

CABINET

27 September 2022

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Decision record

Decision-making body: Cabinet

Location: Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar

Date: 27 September 2022

Present	Councillor Lanigan (Chair) Councillors Barnes, Foggo, Gallacher, Hunt, Kay, G Nightingale, Ovens and Westbury.
Officials	K Boulton, S Fenwick, S Newton, J Sampson, P Rice, C Styles and P Winstanley.
In attendance	Councillor Thomson.
Minutes	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
Declarations of interest	None

These minutes were published on 29 September 2022
by the Governance Director

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Item/report: 15. Financial Position 2022/23 – Quarter 1

Reporting source: Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)

Record of decision: **RESOLVED** that Cabinet:

1. Notes the forecasted outturn position on the revenue budget and the capital investment plan as at Quarter 1 of 2022/23;
2. Approves the revised position for Quarter 1 on Treasury Management Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 4 (not reproduced);
3. Approves the itemised revenue and capital virements detailed in Appendix 5 and 6 (not reproduced); and,
4. Approves the requests for debt write off outlined in Appendix 7 (not reproduced).

Reason for the decision:

Strong financial governance is the foundation of the Council's ability to deliver the Corporate Plan. Effective financial management of the budget aids the delivery of the Council's key priorities and objectives as stated in the Corporate Plan.

The Council maintains a medium-term financial strategy, which informed the Council's revenue and capital budgets and drives the treasury management strategy. The latest version of the budget was approved by the Borough Council on 24 February 2022 and covered a five-year period. The Budget was set based on a 0% Council Tax increase (the original Budget Proposal report in December 2021 suggested a 1.99% increase in Council Tax was required to support a balanced budget) and a 2% increase in the Adult Social Care Levy. Some of the recurring financial pressures which were highlight in the report would significantly change the assumptions made in the latest medium term financial strategy and would result in additional budgetary pressures that would need to be addressed as part of the Budget to be approved by Full Council in February 2023.

The report set out the forecast year-end position for the Council as at Quarter 1 of the 2022/23 financial year; covering the revenue budget, the collection fund, reserves, the capital investment programme, and the arrangements for Treasury Management.

Assessment of options:

A range of options were explored when considering this report.

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Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Item/report:	16. Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area
Reporting source:	Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)
Record of decision:	RESOLVED that Cabinet designate the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area as detailed in the report.
Reason for the decision:	<p>This report advised that Nunthorpe Parish Council had submitted an application for the designation of the Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area to the Council. The submitted area included the Nunthorpe Parish Council area and unparished areas in Middlesbrough alongside an unparished part of Ormesby Ward in Redcar and Cleveland. A duplicate application was also submitted to Middlesbrough Council.</p> <p>The report explained the status of Neighbourhood Areas, the designation process and the reasons for recommending that the submitted area be designated.</p>
Assessment of options:	Neighbourhood Planning Regulations required that local authorities determine all valid applications and designate those applications considered to be acceptable when assessed against the Government guidance. Therefore, no other options were considered.
Declared conflicts of interest:	None
Date and time by which call-in must be exercised:	Midnight on Thursday 6 October 2022

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Item/report:	17. Former United Reformed Church, Loftus
Reporting source:	Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)
Record of decision:	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Former United Reformed Church project proposals to a total of £1.15million, utilising agreed budget allocation from the Indigenous Growth Fund (IGF) be approved;2. The procurement process and appointment of an appropriate principal contractor(s) be delegated to the Assistant Director for Growth and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development; and,3. Authority be delegated to the Assistant Director for Growth and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, to make appropriate design development amendments, including detailed design details, any necessary changes to the business case, and other adjustments to deliver the project to timescales and budget.
Reason for the decision:	<p>This report highlighted the key decisions that have been made to date about the Former United Reformed Church and explained the next steps and the reasons for them. Following the Council's acquisition of the Church, a comprehensive programme of enabling works have been carried out and continue to take place. This included a vast array of surveys to ascertain the stability of the structure and give a greater insight into the building and the steps that would need to be taken in order for it to be ready to be safe, watertight and ready for the construction period to take place.</p>
Assessment of options:	<p>Early consideration was given to demolishing this Church due to its dilapidated state (Living In Loftus 2017 strategic masterplan), however, this option was not progressed under the 2020 Masterplan. The building was in a key gateway location and within the local conservation area. In terms of making an impression upon entering Loftus it was agreed that the building should remain. In addition, carbon emissions could be cut by upgrading older buildings instead of knocking them down by carbon captured.</p>

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Therefore, the only option was to bring the Church into Council ownership, renovate it, both internally and externally, and lease it to a community group.

This project would then contribute to improving the physical appearance of the Borough and improving the prosperity of residents. The Council was being proactive in restoring and enhancing the historic United Reformed Church building via the Loftus regeneration schemes. An aesthetically improved church which was occupied by a successful artist consortium would add to the visitor and cultural offer within Loftus and give further reasons to visit central Loftus with its new improved facilities

Declared conflict of interests:

None

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Item/report: 18. Information Items

RESOLVED that the following items be approved and noted where necessary:

Report of the Governance Director:

- Elections Act 2022

Delegated decisions:

- Adults and Communities Directorate
- Children and Families Directorate
- Resources and Growth Directorate

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