Cabinet DECISION RECORD Wednesday, 7 September 2022

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Part A - Items considered in public

A6	Status:	Quarter One 2022/23 Budget Monitoring Report	RESOLVED that Cabinet: -	
	Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in) Call-in to apply:		(a)	Notes that an application has been submitted under the Exceptional Financial Support process for a capitalisation direction of £76m (£20m in 2022/23) to principally fund this Councils Transformation programme as set out in this report;
	Yes		(b)	Brings forward to the 28 September Cabinet meeting proposals to prudently position the council to deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24 from traditional local government financial management processes and revenue sources;
			(c)	Agrees to bring forward a capital receipts schedule for additional, non-strategic, asset sales that could be used as an alternative method of financing the Council's Transformation Investment Programme via the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts (FUCR);
			(d)	Agrees to explore options across the council to deliver revenue through further commercialisation and a review of fees and charges as a response to the cost-of-living crisis;
			(e)	Approves the capital virements as set in Appendix D paragraph 76 to this report;
			(f)	Requests the Corporate Directors and Portfolio Holders for

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			Children's Services, Transformation, and Operations to bring forward papers outlining
			(i) in-year service pressures and the mitigation strategy that will be put in place to manage them.
			(ii) the timeline for the increase in costs for the transformation programme and provide an update on the delivery of 2022/23 budgeted and future years savings.
			(g) Agrees to place an update on the Financial Strategy as a standing Cabinet agenda item until such time as there is a balanced budget delivered for 2023/24;
			(h) Agrees that no new financial commitments will be made until such time as there is a balanced budget for 2023/24 other than with the specific agreement of the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance; and
			(i) Prepare financial forecasts based on the assumption of accepting and receiving a £20m capitalisation direction for 2022/23 from government which will need Council approval, to be sought once a final offer has been received from DLUHC.
			Voting: Unanimous
			Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council
			Reason
			To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to regularly monitor the annual budget position.
			To provide a financial update to Cabinet further to the update to the Governments Flexible Use of Capital Receipts guidance and the realisation of the risk outlined in the

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			2022/23 Budget report.
			To comply with the council's financial regulations regarding budget virements.
A10	Status: Recommendations Approved (subject	BCP Green Infrastructure Strategy	RESOLVED that Cabinet adopt the Green Infrastructure Strategy.
			Voting: Unanimous
	to call-in)		Portfolio Holders: Environment and Place Development, Growth and Regeneration
	Call-in to apply: Yes		REASON
			To provide strategy and future direction on our Green and Blue assets; to set best practice for new developments and our own estate; and to maximise the benefits for nature and our communities that GI provides. The Green Infrastructure Strategy will become part of the suite of supporting documents of the forthcoming BCP Local Plan.
A12	Status:	Extension to the Term of	RESOLVED that Cabinet: -
	Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in) Call-in to apply: Yes	Office of the Chair of the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum Management Committee	(a) agree that the Chair of the Management Committee be given a further 3 year term of office to provide vital continuity at an exceptional time for the Russell-Cotes, both externally and internally, due to the impacts of the Covid pandemic, the pivotal moment in the governance review and the Museum's Centenary in 2022; and
			(b) note that this decision will not set any precedent for this or any other BCP Council Committee.
			Voting: Unanimous
			REASON
			At this particular time, the progress of the move to externalisation of the Russell-Cotes is reaching a pivotal moment and it needs to retain the experience and continuity of its

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			Chair to steer the Committee through the process to its conclusion and not risk jeopardizing the very significant work that has been undertaken internally and in consultation with key national stakeholders. Any change risks reputational damage to this key cultural organisation in Bournemouth during its centenary year when it is enjoying a higher profile.