

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE  
MONDAY 16 MAY 2022**

**CABINET**

Tuesday, 3 May 2022

**PRESENT** – Councillors Mrs H Scott (Chair), Clarke, Dulston, Durham, Keir, Marshall, K Nicholson and Tostevin

**INVITEES** – Councillors Curry, Harker and Snedker

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Tait

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillors Mrs Culley and McCollom

**C127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**C128 TO HEAR RELEVANT REPRESENTATION (FROM MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC) ON ITEMS ON THIS CABINET AGENDA.**

No representations were made by Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

**C129 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS CABINET HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2022.**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

**REASON** – The represent an accurate record of the meeting.

**C130 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET**

There were no matters referred back for re-consideration to this meeting.

**C131 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no issues arising from Scrutiny considered at this meeting.

**C132 KEY DECISION - ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio introduced the report of the Group Director of People (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the reviewed Special Educational Needs (SEND) Accessibility Strategy 2021/24 (also previously circulated).

The submitted report stated that the Council had a statutory duty to prepare an Accessibility

Strategy in relation to schools for which it was the responsible body; the Strategy must be reviewed every three years; and that due to Covid-19 the review took place in Autumn 2021 and concluded in early 2022. The Strategy set out how the Local Authority would work with maintained settings to increase the extent to which disabled children and young people could participate in the school curriculum; improve the physical environment of schools; and to improve the delivery of information to pupils with disabilities and / or learning difficulties.

Particular references were made to the to the Equality Impact Assessment screening that had been undertaken which had not identified any significant impact on people with a protected characteristic; the positive impact the strategy would have on all children with disabilities; the key change to the strategy which was the inclusion of a key priorities section; the financial considerations; the consultation that had been undertaken; and the outcome of that consultation.

In presenting the report the Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio stated that academies had also been consulted on the Strategy.

References were made at the meeting to the delay in the review of the Accessibility Strategy; whether the recent review of the SEND provision had any implications on the Strategy; and on the response from the academies to the consultation. The Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio responded thereon.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the process undertaken to review the Special Education Needs (SEND) Accessibility Strategy, including consultation, as detailed in the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the Special Education Needs (SEND) Accessibility Strategy, as appended to the submitted report, be agreed.

**REASON** – The Strategy is required under the Local Authority statutory duty.

**C133 RELEASE OF CAPITAL ALLOCATION IN THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) - CORPORATE LANDLORD CAPITALISED REPAIRS 2022/23**

The Cabinet Member with the Resources Portfolio introduced the report of the Group Director of Operations (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to the release of funding allocated in the Capital Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2022/23 to 2025/26 to undertake Capitalised Repairs in corporate buildings.

The submitted report stated that £250,000 had been allocated for 2022/23 in the Capital MTFP for Capitalised Repairs; a condition survey of corporate properties had been undertaken that had identified immediate remedial works and future investment requirements; additional survey and servicing data had been acquired and essential works prioritised; detailed the works to be undertaken; outlined the legal and financial implications; and the advice received from the Corporate Landlord and Procurement.

Particular reference was made at the meeting to the breakdown between corporate resources and prudential borrowing to be used to fund the repairs. The Cabinet Member with the Resources Portfolio and the Director of Operations responded thereon.

**RESOLVED** - That the £250,000 allocated in the Capital Medium Term Financial Plan for Capitalised Repairs, as detailed in the submitted report, be released.

**REASON** - To safeguard the condition of the Council's corporate buildings and to meet statutory and legal obligations.

**C134 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - TO CONSIDER ANY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO OTHER BODIES TO WHICH CABINET APPOINTS.**

There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED –  
FRIDAY 6 MAY 2022**