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Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE MEETING MONDAY 29TH JULY 2024 – DECISION NOTICE

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday 29th July 2024.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. **Only Key Decisions may be called in.** Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice:

WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2024

Number of Members required to call in an item:

Three Scrutiny Members

Method by which items may be called in:

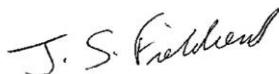
- By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

Recording of called in items:

The Governance Manager shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

**DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
HELD ON MONDAY 29TH JULY 2024**

NON KEY DECISIONS

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
5	Review of Effectiveness of Council's Waste Collection and Disposal Education	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the recommendations of the review outlined in section 2.5 of the report and Section 2 of Appendix 1, be endorsed,</p> <p>2) monitoring takes place over a twelve-month period via the PERFORM system with an update report to the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee at the end of the monitoring period.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: The Committee had put together 11 recommendations which would hopefully assist the Council in improving recycling rates and reducing rates of waste contamination by improving the effectiveness of the Council's waste collection and disposal education.</p> <p>The key findings arising from the review were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · That there was most confusion over the burgundy bin and which items were supposed to be recycled and which items could not be recycled. · That since the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Council had struggled to regenerate school programmes and had not yet returned to the pre-COVID standards of recycling education for young people. · That the Council acknowledged that the introduction of separate weekly food waste collections from 1st April 2026 would influence the next major stepped change in Bolsover's combined recycling performance by breaking the 50% barrier to head towards the 2035 target of 65%. · That it was crucial that the Council considered accessibility of communication services and the statutory requirements with regard to education on Council services that affected all residents so that every service user could benefit from the waste collection services that the Council provided. · That the Council should look towards the future of Bolsover by considering innovative modern

		<p>methods of communication to consider ways to engage young people and future residents of the District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · That some of the Council's communication services were not being fully utilised due to a lack of educational content being received from the relevant specialist officers. · That the Council must effectively utilise their current methods of communication to the highest standard with efficiency and coherence to frequently remind residents on the importance of recycling, the correct methods of recycling, and the best practice of how to engage with the Council's waste collection services. <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Executive could choose not to endorse the recommendations of the review where they felt the course of action recommended was beyond the delivery capacity of the Authority.</p>
6	<p>Disposals and Acquisitions Policy</p>	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the revised Disposals & Acquisitions Policy be adopted,</p> <p>2) that a new Acquisitions Strategy be developed to sit alongside the Policy document to enable the Council to make swift decisions regarding the purchase of land or property.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: In order to make sure the Council's Disposals & Acquisitions Policy was up to date and relevant to current practices and legislation.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To not adopt the proposed updated policy. This was not recommended as it would leave the Council with an out-of-date policy.</p>
7	<p>Financial Outturn 2023/24</p>	<p>RESOLVED that 1) the outturn position in respect of the 2023/24 financial year be noted,</p> <p>2) that the transfers to earmarked reserves of £1.455m as outlined in detail in paragraph 2.3 be approved,</p> <p>3) the proposed carry forward of capital budgets detailed in Appendix 5 totalling £12.332m be approved.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: <u>General Fund</u></p>

During the previous financial year, the Council managed its budget effectively securing a favourable financial outturn. The Council was able to make contributions of £1.455m to reserves in preparation for future expenditure commitments. The Transformation Reserve, which was the Council's main general earmarked reserve, had £2.355m committed against it in 2024/25 and future years, so continued prudence was needed when committing against this reserve.

HRA

The HRA continued to operate within the parameters set by the 30 Year Business Plan and the MTFP. Officers would be working to ensure that the Business Plan continued to reflect the impact of government legislation, and that the HRA remained sustainable over the 30-year period of the Business Plan.

Capital Programme

The Capital Programme saw good progress on approved schemes during the 2023/24 financial year. There were, however, a number of schemes which were work in progress and this required that the associated expenditure and funding be carried forward into the 2024/25 financial year.

Capital Financing

Capital expenditure during 2023/24 had been fully financed in line with the approved programme.

Treasury Management

The Council operated in line with its agreed Treasury Management Strategy during the 2023/24 financial year. This ensured that lending and borrowing arrangements were prudent and sustainable, minimising the risk of financial loss to the Council. Effective management of these arrangements ensured that interest costs during the year were minimised in order to assist the Council's revenue position whilst interest receivable rose.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The financial outturn report for 2023/24 was primarily a factual report which detailed the outcome of previously approved budgets therefore there were no alternative options that needed to be considered.

The allocation of resources to earmarked reserve

		accounts had been undertaken in line with the Council's policy and service delivery framework and in the light of the risks and issues facing the Council over the period of the current MTFP. If those risks did not materialise or were settled at a lower cost than anticipated then the earmarked reserves would be reassessed and returned to balances where appropriate
8	Corporate Debt 2023/24	<p>RESOLVED that the report concerning the Council's Corporate Debt as at 31st March 2024 be noted.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that Executive were informed of the latest position concerning the Council's debt.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The report was for information only.</p>

KEY DECISION

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9	Award of Housing Stock Condition Survey Contract	<p>RESOLVED that the award of the Stock Condition Survey be awarded to Savills (UK) Limited.</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION: A comprehensive stock condition survey was needed to ensure that the Council could meet the Safety and Quality Consumer Standard and provide accurate information about the Council's housing stock.</p> <p>A procurement exercise was completed to secure a contract under the Strategic Asset Management Services Framework.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Savills were the only supplier who could meet all the Council's requirements for a Stock Condition and Energy Survey, under a competitive framework.</p>

Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).