

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday 13 June 2023 by the Finance Committee.

Item No

8. 2022/23 FINAL BUDGET OUTTURN

8.1 This report brings the Committee up to date with the Council's final outturn position for 2022/23 including General Fund revenue position, Housing Revenue Account, and Capital Programme Monitoring (Appendix 1). The report also provides an update of the Council's Treasury Management activity in 2022/23 and sets out expectations for the coming of the year (Appendix 2)

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That Finance Committee:-

(a) note the updated information and management actions provided by this report on the 2022/23 Revenue Budget Outturn as described in this report;

(b) note the updated information and management actions provided by this report on the 2022/23 Capital Programme Monitoring as described in Appendix 1;

(c) note the annual Treasury Management Outturn report for 2022/23 as described in Appendix 2; and

(d) approve the revenue budget carry forward requests for 4 items:

I. £239k Local Area Committee & Ward Pots;

II. £259k Displaced general fund carried forward as a result of Team Around the Person funding from ICB spent in 2022/23;

III. £200k Youth – this proportion relates to the amount underspent on the Voluntary Sector grants in 2022/23; and

IV. £300k in the Housing General Fund for Registration Regulation that was initially allocated in 21/22 to fund staff to undertake enforcement work in Private Sector Housing.

8.3 Reasons for decisions

8.3.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 The Council is required to both set a balance budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. No other alternatives were considered

9. CAPITAL APPROVALS FOR MONTH 1 2023/24

9.1 This report provides details of proposed changes to the existing Capital Programme as brought forward in Month 01 2023/24.

In addition, it provides details of the changes to the capital programme required as part of the year end close down process requiring formal ratification.

9.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That Finance Committee:-

(a) approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 1;

(b) approves the budget adjustments required as part of the financial year end close down procedure as detailed in Appendix 2;

(c) approves the acceptance of grant funding as identified in Appendix 3; and

(d) approves the council entering into agreements to provide funding to third parties as identified in Appendix 4.

9.3 Reasons for decisions

9.3.1 The proposed changes to the Capital Programme will improve the services to the people of Sheffield.

9.3.2 To formally record changes to the Capital Programme and gain Member approval for changes in line with Financial Regulations and to reset the capital programme in line with latest information.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

10. SYMCA FOOD POVERTY FUNDING ALLOCATION

10.1 South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority are making £150,000 available to Sheffield City Council with the requirement that it must be spent directly on sustainable food provision.

It is proposed that the SYMCA funding is used to accelerate the implementation of the Food Access Plan. Specifically, it will be used to develop sustainable local food sourcing infrastructure by:

1. Investing in S6 food bank to give them capacity to purchase food at scale on

behalf of other food banks and food initiatives in the city. This will benefit the food projects who take part by reducing the cost of the food they require and reducing the time they must spend sourcing food. In turn this will increase the resilience of the emergency food relief system.

2. Investing in Food Works to enable them to scale up their surplus food sourcing and develop a pantry model. Food Works pantries will be rolled out in multiple locations across the city in partnership with community organisations. This will increase the number of people in our most disadvantaged communities that are able to access affordable nutritious food.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That Finance Committee approves the proposed funding allocations as set out in paragraph 1.16 of the report.

10.3 **Reasons for decisions**

10.3.1 Supporting food purchasing in bulk will build the resilience of the emergency food system in Sheffield saving food banks time and money.

10.3.2 The expansion of Food Works pantries allows us to deliver on the commitments of the Food Access Plan to stimulate a more diverse range of food provision and support. Delivery of food pantries via Food Works rather than a national operator means that we are investing in local infrastructure and resilience. It also means that the model can be developed responsively and collaboratively, taking into account the needs of the community partner organisations who will host the pantries.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 Provide funding to The Bread and Butter Thing to implement 5 mobile pantries across Sheffield. Whilst it was noted that the initiative has many positive attributes and would bring benefits to communities it was felt that investing in local infrastructure and developing models of support that respond to the needs of local food relief initiatives would bring greater long term benefit.

10.4.2 Continue the emergency food store that is currently being hosted by S6 food bank on behalf of Sheffield City Council. This would not meet the SYMCA requirement for the development of sustainable food provision as it would mean purchasing food on a one off basis rather than investing in capability and infrastructure.

10.4.3 Divide the funding amongst existing food banks This would not meet the SYMCA requirement for the development of sustainable food provision as would likely be utilised for food and ongoing running costs. There will be other grants schemes in the near future that could be used in this way and we will ensure food banks are supported to submit applications.