

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2024

Present:

Councillor Fielker	-	Leader
Councillor Letts	-	Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services
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 Savage	-	Cabinet Member for Green City and Net Zero
Councillor Winning	-	Cabinet Member for Children and Learning

Apologies: Councillor Bogle, A Frampton and Keogh

30. MTFS QUARTER 2 UPDATE

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 46138)

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

- (i) Note the updated medium term financial forecast as set out in Appendix 1.
- (ii) Approve indicative cash limits as a planning guide, recognising these may be refined and updated during the budget process, as set out in paragraph 70 of Appendix 1.
- (iii) Agree the next steps to developing the MTFS and creating a balanced budget, including the development of service business plans to enable Directorates to manage within the cash limit targets.

31. FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 46136)

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

- (i) Agree the £2.16M adjustments to be made to directorate budgets to reflect further sustained favourable variances reported at month 6 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 the progress being made to deliver on the Deficit Recovery Plans that have been developed to mitigate forecast overspends in several specified budget areas, as set out in paragraph 7.

- (iii) Recommend Council approve the virement of £24.30M Social Care Grant income budget from Non-Specific Government Grants (Centrally Held Funding) to Children & Learning (£9.53M) and Community Wellbeing (£14.77M) to reflect a change in the grant conditions from an un-ringfenced to a ringfenced grant, as set out in paragraph 8.

32. TRANSFORMATION UPDATE (OCTOBER)

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 45930)

On consideration of the report of the Leader, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) That Cabinet agrees the updates to the expected outcomes of the Portfolios of activities within the adapt | grow | thrive Transformation Programme, including the approval of Full Business Cases, as set out in the 'key progress and next steps' sections for each Portfolio, within the main appendix – "Transformation Update-October 2024".
- (ii) Agrees the £9m of expected savings from the delivery of transformation activities for 2024/25, supported by updated business cases set out within the main appendix – "Transformation Update- October 2024"
- (iii) Agrees the approach to staff engagement and consultation set out within the main appendix – "Transformation Update-October 2024"

33. COUNCIL RIGHT TO BUY RECEIPT PROPOSALS AND APPROVAL TO SPEND

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 46123)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing Operations, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) That Cabinet approve the expenditure of up to £5m of the Right to Buy receipts collected in 2019/20 on a pilot programme of property purchases under the temporary flexibilities granted by Government during the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.
- (ii) That Cabinet grant delegated powers to the Director of Housing after consultation with and the Executive Director of Enabling Services, Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity, the Director of Legal and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Housing, to agree and approve the detail of the pilot programme of purchases in line with the details set out in this paper.

34. COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT POLICY 2024-2029

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 45878)

On consideration of the report of the Leader, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To approve the Museums and Archives Collection Development Policy 2024–2029 (see Appendix 1) within the Culture & Tourism Division, as the collections development and acquisition and disposals policy for artefacts and material held in trust for the public by Southampton City Council (SCC).
- (ii) To approve delegated authority to the Head of Service to revise the policy if required, following consultation with the Cabinet Member.

35. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY DELIVERY PLAN

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 45975)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Green City and Net Zero and having received representations from Councillor Barbour and Mr White, Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) Adopt the Green Infrastructure Strategy Delivery Plan

36. ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2024

This item was withdrawn at the meeting.

37. COMMERCIAL WASTE TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL SERVICES

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 45990)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Cabinet approved the following:

- (i) To approve a formal procurement process for a waste transfer and disposal contract for the transfer and disposal of commercial waste.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director - Resident Services to carry out the procurement process and to enter into a contract for the delivery of the service in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.
- (iii) To authorise the Executive Director - Resident Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, to take all necessary actions to give effect to the recommendations of this report.

38. LEASE RESTRUCTURE ON WEST QUAY RETAIL PARK

Decision Made: (CAB 24/25 46125)

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

- (i) To approve the proposed changes to the existing lease and recommendations set out in Confidential Appendix 1.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader and Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity to finalise the detailed terms of the agreements required and all other ancillary legal documentation to support the delivery of the redevelopment of the area.