

Subject CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23

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SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

This report and document present for approval the Council's Capital Strategy for 2022/23.

The document provides a framework that gives a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

It highlights how the Council's decisions on capital spend has financial implications for the future and the financial planning of the Council.

Recommendations:

That Policy and Resources Committee recommend to Council the 2022/23 Capital Strategy.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1. In accordance with statutory guidance, the Council is required to have a Capital Strategy. The capital strategy is informed by and also informs a number of the Council's other strategy documents, including the following:
- Treasury Management Strategy
 - Investment Strategy
 - Asset Management Strategy
 - Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 1.2. There may be some cross over between the capital strategy and some of the above, but essentially the capital strategy provides a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local services. It highlights that decisions made this year on capital spending, as decided within the 2022/23 budget setting in February, have financial consequences for the Council for many years in the future.

2. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23

- 2.1. The Capital Strategy for 2022/23 is attached at appendix A, and covers capital expenditure and financing, treasury management and commercial activities. It reflects how previous capital

investment decisions and those taken as part of the 2022/23 budget setting have ongoing implications for the Council and its financial position in the future.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The strategy sets out the framework for capital investments made in respect of service and commercial investment, decisions in relation to specific capital investments will be presented for approval through the decision-making process as per the constitution and the financial implications would be determined for the capital investments as part of the business case for approval.
- 3.2. The strategy as presented is line with the approved 2022/23 budget as agreed in February 2022. As decisions are made in the year, this may impact on the capital strategy and the respective decision making and recommendations will take into account the capital strategy and recommend changes to the strategy as applicable.

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. These are detailed within the Strategy document.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1. Investment Strategy
- 5.2. Treasury Management Strategy
- 5.3. Asset Management Strategy

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation	
Section 151 Officer Consultation	
Existing Council Policies	See background papers
Financial Implications	Within existing budgets
Legal Implications (including human rights)	
Risk Implications	
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment	
Details contained in strategy	
Crime & Disorder	
Every Child Matters	

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