



# Rutland County Council

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## **MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECISIONS AT A MEETING OF THE CABINET**

**Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Waller (Chair) Councillor A Johnson  
Councillor P Browne Councillor T Smith

**ABSENT:** Councillor D Ellison Councillor C Wise

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mark Andrews Chief Executive  
Angela Wakefield Strategic Director for Law and Governance  
Dawn Godfrey Strategic Director for Children's Services  
Kim Sorsky Strategic Director for Adult Services and Health  
Kirsty Nutton Strategic Director for Resources  
Penny Sharp Strategic Director for Places  
David Ebbage Democratic Services Officer

**Decisions published on 15 November 2023.**

**Key Decisions will be implemented on 23 November unless the Call-in Procedure as outlined in Procedure Rule 149 is invoked.**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor C Wise and Councillor D Ellison.

### **2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE**

There were no announcements from the Chairman or Head of Paid Service.

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4 MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023.

### **RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 be **APPROVED**.

## 5 ITEMS RAISED BY SCRUTINY

No items were raised.

## 6 2023/24 QUARTER 2 - REVENUE AND CAPITAL FORECAST REPORT

Report No.168/2023 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources.

Councillor Johnson explained that under the Council's constitution Cabinet was responsible for overseeing matters relating to the Council's financial (capital and revenue) resources, within the budget set by Council each year at Budget Council.

The report provided Cabinet with the forecast outturn position for both the revenue budget and capital programme for 2023/24.

It was confirmed to Members that the Council would look at the current recruitment practices differently and look to inject new ideas around that aspect and to attract new talent in different ways. Extra investment would be needed to assist with that approach.

The net revenue budget for 2023/24, agreed at Full Council in February 2023, was approved at £49.3m. The details within the report reconciled the movements to the budget through the year to the revised budget for the 'Net Cost of Services' the year of £45.2m.

The Capital programme budget reported in the Q1 report (116/2023) was £38.1m and had increased by £2.7m to a revised capital programme of £40.9m.

The 2023/24 budget was underpinned with £1.1m of savings from the cost-of-service delivery.

The Leader congratulated Council staff for hitting the challenging targets which were set in terms of savings.

It was moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded that the recommendations of Report No. 168/2023 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with four votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

### RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

- a) **NOTED** the forecast year end position as at the end of September (second quarter) for
  - a. Revenue Position (Section 3)
  - b. Capital Position (Section 4)
  - c. Dedicated Schools Grant (Section 5)
- b) **NOTED** the update on the achievement of the 2023/24 savings proposals (Section 6), and progress made on the Financial Sustainability Strategy (Section 7).

- c) **APPROVED** the approach to the 2023/24 forecast underspend detailed 3.11 - 3.14 that half of the forecast underspend is used to mitigate in year risk pressures and for the remainder to be used to fund activity which supports financial sustainability. Delegation for use to be with the Chief Executive in consultation with the Strategic Director for Resources, the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader of the Council based on the three themes noted in the report.
- d) **NOTED** performance against the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators is in line or better with the strategy set (Appendix B).

## **7 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-2023**

Report No.167/2023 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources.

The report provided Cabinet with a performance update outlining progress year to date against the Corporate Strategy 2022-2027.

The performance and delivery dashboard (Appendix A) formed part of the Councils overarching performance management process designed to improve the quality of Council services by understanding our progress and areas requiring action.

The dashboard included progress against the two-year delivery programme and the key performance indicators underpinning the Corporate Strategy.

Performance was reported to Cabinet four times per year. This was the second report of 2023 and provided the latest position at the end of quarter two, covering the period April to September 2023.

It was moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded that the recommendations of Report No. 167/2023 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with four votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

### **RESOLVED**

That Cabinet:

- a) **NOTED** the contents of the performance report and the progress in delivering the strategic aims within the Corporate Strategy 2022-2027.

## **8 GREEN WASTE CHARGES FOR 2024/25**

Report No.166/2023 was introduced by Councillor A Johnson, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources.

The report requested approval of revised charges for Green Waste collections in 2024/25.

Option 3 within the report was recommended which explained should the subscription cost increase to £57, it was possible that approximately 5% of subscriptions would be lost. To mitigate this loss, the subscription charge could therefore be set at £60 in order to fully cover costs.

Members agreed that the increased price represented good value for money for the amount of green waste households produced within Rutland.

It was moved by Councillor A Johnson and seconded that the recommendations of Report No. 166/2023 be approved. Upon being put to the vote, with four votes in favour the motion was unanimously carried.

## **RESOLVED**

That Cabinet:

- a) **APPROVED** the proposed annual charge of £60 per bin for the 2024/25 financial year.
- b) **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director for Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Environment, to revise as necessary the terms and conditions associated with the implemented chargeable service for the kerbside collection of green waste.
- c) **APPROVED** the recommendation that future green waste charges are included in the annual Fees and Charges report a year in advance.

## **9 ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.06am.**

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