

Cabinet Addendum Sheet

18 March 2021

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ITEM 6 - BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Amended recommendation 3

That Cabinet agree that delegated authority, up until the Council AGM in 2021, be granted to the Chief Executive to approve any consultancy and agency assignments over £50k that are within approved budgets and establishment, whilst agreeing that any outside budget or establishment will also require final sign-off by the Leader of the Council. Cabinet further notes those consultancy and agency assignments over £50k approved under the previous delegated authority between the 18 February 2021 and 18 March 2021 Cabinet meetings, detailed at Appendix F.

Supporting information

Currently, the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders require formal Cabinet approval for any agency or consultancy assignments over £50k. To facilitate this in a practical way over recent years, Members will be aware that Cabinet each month delegates (as part of this budget monitoring report) its authority to the Chief Executive with the Leader of the Council to approve these assignments instead, reporting to Cabinet on them for information only.

It is proposed to further streamline this sign-off process by amending the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders in due course, to enable the Chief Executive to approve such agency and consultancy assignments so far as they are within budget and establishment. Such a permanent change will require full Council approval to amend the Procurement and Contract Standing Orders at the next AGM.

However, in the interim, Cabinet is asked to agree to a temporary amendment to recommendation 3 giving the same effect to this.

Going forward, Cabinet will still receive, as part of this budget monitoring report, the same information for noting, continuing to provide transparency on such matters.

Alternative options considered and rejected.

Cabinet could retain existing its existing monthly delegation to the Chief Executive and Leader to approve these or recommend to Council an alternative level of delegation.

Revised recommendation 7

That Cabinet accept £728,229 National Leisure Recovery Fund grant funding from Sport England to support the reopening of the Council's leisure facilities.

Supporting information

Since the Cabinet agenda was published, Officers have been notified that an additional £46,687 has been awarded as part of this National Leisure Recovery Grant. This, therefore, takes the total to £728,229 (from £681,542) which, if accepted, will be passported onto GLL, the Council's leisure provider.

Alternative options considered and rejected.

None.

New recommendation 8

That Cabinet agree funding of £20k to Stop Heathrow Expansion (SHE) to support their ongoing work in respect of campaigning against Heathrow expansion.

Supporting information

Following a request from the Stop Heathrow Expansion, Cabinet is asked to authorise £20k, which will be funded from the Earmarked reserve for Heathrow/HS2, which stands at £332k at Month 10.