

Present: Councillors Robertson (Chair), Bick, H. Davies, Dalzell, Healy and S. Smith

Executive Councillor: Davey (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES - COUNCILLOR DAVEY

2020/21 General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances

The outturn report presented reflects the Executive Portfolios for which budgets were originally approved (which may have changed since, for example for any changes in Portfolio responsibilities). Therefore, members of all committees were asked to consider proposals to carry forward budgets and make their views known to the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, for consideration at Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee prior to recommendations to Council.

Livestream/hybrid meetings - Council Chamber and Committee Rooms (£85,000 capital budget)

During the pandemic the council's decision making meetings were virtual and had been live-streamed, work is being brought forward to enable live-streaming to continue and for remote attendance/participation.

The project will install screens and cameras in the Council Chamber and cameras in Committee Room 1. Most of the equipment will be re-deployable (the same applies to the microphones purchased in 2019). Subject to no requirement for listed building consent, work could be completed by the end of September, otherwise it will be by the end of the calendar year.

Rather than take an Urgent Decision out of cycle after the Council meeting, it was felt more appropriate to present the proposal to Members at Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for recommendation to the Council. Additionally, as the rooms are regularly used, there are limited time periods for the work to be undertaken hence the proposal coming for decision now. The Head of Finance was

consulted and the budget proposal would be funded by capital receipts/borrowing in line with current policy.

Additional recommendation (c):

The Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources is requested to recommend to Council the addition of £85,000 capital funding in 2021/22 to undertaken works to the Council Chamber/Committee Rooms to stream meetings/enable hybrid meetings.

The Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee resolved by 4 votes to 0 to endorse the following recommendations.

i) Approve carry forward requests totalling £658,670 of revenue funding from 2020/21 to 2021/22, as detailed in Appendix C of the officer's report.

ii) Approve carry forward requests of £49,211,000 of capital resources from 2020/21 to 2021/22 to fund rephased net capital spending, as detailed in Appendix D of the officer's report.

The Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee resolved unanimously to endorse the following recommendation.

iii) Approve the addition of £85,000 capital funding in 2021/22 to undertaken works to the Council Chamber/Committee Rooms to stream meetings/enable hybrid meetings.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

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