

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Date:	Tuesday, 17 August 2021	
Place:	Council Chamber	
Members Present:	Councillors:	Lin Martin-Haugh (Chair), Philip Bibby CC (Vice-Chair), Myla Arceno, Michael Downing, Alex Farquharson, Chris Howells, Wendy Kerby, Andy McGuinness, Sarah Mead, Robin Parker CC, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati and Simon Speller

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Adrian Brown. There were no declarations of interest.	
2	MINUTES - 22 JULY 2021	
	It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
3	PART I DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
	The Committee noted the minutes of the Executive meeting held on Wednesday 11 August 2021. 2. Minutes of the Executive – 14 July 2021 Noted. 3. Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Select Committees.	

Members were pleased to note that Officers would be introducing an action tracker for Executive decisions

4. Covid-19 update

The Chief Executive advised that an update on the latest Covid-19 position had been given at the Executive meeting held on Wednesday 11 August 2021. He agreed to send the written update to all Overview and Scrutiny Members following the meeting.

5. Transformation

The Strategic Director (CF) advised that the programme was an element of the new Making Your Money Count FTFC Programme. Members made the following comments:

- The programme was very high level and would be more useful for Members when further details were available. Officers confirmed that Members would receive further detail during the next stage of the process and that the report was focussed upon consideration of the transformation principles which would be used to inform future activity;
- A briefing for the Opposition Groups was welcomed which would be arranged by the Strategic Director (CF) and the Assistant Director Digital and Transformation;
- In relation to paperless working, half of the Committee Members were supportive of the move to paperless and would be willing to start as soon as possible other Members however, were more cautious. The Assistant Director (Digital and Transformation) confirmed that Members would be receiving ongoing training to ensure the transition was as smooth as possible;
- Concern was expressed by a Member regarding the possible loss of the Council's Print Room Service;
- All Members across the Council should be engaged in the transformation programme.

6. 4th Quarter Revenue Monitoring Report 2020/21 – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account

The Committee noted that audit of the 2019/20 accounts should shortly be completed. The Strategic Director (CF) also reported that the external auditor had confirmed that they would not be carrying out the audit until November 2021 which was a concern as SBC Finance staff would have started work on the 2022/23 Budget by then.

In response to a question, the Strategic Director (CF) agreed to provide information to Councillor Parker regarding the Council's investment relationship with Goldman Sachs International.

7. 2020/21 Capital Expenditure Outturn

Noted.

8. Urgent Part I Business – Potential County Deal

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that the Executive had backed HCC's proposal to submit an early County Deal Expression of Interest but with the proviso that SBC would not be supportive of any proposal that promoted or resulted in significant Local Government Reform for Hertfordshire.

4	URGENT PART I DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	None.	
5	URGENT PART I BUSINESS	
	None.	
6	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	

	<p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.</p> <p>2. That having considered the reasons for the following item being in Part II, it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.</p>	
7	PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE	
	The Committee considered the Part II Decisions of the Executive held on 11 August 2021.	
8	URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	None.	
9	URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
	None.	