

Schools Grant were being progressed; section 10 of the report reflects the much improved MTFP position; and work was on-going regarding capital receipt flexibilities eligibility.

Further points raised in debate included: ensuring the decrease in the amount of core home care provision does not result in anyone not receiving a service to which they are entitled; work with the CCG to ensure budget alignment; promoting independence; the BSF equalisation fund; and the cross-cutting procurement overspend.

The Director of Adult Social Care, Stephen Chandler, the Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis; the Director of Corporate Affairs, Simon Clifford responded to the points raised in debate noting: work to check adult social care service users satisfaction levels; work to check why any adult social care multiple follow ups are taking place; the details of PFI schemes grant income; on-going work regarding highways Capital funding, including the requirement for photographic evidence of all work completed; and that undeliverable procurement savings would be compensated for by underspends elsewhere.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill opened the debate to other members present, points raised included: the implications of not spending the £9.8m 'pot-hole' fund; the cost of caring for young people on remand; re-basing the Children's Services budget; the realisation of Get Set savings; capital receipt flexibility; and the impact of the unpaid leave proposals.

The Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure, Paula Hewitt, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Cllr Frances Nicholson, the Director of Children's Services, Julian Wooster; the Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis; and the HR & OD Director, Chris Squire responded to the points raised noting: officers were seeking clarity regarding the 'pot-hole' funding; the cost of children on remand relates to a specific case and the child was not previously known to Children's Social Care; that a number of Get Set staff has left their employment sooner than anticipated, but work would continue to review both capacity and demand; that all capital receipt flexibility was closely monitored by the Council's Senior Leadership Team; and that the Union ballot had rejected the unpaid leave proposal and that savings would not need to be found by individual service areas.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill thanked officers for their work .

Following consideration of the officer report and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to:

- **Note the projected revenue budget outturn position for 2018/19 (being an overspend of £3.158m), the current Aged Debt Analysis and the projected delivery of the Medium Term Financial Plan savings.**
- **Agree to a £0.057m transfer from contingencies to Corporate & Support Services (Communications) as referred to in paragraph 7.12**

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

143 **Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 – Quarter 2 report – agenda item 6**

The Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis introduced the report and made a number of points including: on-going work to map spend profiles; the development of the 2019/20 capital programme and the importance of using resources appropriately;

Further points raised in debate included: using capital funding to bring forward highways safety schemes; clarification of why completed schemes were detailed in the report; S106 contributions with specific reference to St Dunstan's School in Glastonbury; and the process for evaluating Small Improvement Schemes submission and associated consideration of fatalities or near issues.

The Director of Commissioning and Lead Commissioner for Economic and Community Infrastructure, Paula Hewitt, the Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis responded to the points raised: Capital funding was used for both member lead Small Improvement Schemes and by officers; an additional tranche of S106 funding was now being utilised at St Dunstan's, Glastonbury; and that all available highways safety information was fed into the Council's Road Safety Strategy.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill noted the Council's £84m Housing Infrastructure Fund application.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendix and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to note the contents of this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

144 **Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19 – agenda item 7**

The Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis introduced the report and made a number of points including: the effective cash management across the organisation; that the Council holds monies for other organisations; the potential to delay further borrowing; and the submission of a bid for the potential early repayment of a LOBO loan.

Further points raised in debate included: cash balances and the Council managing pay-rolls for other organisations; and the potential for the Council to self-invest in developments

The Interim Director of Finance, Peter Lewis noted the importance of the Council having enough available cash to manage its daily activities; and that the Council used its own cash-flow to support developments where appropriate.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill noted the wealth of information contained within the report.

Following consideration of the officer report and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to endorse the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2018-19 and recommended that it is received and endorsed by Full Council on 28th November 2018

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

145 **Corporate Performance Report – End of September (Q2 2018/19) – agenda item 8**

The Director of Corporate Affairs introduced the report and noted: the new format report reflects the Council's vision and business plan; the report format allows topic inclusion flexibility; and highlighted the areas of success as detailed in the report.

Further points raised in debate included: potential accessibility amendments; the drop-in processing of safeguarding enquiries; and consideration of the information included within the report; and the delivery location of the West Somerset Opportunity Area work.

