

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### PRESENT

#### **COUNCILLOR:**

Councillor Phil Riley  
Councillor Mustafa Desai  
Councillor Julie Gunn  
Councillor Jim Smith  
Councillor Mahfooz Hussain  
Councillor Damian Talbot  
Councillor Quesir Mahmood  
Councillor Vicky McGurk

#### **PORTFOLIO:**

Leader of the Council  
Adults, Social Care and Health  
Children, Young People and Education  
Environment and Operations  
Digital and Customer Services  
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing  
Growth & Development  
Finance & Governance

#### **EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

Councillor John Slater

#### **NON PORTFOLIO**

Leader of the Conservative Group

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Muhammed Bapu  
Kazim Shah

Youth MP  
Deputy Youth MP

	Item	Action
1	<b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b>  The Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Riley, welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.	
2	<b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></b>  The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 were agreed as a correct record.	<b>Agreed</b>
3	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  No Declarations of Interest were received.	
4	<b><u>Equality Implications</u></b>  The Chair asked Members to confirm that they had considered and understood any Equality Impact Assessments associated with reports on the agenda ahead of making any decisions.	<b>Confirmed</b>
5	<b><u>Public Forum</u></b>  No questions had been submitted by members of the public.	
6	<b><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></b>  No questions had been submitted by Non-Executive Members.	

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7	<p><b><u>Youth MPs Update</u></b></p> <p>The Youth MPs verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits to youth centres and sites to discuss the Youth Investment Fund Bid.</li> <li>• The second pilot inspection of the Young Inspectors Project.</li> <li>• Work on the Climate Jury, including thoughts on how the Borough can tackle the climate change crisis and work towards being carbon neutral.</li> <li>• Involvement in the recruitment event for Children’s Services.</li> </ul> <p>Members discussed the presentation and update and commended the ongoing work of the Youth Forum. Councillor Mustafa Desai invited the Youth MPs to meet with the Strategic Director for Adults and Health and himself to discuss the approach to services that supported the transition of children to adults.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
8.1	<p><b><u>HAF Grant Allocation</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Board was provided with a report that advised that the DfE had indicated that the HAF funding would continue for 2023/24 and the report set out the intentions for the programme going forwards.</p> <p>Since 2018, the Department for Education had funded the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme which had provided support to children in receipt of free school meals through holiday periods. Following successful pilots between 2018 and 2020, the programme was rolled out to all upper tier local authorities in 2021.</p> <p>Research had shown that the school holidays could be pressure points for some families. The HAF programme was a response to this issue, enabling free places at holiday clubs for children who were entitled to free school meals. These clubs provided physical activity, a hot meal and enrichment activities alongside education and support opportunities for parents and carers. Evidence showed that free holiday clubs could have a positive impact on children and young people.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED -</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p><b>Approve:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holiday and Food Activity Fund Spend for 2023/2024 allocation of £737, 760</li> <li>• The Commission of a VCSF organisation to deliver the</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>

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	programme on the Local Authority behalf.	
8.2	<p><b><u>Business Rates Revaluation 2023</u></b></p> <p>A report was submitted which outlined the impact of the 2023 Business Rates Revaluation on the Council's income from business rates.</p> <p>Following completion of the 2023 Revaluation, the Valuation Office Agency published the draft rating list in November 2022. At this stage, it was difficult to predict the revaluation impact on the Council's share of income from business rates as there were a number of other factors to take into consideration.</p> <p>Work would be undertaken by the Council to assess the business rates income for 2023/24 and needed to be completed before the end of January 2023 for submission to the Government. Once this assessment was complete, the financial impact would be considered as part of the development of the Council's budget for 2023/24.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>It is recommended that the Executive Board note the implications of the 2023 Business Rates Revaluation and that further information of the impact of the revaluation will be provided in due course as the budget for 2023/24 is developed.</p>	Noted
8.3	<p><b><u>Development of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24 (including details of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/24)</u></b></p> <p>Members received a report which provided an update on the development of the Council's budget for 2023/24, and in particular, an update on the outcome of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and the implications for the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>On the basis of the provisional Settlement, the Council's Core Spending Power would increase by 10.2%, which included an assumption by the Government that Councils would increase Council Tax by the maximum allowable. The funding position set out in the Provisional Settlement was £9.8m more than forecasted.</p> <p>The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) had been updated accordingly, but a funding gap for the period to 2024/25 of £9.5m was estimated, as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Further work would be undertaken on the development of the budget, and once the final Local Government Finance Settlement had been confirmed, it would be for the Finance Council to agree the budget for 2023/24.</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED-</b> That the Executive Board:</p> <p>a) note the outcome of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24 as set out in the report;</p> <p>b) note the response to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24 as set out at Appendix A;</p> <p>c) note that further work is required to determine the estimate of Business Rates Retained for 2023/24 which will reflect the Council's local knowledge/circumstances and that this work has begun following the release of guidance from Government on this matter;</p> <p>d) acknowledge that the estimates of Council Tax income presented in the report are subject to decision by Finance Council on 27th February 2023 and are, therefore, indicative at this stage;</p> <p>e) note the updated Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/26 and this will be further updated once decisions on the Council's budget are taken at Finance Council on 27th February 2023.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>8.4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Digital Solutions for Adult Social Care</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report which provided an update to Members on the digital solutions required to comply with legislative changes in Adults Social Care. Specifically these referred to the governments Build Back Better Policy linking to the introduction of the Health and Care Act 2022. Under the Care Act 2014 the Local Authority also had a legal duty to ensure a sustainable care market was in place to meet assessed needs.</p> <p>In the recent Autumn budget Statement on 17th November 2022, the Chancellor announced delays to the implementation of the Adult Social Care Reforms stating that the ASC Dilnot reforms would be delayed for a further 2 years.</p> <p>Whilst the Council awaited further details on these delays and the exact implications for Local Authorities, it was anticipated that some aspects of the reforms such as Fair Cost of Care would continue. The charging reforms required IT products to ensure that the service had the tools to deliver. Mosaic (Access Group) and other providers had already worked with government to develop a set of products which would ensure consistency nationally and they were each working to the same standard.</p> <p>The Local Authority expected to purchase new modules which would help overcome significant operational challenges with the system. Despite the delays to reforms announced by the Chancellor, the Adults department still needed to progress with system developments in order to meet required engagement with citizens and care providers, as outlined in detail in the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the procurement of the PAMMS solution for market management has been progressed and approved via Officer Decision.</li> <li>• Agree a supplementary capital estimate of £62,000 for the acquisition of additional modules of the Mosaic System, to be funded through an existing government grant;</li> <li>• Approves the procurement of the Care Cubed Commissioning Toolkit;</li> <li>• Approves the re-contracting of the current Mosaic system from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 for a two year period with the option to extend for a further two one-year periods.</li> <li>• Approves the reallocation of £25k from the earmarked ICT Capital Reserve to fund the move to a new database.</li> <li>• Notes the proposed increase to the Adults revenue budget of £98k for the 2023/24 financial year rising to £117k from the 2024/25 financial year to meet the additional maintenance costs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>