

Birmingham City Council

Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Section 151 Officer Update on the Financial Position of the Council – December 2023

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the Council's Financial Position as reported to Cabinet on 12 December 2023.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee receives and notes the Cabinet Financial Position Report attached as Appendix 1.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 Financial implications are set out in the appendix attached.

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 Legal implications are set out in the appendix attached.

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 5.2 The protected characteristics and groups outlined in the Equality Act are: Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex, and Sexual Orientation.
- 5.3 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.
- 5.4 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1: Cabinet Report, Section 151 Officer Update on the Financial Position of the Council – December 2023