The Performance Officer, Ryszard Rusinek, the Director of Adult Social Care, Stephen Chandler responded to the points raised in debate noting: not all projects have designated performance movements attributed to them; and the number of very complex safeguarding cases.

Following consideration of the officer report and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to recommend to Council to:

- (a) Note the progress report setting out the work of the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Joint Committee since its establishment in March 2018;**
- (b) Agree to delegate the development and endorsement of the HotSW Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) to the HotSW Joint Committee (noting that final approval of the HotSW LIS rests with the HotSW Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Government);**
- (c) Note the Budget statement for 2018/19 set out in Appendix B and that in accordance with the decisions taken at the time the Committee was established, the Council is asked to make provision for a financial contribution towards the costs of the Joint Committee for 2019/20 in line with the 2018/19 contribution**

(£10,500). A further budget update will be provided in advance of the 2019/20 financial year and any additional contribution requested (including in-year) will be submitted as a fully costed agreed proposal within a work programme and only after all other potential sources of funding have been exhausted.
(d) Agree the Budget and Cost-sharing Agreement set out in Appendix B to this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

146 **Heart of the South West Joint Committee Update** – agenda item 9

The Strategic Manager – Partnerships Governance, Julian Gale introduced the report noting: this was the first report from the Joint Committee; the importance of influencing government; improving productivity; the role of the LEP; the £10.5k budget provision remained the same as last year; and the resulting budget pressures for the Democratic Services Team.

Further points raised in debate included: funding levels including the reduced financial contribution made by unitary authorities; the importance of the SW having a brand identity; working with other relevant bodies; common boundaries between the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Joint Committee and any potential future unitary authorities; and working with North Somerset and BANES.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendix and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2019-24 (as set out in Appendix A).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

147 **Somerset Waste Partnership Draft Business Plan 2019 - 2024** – agenda item 10

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure, Cllr David Hall introduced the report, noting: the plan was for a 5 year period; and that the Waste Partnership included both the County and five District Council's.

The Somerset Waste Partnership Managing Director, Mickey Green added to the points raised by Cllr Hall noting: the expected change in Government Strategy to make producers responsible for packaging waste; the importance of re-use; the extension of the Viridor contract; the importance of supporting local businesses; the recycle more contact was expected to be awarded next April and would include an 11 month mobilisation period; and the consideration of other methods to increase kerbside recycling.

Further points raised in debate included: the importance of communications; changing behaviours; producer responsibility to include supermarkets; the financial implications of the Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council merger; street waste bins; and mining waste in existing landfill sites.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Fothergill noted the Peer Review had been complimentary of the work of the Somerset Waste Partnership.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendix and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2019-24 (as set out in Appendix A).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

148 **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018: Emotional Health and Wellbeing – looking through the lens of self-harm – agenda item 11**

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Well-Being, Cllr Christine Lawrence noted the challenging nature self-harming behaviour.

The Director of Public Health, Trudi Grant added to the points raised by Cllr Lawrence, noting: the rising levels of self-harm in Somerset; self-harm often involves expressing deep emotional feelings; the wide range of self-harming behaviours; and the reasons behind self-harm. The Public Health Director further thanked officers Pip Ticker and Jacqueline Burns for their work.

Further points raised in debate included: a request for a short presentation for County Councillors to take to their respective Parish Council meetings; involving school governing bodies; liaison with primary care providers; and the importance of the voluntary and youth sectors.

At the Leader of the Council's invitation, Daniel Mumby, Local Democracy Reporter questioned how the LGBT community could access support.

The Director of Public Health noted the work of 2BU.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendix and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to :

- 1. Endorse this report**
- 2. Note and support the recommendations in the report**

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

149 **Somerset Improving Lives Strategy** – agenda item 12

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Well-Being introduced the report noting the importance of the Strategy.

The Director of Public Health added to the points raised by Cllr Lawrence, noting: the recognition of social and environmental impacts on health; that the Strategy had no budget associated to it, but focused on influencing; the identification of a number of key partners; and that a launch event was planned in December.

Further points raised in debate included: mental health interventions.

Following consideration of the officer report, appendix and discussion the Cabinet RESOLVED to endorse the Improving Lives Strategy, 2019-2028.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in the officer report

REASON FOR DECISION: As set out in the officer report

150 **Any other urgent items of business** – agenda item 13

There was no other business.

(The meeting ended at 12.46pm)

CHAIR