

THE EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the Executive was held on 19 June 2012 at in .

PRESENT: Councillors D Budd, M Carr, B Coppinger, C M Rooney, J Rostron, B Thompson, N J Walker and Mr R Mallon (Chair)

PRESENT AS OBSERVERS: Councillor C Hobson, R Lowes and S Khan

INVITEES: Councillor J Brunton

OFFICIALS: B Baldam, A Hoy, R Long, I Parker, K Parkes, T Parkinson, G Rollings, N Sayer and K Whitmore

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M Robinson and P Slocombe

12/1 **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 24 APRIL 2012**

The minutes of the Executive held on 24 April 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

12/2 **MINUTES OF THE JOINT ARCHIVES COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2012**

The minutes of the Joint Archives Committee held on 26 January 2012 were submitted for information.

12/3 **STRATEGIC PLAN 2012/13**

The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report which sought endorsement of the 2012/2013 Strategic Plan, prior to its consideration by Council on 4 July 2012.

The report stated that the Strategic Plan was the Council's overarching plan. It was a core document of the Council's policy framework and provides the basis of its corporate performance management framework. CMT, Overview and Scrutiny Board and Executive monitor progress against the Plan on a quarterly basis.

In response to the reduction in the Government's oversight of local government performance, the Council has significantly streamlined the Plan in recent years. The draft 2012/13 Plan was just 12% of the size of the 2008/09 Plan, prepared at the high watermark of Central Government regulation.

The draft 2012/13 Plan was attached to the report as an appendix. Derived from departmental business plans and the Council's emerging transformation programme, the Plan outlines for each service area:

- headline performance measures, standards and targets; and
- major improvement activity for the coming year and beyond.

In addition, this year's Plan incorporates the Council's agreed Equality Objectives, required by the Equality Act 2010 and approved by the Deputy Mayor on 27 March 2012. This avoids the need to publish a separate document setting out these objectives.

The draft would be subject to further amendments prior to consideration by Council, including:

- the potential inclusion of the Council's revised vision for Middlesbrough, if finalised;
- changes to departmental plans to reflect ongoing transformation discussions; and
- routine editorial and proof reading changes.

It was proposed that approval of any necessary changes to the plan prior to consideration by Council is delegated to the Deputy Mayor, as advised by the Assistant Chief Executive.

ORDERED

1. **That Executive endorses the 2012/2013 Strategic Plan, prior to its consideration by Council on 4 July 2012.**
2. **That approval of any necessary changes to the plan prior to consideration by Council is delegated to the Deputy Mayor, as advised by the Assistant Chief Executive.**

REASON

The decisions were supported by the following reason:

To ensure that the Council's overarching business plan remains fit for purpose, enable the effective delivery of strategic priorities, and to communicate the Council's improvement agenda to all stakeholders.

12/4

2011/12 REVENUE OUTTURN

The Director of Strategic Resources submitted a report to present the 2011/12 revenue outturn position.

The report outlined that on the 7th March 2011 the Council set its revenue budget at £136.508 million for 2011/2012. A Council Tax increase of 2.5% for Middlesbrough Council was approved and will be funded from the Council Tax Freeze grant.

In setting the 2011/2012 budget, approximately £6.9 million of efficiency savings were identified. The Council approved an extra £3.3 million for key services; including:

- £2.30 million for Children Families and Learning
- £0.75 million for Social care for older people and disadvantaged groups
- £0.115 million for Regeneration.

The final outturn position for 2011/2012 was a net budget saving of (-£506,000). This represented a 0.37% saving against the £136.508 million 2011/2012 budget. The projected outturn position is summarised in the report.

The report stated that the outturn of the Council showed a strong, positive financial position with all services showing improvements on the figures reported at quarter 3. There was a clear focus on managing vacancies in preparation for budget cuts in later years, restricting supplies and service spending to essentials and making the best use of grant funding. There was also significant one off savings and income across all service areas.

The overall positive outturn included significant pressures within services:

- Over the year Children Families and Learning reported increases in demand led pressures on safeguarding, which are ongoing.
- Car parking Income was down significantly because of increased competition and reduced demand.

The additional savings have allowed the Council to place additional funds in the Change programme reserve and the reserve for demand led pressures in Social Care & Vulnerable Children.

Given the size and scope of the Council's budget, the report covers material variances from budget of £10,000 and above.

ORDERED

1. **Note and consider the contents of report.**
2. **Approve the changes to the reserves as set out in paragraph 126.**

REASONS

The decisions were supported by the following reasons:

1. **To ensure that Middlesbrough Council reports on resource utilisation against approved budgets.**
2. **To consider implications upon the Medium Term Financial Plan.**

12/5

MIDDLESBROUGH SHADOW HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD –GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ESTABLISHING A JOINT HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY

The Executive Director of Environment and Adult Social Care submitted that sought Executive approval to implement the final governance structure and terms of reference and agree the proposed framework and timetable to progress the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy, a statutory requirement of the Health and Well Being Board.

The report stated that as set out in the Health and Social Care Bill, Health and Well Being Boards would have the primary aim of promoting integration and partnership working between the NHS, social care, public health and other local services.

The key statutory functions of the board were:

- Local democratic accountability
- Advice, assistance and support relating to the provision of health services
- Joint working between commissioners and providers
- Assessing the needs of the local population – JSNA
- Establishing a Joint Health and Well Being Strategy

A report was presented to Executive on 27 March 2012 outlining a proposed governance structure for the Shadow Health and Well Being Board and its supporting structure. The governance structure and terms of reference are attached as Appendix 1 and 2 of the report.

The report set out the final governance structure for the Shadow Health and Well Being Board, which incorporated feedback from Executive, Scrutiny and other stakeholders.

The inaugural meeting of the Shadow Health and Well Being Board took place 6th June 2012.

The report gave details on the membership of the board, the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy, work to date and the next steps.

ORDERED

1. **The Executive are recommended to approve the proposals set out in this report and agree to:**

- **Endorse the finalised governance structure, terms of reference and membership**
- **Endorse the key findings of the JSNA**
- **Agree next steps and timetable for developing the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy.**

REASON

The decisions were supported the following reason:

The process outlined will ensure that Middlesbrough is responding to the proposals set out in the Health and Social Care Bill and ensures the statutory responsibilities of the Health and Well Being Board are fulfilled.

12/6

COUNCIL, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD – MATTERS FOR RECONSIDERATION

No Items

12/7

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD.

No Items