

Monday, 10 July 2023



BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISIONS NOTICE

**DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET
CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 17 JULY 2023**

The following decisions have been taken by the Babergh Cabinet and will come into effect on 18 July 2023 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

BCa/23/2 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the 2022/23 General Fund financial outturn of £199k overspend compared to budget as set out in this report be noted.
- 1.2 That the revenue carry-forward requests totalling £73k be noted.
- 1.3 That the following transfers be approved:
 - a) £698k be transferred to the Strategic Priorities Reserve
 - b) (£500k) be transferred from the Inflationary Pressure Reserve to absorb pressures experienced in the year
 - c) (£108k) to be transferred from the Council Tax & Business Rates Reserve
 - d) £164k to be transferred to the Waste Reserve
- 1.4 That the capital carry-forward requests totalling £10.820m be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the outturn position for both General Fund Revenue and Capital and to approve earmarked reserve transfers.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The recommended option is set out in the Recommendations. There are no other available

options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/23/3 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINANCIAL DRAFT OUTTURN 2022/23

It was **RESOLVED:** -

- 1.1 That the 2022/23 HRA financial outturn as set out in this report be noted.
- 1.2 That the transfer of £1.004m, being the HRA revenue deficit for the year (£1.515m worse than originally budgeted) from the Strategic Priorities Reserve be approved.
- 1.3 That the HRA capital carry-forward requests totalling £8.444m be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that Members are kept informed of the outturn position for both Housing Revenue and Capital and to approve earmarked reserve transfers and carry forward requests.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The recommended option is set out in the Recommendations. There are no other available options.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/23/4 BDC 2022-23 Q4 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Quarter 4 Performance Report was noted.

BCa/23/5 UPDATE ON THE REGULATOR OF SOCIAL HOUSING REFERRAL AND OUR CURRENT COMPLIANCE POSITION

It was **RESOLVED:** -

That Members noted the report.

REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that members and senior leaders of the councils have oversight over a journey with

the regulator back to a position where we are compliant.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None

BCa/23/6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUTED SUMS SPENDING POLICY

It was RESOLVED: -

- 1.1 To confirm that affordable housing Commuted Sums form part of the operational housing budget and so delegate to the Director for Housing the authority to make the associated spending decisions, in line with adopted policy and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing.**
- 1.2 To adopt the appended Commuted Sums Spending Policy as a means of guiding decision making on Commuted Sums spend.**
- 1.3 That the Director for Housing to be authorised to make future amendments to the Commuted Sums Spending Policy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, for example if required to stay up to date with legislation, national or other Council policies.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To enable spending decisions to be made in a consistent, prompt and effective manner, in line with Council policy and objectives, and the terms of the spend set through individual Section 106 planning obligations.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

- (i) Do nothing. This is not recommended as there is currently no up to date framework for making decisions on spending Commuted Sums.
- (ii) Refer decisions related to community-led housing to Cabinet. This is not recommended as the preparatory processes associated with decision making by Cabinet take longer and increase uncertainty for community groups.

Any Declarations of Interests Declared: None

Any Dispensation Granted: None