

COUNCIL

27 February 2023

CABINET RECOMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

Report of the Cabinet

Strategic Aim:	All	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Cllr L Stephenson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy, Strategy, Partnerships and Economy Cllr K Payne, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Performance, Change and Transformation	
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Ward Councillors	N/A	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves the recommendations from Cabinet made at its meetings on 12 January 2022 and 14 February 2022:

Report No. 01/2023 Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Investment Strategy

- 1) Approves the Treasury Management Strategy in Appendix 1 including the Investment Strategy, Borrowing strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision statement and Capital Expenditure Prudential indicators.
- 2) Approves the Capital Investment Strategy in Appendix 2

Report No. 04/2023 – Fees and Charges

- 1) To approve the level of fees and charges for 23/24, set out in Appendices A, B and C.
- 2) To approve new fees for:
 - Highways - temporary access vehicle crossing applications and permits on major developments (para 4.3.1)

- Highways – new developments technical approval process (para 4.3.2)
 - Highways – roadside gullies mapping onto Kaarbon Tech (para 4.3.3)
 - Bulky Waste – including stopping free collections and £3 surcharge (para 4.5.2)
 - Recycling and Residual Waste bins for new build properties (para 4.5.5)
 - A new monitoring and management fee for the First Home Scheme (para 4.8.1)
- 3) To note that taxi and private hire vehicle licenses fees will be subject to change based on the outcome of forthcoming consultation through a public notice procedure and be brought back for approval following that consultation.
 - 4) To note that Appendix D includes fees set nationally (some are still to be confirmed).
 - 5) To note that fees and charges excluded from this report are listed at 2.3 of Report No. 04/2023

Report No. 37/2023 – Revenue and Capital Budget 2023/24

- 1) Approves the General Fund Budget (Net Expenditure) for 2023/24 of £46.549m (section 9)
- 2) Approves budget reductions at service level (service savings, reversal of National Insurance rise and use of earmarked reserves) of £1.735m (Section 9.3) and corporate budget reductions of £1.889m as per section 9.3
- 3) Approves budget increases to meet service pressures of £5.401m arising from the inflation, cost of living and demand (Section 9.3) and a pay contingency of £743k
- 4) Approves the use of £589k of reserves to subsidise the main budget (Section 9) plus £900k set aside from general reserves to fund the Local Plan, Leisure and High Needs deficit (Section 7.1.4)
- 5) Approves the Council Tax resolution in Appendix 9 including an increase in Council Tax for Rutland County Council of 4.99% (2% for the Adult Social Care precept and 2.99% for main council tax) resulting in a Band D charge of £2,013.04 (Section 8)
- 6) Approves the award of up to an additional £25 discount on council tax bills for those individuals receiving local council tax support with an outstanding council tax liability to be funded from a Government grant (section 8.2.13).
- 7) Notes the outcome of consultation (section 13)
- 8) Approves changes to earmarked reserves as per Section 7.1.4
- 9) Approves additions/deletions to the capital programme as per Section 10
- 10) Notes the position on the Dedicated Schools Grant budget (Section 12)
- 11) Notes that additional revenue or capital expenditure may be incurred in 2023/24 funded through 2022/23 budget under spends to be carried forward via earmarked reserves. The use of reserves for budget carry forwards is not currently shown in the budget but will have no impact on the General Fund

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| <p>12) Approves the estimated surplus of £38k on the Collection Fund as at 31 March 2023 (Section 8.3) of which £33k is the Rutland share.</p> <p>13) Notes that the Director for Resources may ask for additional funds to support those in hardship as requested by Cabinet if required.</p> |
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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the recommendations of the Cabinet referred to Council relating to the Council's Budget for 2023/24.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet considered the reports listed below at its meetings on 12 January and 14 February relating to the budget and made a number of recommendations to Council for approval:

- 2.1.1 Report No. 01/2023 Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Investment Strategy

- 2.1.2 Report No. 04/2023 – Fees and Charges

- 2.1.3 Report No. 37/2023 – Final Revenue and Capital Budget 2023/24

- 2.2 The reports and their appendices are appended to this report in full.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Any alternatives to the budget options are outlined in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Data protection implications are set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

11 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 As set out in Reports 01/2023, 04/2023, and 37/2023.

12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Council is recommended to approve the budget proposals recommended by the Cabinet.

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 As set out in the agendas and minutes from Cabinet meetings on 12 January and 14 February 2023.

14 APPENDICES

14.1 Report No. 01/2023 Treasury Management Strategy and Capital Investment Strategy

Appendix 1 Treasury Management Strategy

Appendix 2 Capital Investment Strategy

14.2 Report No. 04/2023 – Fees and Charges

Appendix A – People Directorate Proposed Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix B – Places Directorate Locally Set Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix C – Resources Directorate Proposed Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix D – Places Directorate Nationally Set Fees and Charges 2023/24

14.3 Report No. 37/2023 – Revenue and Capital Budget 2023/24

Appendix 1 Medium Term Financial Plan

Appendix 2 Resources Directorate budget 23/24

Appendix 3 Places Directorate budget 23/24

Appendix 4 People Directorate budget 23/24

Appendix 5 Pressure / Savings

Appendix 6 Earmarked Reserves

Appendix 7 Capital

Appendix 8 Consultation

Appendix 9 Council Tax Resolution

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