

Meeting: COUNCIL

Agenda Item:

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Portfolio Area: Resources

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URGENT DECISION OUTSIDE BUDGET & POLICY FRAMEWORK

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, to report on an urgent decision taken by the Executive that was outside the Budget & Policy Framework.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That this report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 17 July the Executive considered the 2016/2017 Capital Expenditure Outturn (report appended). This report included a recommendation that the 2017/18 General Fund capital programme net changes totalling £4,024,160 be approved.
- 3.2 The total changes included the increase in the 2017/18 capital budget for Registered Providers (fully funded by the use of one for one receipts) of £2,165,000 which is higher than the amount delegated to the Executive and as contrary to the Council's Budget & Policy Framework would require approval at Council however, the next Council meeting (this meeting) is in October and after the grant is projected to be spent.
- 3.3 The Council's Constitution states that the Leader, Executive, or an individual Member of the Executive may take a decision which is contrary to the Council's policy framework if the decision is a matter of urgency and it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees that the decision is a matter of urgency. In this instance the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed that due to the reason for urgency the matter could be decided by the Executive.

- 3.4 The relevant recommendation was therefore included in the attached report that was considered by the Executive (see recommendation 2.5) and approved.
- 3.5 The decision of the Executive was reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution is reported to this Council meeting.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 As set out in attached report.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All relevant implications are set out in the attached report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

BD1 – Council's Constitution - Budget & Policy Framework Rules
<http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/content/committees/96416/Part-4c-Budget-Policy-Framework-Oct16.pdf>

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Report to Executive 17 July 2017 - 2016/17 Capital Expenditure Outturn