RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 FEBRUARY 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

Recommendation(s) Including Date of Meeting and Minute Number	Actions Taken and Outcome	Completed, follow- up work required or added to Work Programme
Date of meeting: 08/01/2020 Minute number: 45 Recommendation;	General Fund Budget and HRA Budget	
RESOLVED that the following RECOMMENDATIONS to be submitted to the Cabinet:-		
 That this Committee recommends that Cabinet conducts, by the end of the current financial year, a viability review of all long outstanding projects for which monies are currently ring-fenced. 	 This will form part of the identification of items over and above the unavoidable cost pressures currently included in the budget as part of developing the delivery plan to underpin the new corporate plan. 	
2. Cabinet identifies a range of seafront enhancements/cliff stabilisation/beach protection arrangements, in consultation with seaside communities in the District (including relevant Town and Parish Councils) and seeks to fund these through an associated expansion of beach huts in those communities.	 This will form part of the identification of items over and above the unavoidable cost pressures currently included in the budget as part of developing the delivery plan to underpin the new corporate plan. 	
3. Cabinet instigates a review of the Public	This will form part of the upcoming review of all of the Council's assets and supported by the associated budget of	

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Conveniences Strategy with a view to realising the full benefits of the intended investment for all of the toilets being retained.

4. Commercialism should be a specific part of an existing Portfolio Holder's responsibility or that a new Portfolio position should be created to take forward the agenda for commercialism as part of a means of contributing positively to meeting the budgetary pressures on the Council as identified in

its MTFS.

- 5. Cabinet, as part of the budget development to support the corporate plan, looks favourably at providing sufficient funding for meaningful interventions for 2020-21 onwards that will support economic growth for businesses and key sectors such as energy.
- 6. Cabinet be recommended to approve the retention of the estimated surplus of £363K in the HRA from 2019/20 for capital investment in the Council's housing stock.
- 7. In view of the Government's unexpected

£1.134m set aside earlier in the year.

- 4. Commercialism will play a key role in delivering against the action plan being developed to underpin the corporate plan. As part of this process the relevant portfolio holder will need to consider and maximise commercialism opportunities, which will be overseen by the Corporate Finance and Governance Portfolio Holder, given their specific role in developing the long term financial forecast. This should address the very relevant and important point raised by the Committee.
- 5. This will form part of the identification of items over and above the unavoidable cost pressures currently included in the budget as part of developing the delivery plan to underpin the new corporate plan.

- 6. The comment from the Committee is welcomed and the overall surplus remains as a contribution to the capital programme, albeit at a reduced amount of £0.281m due to the impact of the latest budget changes that have been required as set out elsewhere in this report.
- 7. This adjustment has now been included in the updated

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continuation of Revenue Support Grant					
to this Council in 2020/21, Cabinet be					
recommended to approve the					
passporting of Local Council Tax					
Subsidy Grant to Parish/Town Councils					
in the District in 2020/21 to be confirmed					
on the same basis as previously.					

budget set out in this report.

- 8. Cabinet be recommended not to approve the proposed adjustment to the budget to remove expenditure of £68,250 based on the Government's commitments to exempt public conveniences from NNDR liability; as there is no indication that the necessary Parliamentary processes will be undertaken to introduce this measure.
- 8. Officers are making further enquiries with the Government to gain a clearer understanding of whether or not they will be implementing the earlier commitment they made. It is therefore proposed to leave the budget unchanged at this stage but keep the issue under review and make a final decision as part of finalising the budget for presenting to Full Council in February.