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Part A – Items considered in public

A4	Corporate Performance: Quarter One 2024/2025	**ORDERED That Executive:** **1. Approve the proposed changes to the Executive actions, detailed at Appendix 1** **2. Approve the proposed changes to the Council Plan workplan actions, detailed at Appendix 3** **3. Approve the proposed changes to the Council Plan workplan actions, detailed at Appendix 3** **AGREED That Executive:** **1. Note the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio** **2. Note delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter One, detailed at Appendix 2** **3. Note the Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix 4**
A5	Review of Licensing fees for Houses in Multiple Occupation	**ORDERED That Executive approve:** **1. The fee structure set out in paragraph 4.10 of the report and in Appendix 1, and** **2. The review of the HMO licensing process.**

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A6	Integrated Transport Strategy	**ORDERED That Executive approve the updated Integrated Transport Strategy.**
A7	Revenue and Capital Budget - Forecast Outturn position at Quarter One 2024/25	**ORDERED That Executive:** **1. Approve the amendment to Appendix 3 of the report.** **2. Approve the proposed revenue budget virements over £250,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.13 and Appendix 3 of the report.** **3. Approve the inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme totalling £8.973m for 2024/25 which were externally funded (detailed in Appendix 9). Subject to approval this would increase the approved 2024/25 Capital Programme budget to £106.188m.** **4. Approve proposed virements over £250,000 between schemes in the 2024/25 Capital Programme approved by Council in March 2024 which were funded from within existing Council resources (detailed in Appendix 9 and paragraph 4.37).** **AGREED That Executive:** **1. Note the forecast 2024/25 revenue outturn as at Quarter One of £146.932m against an approved budget of £143.190m, a forecast year-end overspend of £3.742m (2.6%) summarised below and detailed in Table 1 of the report,** **2. Note the progress on savings delivery set out in Tables 2 and 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.** **3. Note that the Council was dependent upon Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in 2024/25, approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) of up to £13.4m of one-off borrowing, the costs which were factored into the MTFP. Of this sum £4.7m had been utilised to achieve a balanced budget in 2024/25 (paragraph 4.5) of the report.** **4. Note that it was essential that all available measures were taken by management to control revenue expenditure within the approved budget, given that the**

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		Quarter One forecast overspend, if realised would require further £2.498m of EFS borrowing to fund slippage in savings delivery and £1.244m call upon revenue reserves. Both EFS and reserves could only be used once, and the financial pressure would remain in 2025/26 to be addressed. **5. Note that based upon the Quarter One forecast outturn, the forecast revenue balances at 31 March 2025 would be lower than recommended in the approved Reserves Policy at £17.670m:** • **General Fund Reserve of £11.1m (minimum recommended)** • **Council's unrestricted usable earmarked reserves of £6.570m** **6. Note the 2024/25 Capital Programme forecast year end outturn of £99.698m at Quarter One, which was a reduction of £6.490m (6.1%) from the revised £106.188m budget for 2024/25 comprising:** • **An underspend on projects of £3.223m** • **Slippage on projects of £3.267m into 2025/26 and 2026/27** **7. Note that a full review and reprofiling of the Capital Programme would be undertaken during Quarter Two including the establishment of a Capital Programme Board to provide improved management of the Council's Capital Programme and its financing.** **8. Note the Treasury Management forecast outturn position with respect to the Council's prudential indicators as set out in paragraphs 4.46 to 4.54.** **9. Note the current forecast deficit of £5.501m for 2024/25 relating to the High Needs Block with the Dedicated Schools Grant which increases the forecast cumulative deficit to £19.794m at 31 March 2025.** **10. Note the recovery actions and risks to the Council's financial resilience set out in paragraph 4.30 to 4.33 and Appendix 8.** **11. Note the level of Collection Fund and General Fund Debtors at 30 June 2024 as follows (paragraph 4.57 to 4.59):** • **Council Tax £35.790m**

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		• **Business Rates £6.731m** • **Sundry Debt £11.565m** • **Housing Benefit Overpayments £6.427m**
A9	Vulnerability Policy	**ORDERED** **That Executive approves the refresh of the policy to address inconsistencies, updates and presentational issues that require minor amendments. The amendments were:** • **Update the policy to reflect the way in which assistance was provided to those who were hard of hearing / deaf. This would be achieved through the use of British Sign Language interpreters and utilised for the resident via their agreed method of communication e.g. face to face, online etc;** • **Reference to the Council's welfare strategy as this strategy was not formally in place when the previous Vulnerability policy was agreed;** • **Confirmation that vulnerable residents would be signposted to the Benefits or** • **Welfare Rights services to ensure that their income was fully maximised to support the repayment of any outstanding debts**
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