

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

RESOURCES O&S COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1400 hours on Thursday 22 December 2022, Committee Room 6, Council House, Victoria Square, B1 1BB

Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Bushra Bi (Chair)

Councillors: Rashad Mahmood, Hendrina Quinnen, Paul Tilsley and Ken Wood

Also Present:

Fiona Greenway, Interim Assistant Director, Financial Performance and Insight (On-line)

Sara Pitt, Director of Finance

Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of Financial Strategy

Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement (On-line)

Jayne Bowles, Scrutiny Officer

Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair advised the meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Akhlaq Ahmed and Meirion Jenkins.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ken Wood declared an interest as a non-executive director of Acivico.

Councillor Paul Tilsley declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Birmingham Airport Board.

4. ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

(See documents No 1 and No 2)

The following updates were given on the outstanding actions from the 17 November meeting:

- **Percentage of Interims across the JNC structure** – the additional information is still awaited;
- **Report on how the Cost of Living Emergency Fund is being spent** – the report approved by Cabinet on 11th October included a number of recommendations relating to delegated expenditure and in due course those officer delegated decisions will be available for Members and the public to view on-line.

There was one additional Cabinet Member decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities on 24th November in relation to emergency food aid, which is available to view on-line.

Further information will also be provided on the Cost of Living when Councillor Cotton attends Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January.

RESOLVED:-

That the action notes of the meeting held on 17 November 2022 were agreed and the action tracker was noted.

5. FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23 – MONTH 7

(See document No 3)

Sara Pitt, Director of Finance, and Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of Financial Strategy, were in attendance for this item. Fiona Greenway, Interim Assistant Director, Financial Performance and Insight, was in attendance on-line.

Sara Pitt gave a presentation highlighting the key points from the report.

During the discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points made:

- **Use of Reserves** - In response to concerns regarding the use of reserves, Members were told that the Financial Resilience Reserve is set up for issues that might arise, for example if interest rates increase more than has been budgeted for, and it was acknowledged that the reserve can only be spent once;
- **Capital Spend** – With regard to previous discussions at this Committee around the slippage in capital spend and the importance of getting the profiling right, it was confirmed that there should be more profiling next year, which will also help with borrowing.

RESOLVED:

That the report was noted.

6. PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

(See documents No 4 and No 5)

Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement, was in attendance on-line for this item.

It was confirmed that the two reports – key decisions and non-key decisions – had been discussed at the recent Cabinet meeting and had been taken as tabled, with no additional comments having been raised.

There were no questions from Members.

RESOLVED:-

That the report was noted.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document 6)

RESOLVED:-

That the work programme was noted.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted.

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

N/A

PRIVATE AGENDA

13. PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES EXEMPT APPENDIX 3

N/A

The meeting ended at 1429 hours.