

Meeting	Executive
Date	26 November 2015
Present	Councillors Steward (Chair), Aspden (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Brooks, Carr, Gillies, Runciman and Waller
Other Members participating in the meeting	Councillor Craghill
In attendance	Councillors Cuthbertson and Hayes
Apologies	Councillor Looker

Part A - Matters Dealt With Under Delegated Powers

75. Chair's Comments

Councillor Steward confirmed the recent Government announcement that the York Central site had been given Enterprise Zone status. He referred to the economic boost this would provide for the city and he expressed his thanks to the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership and Council Officers for their work on the bid submission.

76. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in respect of business on the agenda.

Councillor Runciman declared an interest in relation to item 5. Capital Programme – Monitor 2 2015/16 in relation to references to the Theatre Royal as a non CYC Board member of the York Citizens' Theatre Trust and took no part in the discussion or vote on the item.

77. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive held on 29 October 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

78. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, details of which are set out below:

Capital Programme – Monitor 2 2015/16

Brian Watson spoke in relation to the Community Stadium reference in the capital programme. In particular he questioned details of the additional retail development and increased income which he suggested could offset some of the Council's costs. He also queried any risks associated with outstanding contracts and the extent of the existing use of the St John's complex for club training purposes.

79. Forward Plan

Members received and noted details of those item on the Forward Plan for the next two Executive meetings, at the time the agenda was published.

80. Capital Programme - Monitor 2 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report which set out the projected out turn position for the 2015/16 Capital Programme which included any adjustments and requests to re-profile budgets between years.

It was reported that the Capital Programme approved by Council in February 2015 and updated from later reports to the Executive was £95.290m and, with a decrease of £901k reported in the current monitor had resulted in a revised Capital Programme of £94.389m. The variances reported against each portfolio area together with a summary of the key exceptions and their implications on the programme were also highlighted.

As a result of the changes the revised 5 year capital programme was reported together with financing details of the programme to 2019/20 at table 3 and Annex A.

Officers highlighted the additional costs associated with the extension of time required for works at the Theatre Royal and to the recent awarding of the contract for the Mansion House project, which also included some essential maintenance works.

In answer to questions, Officers confirmed that Fossgate would be included as part of a review and future report being undertaken into city centre access.

Resolved: That Executive agree to:

- (i) Note the 2015/16 revised budget of £94.389m as set out in paragraph 6 and Table 1 of the report.
- (ii) Note the restated capital programme for 2015/16 – 2019/20 as set out in paragraph 33, Table 2 and detailed in Annex A of the report.
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Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

Action Required

1. Amend the Capital Programme accordingly. DM

81. Finance and Performance Monitor 2 2015/16

Members considered a report which presented details of the Council's finance and performance position for the period 1 April to 30 September 2015 which assessed performance against budgets and included progress in delivering the Council's savings programme.

With the Council's net budget at £119,760k, it was noted that the financial pressures facing the Council were projected at £1,250k, an improvement of £654k from the £1,904k reported at Monitor 1. An overview of the forecast was reported on a directorate by directorate basis at Table 1 of the report.

Officers highlighted the potential additional financial pressure of £3m in Adult Social Care owing to funding issues within the Vale

of York Clinical Commissioning Group and their reduction in contribution to the Better Care Fund pooled budget.

Members and Officers reported on work currently being commissioned to examine how performance statistics could lead to improvements in decision making and their subsequent effect on local residents.

In answer to a Member query regarding the Council's regeneration team, Officers confirmed that as part of City and Environmental savings, restructuring proposals for development control and the planning function were under consideration. However Officers reassured Members that all major projects on which the authority would be taking the lead would be funded out of the capital programmes previously approved and staffed accordingly which also included staff to negotiate section 106 agreements.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: That the Executive notes the current finance and performance information set out in the report.

Reason: To ensure expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

82. Treasury Management Mid Year Review and Prudential Indicators 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on treasury management activities for the period 1 April 2015 to October 2015, to ensure that the Council was implementing best practice in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 (revised).

Information was presented on the current economic background and its effect on the Annual Investment Strategy and Investment Portfolio at paragraphs 4 to 26 of the report.

To ensure that the Council had operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators (PI's) details of the monitoring of and compliance with the PI's were reported at paragraphs 27 and 28 and Annex A.

Resolved: That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 (revised), the Executive agree to:

- (i) Note the reported Treasury Management activities to date in 2015/16;
- (ii) Note the Prudential Indicators set out at Annex A and note the compliance with all indicators.

Reason: To ensure the continued performance of the Council's Treasury Management function.

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

83. Capital Programme - Monitor 2 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report which set out the projected out turn position for the 2015/16 Capital Programme which included any adjustments and requests to re-profile budgets between years.

It was noted that the Capital Programme approved by Council in February 2015 had, following earlier adjustments and the decrease in the current monitor of £901k, resulted in a revised Capital Programme of £94.389m.

Members were informed that the decrease was, in the main, due to the reprofiling of budgets in future years and that offsetting this was a net increase of £60k due to an increase of external contributions.

Recommended: That Council agree a decrease in the 2015/16 capital programme of £901k as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A. ¹.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

Action Required

1. Refer to Council.

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Cllr C.Steward, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.47 pm].

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