding would be essential in the delivery of the project.

THE DECISION:

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that a secured loan of up to £1.5m on commercial terms be offered to the businesses comprising the Business Improvement District at Dalton.

CA.11 STAFFING MATTERS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report sought consideration of various staffing matters and submitted a revised pay policy for approval.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Cabinet was satisfied that the decision to approve the recommendations would support the longer term position of the Council.

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That the revised pay policy attached to the report be agree approval.	ed and referred to Council for
The meeting closed at 10.20 am	
Leader of the Council	