

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2025

Present:

Councillor Fielker	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor Letts	-	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
Councillor Bogle	-	Cabinet Member for Economic Development
Councillor Finn	-	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
Councillor C Lambert	-	Cabinet Member for Communities and Safer City
Councillor Kataria	-	Cabinet Member for Compliance and Leisure
Councillor Keogh	-	Cabinet Member for Economic Development
Councillor Savage	-	Cabinet Member for Green City and Net Zero
Councillor Winning	-	Cabinet Member for Children and Learning

Apologies: Councillor A Frampton

48. PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE'S INTER-AUTHORITY AGREEMENT (IAA) FOR NUTRIENT MITIGATION

Decision made: (CAB 24/25 47451)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity to enter into and become a party to the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) by way of a deed of adherence and to agree to any minor amendments from time to time.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity to agree the Council as a Benefiting Authority and/or Host Authority for projects delivered through the Inter Authority Agreement following consultation with the Council's S151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Economic Development.

49. BIRD AWARE PARTNERSHIP REVISED STRATEGY

Decision made: (CAB 24/25 47443)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cabinet agreed to endorse the Bird Aware Partnership's revised strategy and supporting financial model as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

50. FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE - DECEMBER

Decision made: (CAB 24/25 47415)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, Cabinet approved the following, to:

- i) Agree the £0.17M adjustments to be made to directorate budgets to reflect sustained favourable variances reported at month 8 of 2024/25 due to transformation and other measures, to be transferred to centrally held contingency to reduce the reliance on Exceptional Financial Support (EFS), as set out in paragraph 6.
- ii) Agree to the creation of a new housing stock condition survey reserve and a contribution from centrally held contingency of £0.25M in 2024/25 as set out in paragraph 8.
- iii) Note the revised General Fund Capital Programme is £206.99M and the HRA Capital Programme is £240.53M as detailed in paragraph 4 of Appendix 2.
- iv) Approve slippage of £17.80M, £15.04M within the General Fund programme and £2.76M within the HRA programme, as detailed in paragraphs 5 to 7 of Appendix 2 and Annex 2.3.
- v) Note that the overall forecast position for the capital programme for 2024/25 at quarter 2 is £154.98M, resulting in a potential overspend of £0.31M, as detailed in paragraphs 8 to 10 of Appendix 2 and Annex 2.2.
- vi) Note that the capital programme remains fully funded up to 2028/29 based on the latest forecast of available resources although the forecast can be subject to change; most notably regarding the value and timing of anticipated capital receipts and the use of prudent assumptions of future government grants to be received.

51. DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Decision made: (CAB 24/25 47791)

On consideration of the report of the Leader of the Council and having received representations from a member of the public and Councillor Blackman, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To submit, with the agreement of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth a joint expression of interest to be included on the priority programme for devolution.
- (ii) To work with Councils across the region to develop proposals that reflect the geography of Unitary authorities across Hampshire and the Solent.
- (iii) To report further to Cabinet and Council as proposals are developed.