

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Cabinet

To: South Holland District Council Wednesday, 22 September 2021

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Subject Report from Cabinet meeting on 7 September 2021

Purpose: To consider recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of:

- **2020/21 Financial Outturn – To provide information on the outturn financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2021 (Cabinet minute 6) (Cabinet agenda item 7)**

Recommendations to Council:

- 1) That the General Fund Underspend be transferred to the Council Tax Reserve; and
- 2) That the General Fund Capital Programme and HRA Capital Programme be approved as set out in Section 4 of Appendix A

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Article 4 of the Council's Constitution provides that only the full Council may exercise the functions of approving, adopting or amending the policy framework and budget, and adopting or changing the Constitution. Staffing matters are also a Council function. The Cabinet however has a responsibility for advising the Council on such matters. At its meeting on 7 September 2021, the Cabinet made recommendations to Council in respect of the above item which may affect the budget and policy framework, Constitution or comprise staffing issues.

1.2 The remainder of this report details the recommendations of the Cabinet which must be read in conjunction with the individual report to Cabinet, a copy of which is attached as appendices.

2.0 2020/21 FINANCIAL OUTTURN (Report submitted to Cabinet – Agenda Item 7 attached)

Consideration was given to the report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Strategy & Partnerships and the Executive Director (Strategy & Resources) (S151) which provided information on the outturn financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2021.

Members questioned what the additional £66,000 in relation to the Finance Team had been used for. The Assistant Director – Finance confirmed that this money had been an additional resource in order to administer the COVID Business Grant Scheme.

DECISION:

- a) That the report and **Appendix A** be noted.
- b) That the contributions to and use of reserves be agreed in line with para 5.5.1 to 5.5.3 and **Appendix A, Tables 3 and 4** of the report.

(Other options considered:

- *To do nothing.*

Reasons for decision:

To provide members with information on the Council's overall financial performance in 2020/21.)

Background papers:-

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Key Decision: N

Exempt Decision: N

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A Cabinet Agenda Item 7
Appendix B Cabinet Agenda Item 7 – Appendix A