

To receive minutes and, where necessary, adopt reports of Committees

(Some reports may involve the disclosure of exempt information. If the Council wishes to debate them, for each individual case the Council will need to adopt a suitable motion).

7.1 To receive the minutes of the following meetings:

- 7.1.1 [Cabinet](#) – 10 July 2024
- 7.1.2 [General Purposes Committee](#) -15 July 2024
- 7.1.3 [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) – 17 July 2024
- 7.1.5 [Southern Area Planning Committee](#) – 23 July 2024
- 7.1.6 [Northern Area Planning Committee](#) – 8 August 2024
- 7.1.7 [Southern Area Planning Committee](#) – 13 August 2024
- 7.1.8 [Cabinet](#) – 21 August 2024
- 7.1.9 [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) – 28 August 2024
- 7.1.11 [Southern Area Planning Committee](#) – 3 September 2024
- 7.1.12 [Audit Committee](#) – 23 September 2024
- 7.1.13 [Cabinet](#) – 2 October 2024

7.2 To adopt recommendations from the following:

- 7.2.1 Cabinet – 21 August 2024
- 7.2.1.1 [Corporate Financial Monitoring \(Annex 1\)](#)

In accordance with the Council's Public Participation Scheme, Mr Burley made a statement in respect of Corporate Financial Monitoring.

Consideration was given to a report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which reviewed the Council's revenue spending for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year and provided a Treasury Management update.

The report examined the main differences between the original estimate and actual spend to 30 June 2024, providing an explanation for significant variances.

Overall, the net expenditure to 30 June 2024 was £94,000 higher than budgeted. The adverse variance comprised lower income and additional costs of £185,000 due to service-related activities and partially offset by £91,000 more income from the Council's investing and borrowing activities.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor Flood, seconded by Councillor P North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Resolved:

- 1. That the financial position for each Service and the key revenue areas contained in the Annex to the report be noted.**
- 2. That the Treasury Management update in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.**

Recommended to Council:

- 3. That the 'Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days' be updated as detailed in paragraph 4.11 of the report.**

7.2.2 Cabinet – 2 October 2024

7.2.2.1 Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles (Annex 2)

Consideration was given to the report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder which presented details of a revised Statement of Licensing Principles.

Under the gambling Act 2005, the Council was required to publish a Statement of Licensing Principles setting out matters to be considered when determining applications for licences and permits issued under the Act. Following consultation over the summer of 2024, a revised Statement of Licensing Principles had been drafted.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendation was proposed by Councillor Lodge, seconded by Councillor P North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended to Council:

- 1. That the revised Statement of Licensing Principles, annexed to the report, be approved.**

2. **That the Statement of Licensing Principles, annexed to the report, be effective for a three-year period commencing 31 January 2025 subject to it being kept under review and Council making any changes at such times as it considers appropriate.**

7.2.2.2 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 – 2027/28 (Annex 3)

Consideration was given to the report of the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder which set out the framework within which the 2025/26 budget would be prepared. It also set out the expected medium term income and expenditure forecast for 2026/27 and 2027/28.

The strategy considered the potential impact of macro-economic factors such as inflation and interest rate forecasts and the effects they could have on budget planning in the medium term.

Having considered the options and for the reasons set out in the report, the recommendations were proposed by Councillor Flood, seconded by Councillor P North and Cabinet agreed to the following:

Recommended to Council:

1. **That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2025/26 to 2027/28 be approved.**
2. **That the reallocation of earmarked reserves, as set out in paragraph 4.2.9 of the report, be approved.**