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Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 15 January 2024 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 22 January 2024 at noon

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

Democracy Services

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4	Budget 2024/25 and MTFs 2024-28	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet agreed the proposed Council Tax Base for 2023/24 set out in paragraph 2.7 and Appendix 1. 2. That Cabinet considered and agreed the second tranche of draft growth proposals for 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Appendix 5) put forward by officers and refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in January 2024 for consideration and comment. 3. That Cabinet considered and agreed the amendment to the savings 2024/25 with the removal of saving ECPC 2425 S02 																																																		
5	Financial Approvals - January	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet noted the contents of Section 5 and appendices 5a to 5c and approve the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the 4 Tables below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="600 810 2101 1158"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost Centre Narrative</th> <th></th> <th>Budget 2023-24 £</th> <th>Budget 2024-25 £</th> <th>Explanation for the Budgetary Change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="5">Finance & Digital</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Systems- e-Forms Platform Transition</td> <td>(1)</td> <td>0</td> <td>3,000</td> <td>Virement from TK Dialogue to cover projected costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer Contact- Replace TKDialogue</td> <td>(1)</td> <td>0</td> <td>(3,000)</td> <td>Virement to Eforms to cover projected costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planned Replacement Programme</td> <td>(1)</td> <td>170,000</td> <td>(170,000)</td> <td>SAN Reprourement progressing faster than anticipated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compulsory Purchase Order - Clarion CPO</td> <td>(1)</td> <td>(1,845,000)</td> <td>1,845,000</td> <td>Delays to obtaining planning permission</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Finance & Digital</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(1,675,000)</td> <td>1,675,000</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="600 1163 1966 1246"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost Centre Narrative</th> <th></th> <th>Budget 2023-24 £</th> <th>Budget 2024-25 £</th> <th>Explanation for the Budgetary Change</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cost Centre Narrative		Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change	Finance & Digital					Business Systems- e-Forms Platform Transition	(1)	0	3,000	Virement from TK Dialogue to cover projected costs	Customer Contact- Replace TKDialogue	(1)	0	(3,000)	Virement to Eforms to cover projected costs	Planned Replacement Programme	(1)	170,000	(170,000)	SAN Reprourement progressing faster than anticipated	Compulsory Purchase Order - Clarion CPO	(1)	(1,845,000)	1,845,000	Delays to obtaining planning permission	Finance & Digital							(1,675,000)	1,675,000		Cost Centre Narrative		Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change					
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Children, Lifelong Learning & Families				
Additionally Resourced Provision - Raynes Park ARP	(1)	(10,000)	10,000	Re-profiled in line with projected spend
Additionally Resourced Provision - Cranmer ARP	(1)	(42,500)	35,500	Re-profiled in line with projected spend
Additionally Resourced Provision - West Wimb ARP	(1)	7,000		Re-profiled in line with projected spend
CSF Safeguarding - Children's Safeguarding	(1)	(165,000)	165,000	Re-profiled in line with projected spend
Children's Centres - Family Hubs	(1)	(187,000)	187,000	Re-profiled in line with projected spend
Childcare - Childcare Expansion	(1)	0	312,990	DofE Grant Allocation
Total Children, Lifelong Learning & Families		(397,500)	710,490	
Cost Centre Narrative		Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Environment, Civic Pride & Climate				
Off Street Parking - P&D - Car Park Upgrades	(1)	(50,000)	50,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Off Street Parking - P&D - Peel House Car Park Upgrades		(190,000)	190,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
CCTV Investment - Willow Ln Bridge Improvements	(1)	(25,790)	25,790	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
CCTV Investment - Brangwyn Cr/Cside East Improv	(1)	(51,430)	51,430	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Fleet Vehicles - Replacement of Fleet Vehicles	(1)	(300,000)	300,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Highways & Footways - Milner Eoad Improvements	(1)	(49,000)		Unused Budget Relinquished
Cycle Route Improvements - Cycle Access/Parking	(1)	(36,000)		TfL Provisional Allocation replaced with Final Allocation
Climate Change - Carbon Offset Funding	(1)	(50,000)	(75,640)	Scheme has ceased
Parks Investment - Sports Drainage	(1)	(22,000)	22,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Parks- Parks Investment	(1)	6,440	0	Contribution from the Friends of Cannizaro.
Total Environment, Civic Pride & Climate		(767,780)	563,580	

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Cost Centre Narrative		Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Housing & Sustainable Development				
Borough Regeneration - North East Mitcham Community Centre	(1)	55,000	0	To carry out urgent works in advance of NCIL Civic Pride Allocations
Borough Regeneration - Lost Rivers	(1)	(230,000)	230,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Works to other buildings - Capital Building Works	(1)	(282,000)	0	Virement to separately Identify large capital scheme
Civic Centre - Roof and Shops	(1)	0	282,000	Virement to separately Identify large capital scheme
Total Housing & Sustainable Development		(457,000)	512,000	
Overall Total		(3,222,280)	3,386,070	

B. That Cabinet noted the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below:

Cost Centre Narrative		Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Children, Lifelong Learning & Families				
Hollymount - Capital Maintenance	n/a	38,000		Required adjustments to the approved programme for the capital maintenance of schools - these schemes are all funded by government grant and are treated as one budget within the capital programme.
West Wimbledon - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(8,840)		
Hatfield - Capital Maintenance	n/a	1,000		
Hillcross - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(1,000)		
Joseph Hood - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(23,910)		
Dundonald - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(15,000)		
Garfield - Capital Maintenance	n/a	100		
Merton Park - Capital Maintenance	n/a	1,130		
Poplar - Capital Maintenance	n/a	17,140		
Wimbledon Chase - Capital Maintenance	n/a	63,000		
Wimbledon Park - Capital Maintenance	n/a	2,000		
Malmesbury - Capital Maintenance	n/a	8,470	(98,000)	
Bond - Capital Maintenance	n/a	8,000	(102,000)	

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Gorringe Capital Maintenance	n/a	24,000	
Haslemere Capital Maintenance	n/a	(5,000)	
Sherwood Capital Maintenance	n/a	(7,000)	
Raynes Park - Capital Maintenance	n/a	140	
Rutlish - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(4,510)	
Perseid Upper - Capital Maintenance	n/a	(50,000)	125,000
Melrose & Whatley Ave SEN - Whatley Avenue Capital Maintenance	n/a	11,000	
Medical PRU - Capital Maintenance	n/a	10,280	
Perseid Lower - Capital Maintenance	n/a	6,000	
Total Children, Lifelong Learning & Families		75,000	(75,000)

C. That Cabinet noted the following items which are envisaged will impact on the Capital Programme:

- a) Amenity Way – Officers are currently compiling the works required to this site for the new waste collection and street cleansing service – it is currently envisaged that this will be funded from SCIL and the mobilisation fund.
- b) The Authority is currently undertaking a review of its transportation provision to become carbon neutral. In the short term there are a number of vehicles that need to be replaced either by leasing/rental/purchase as they are non-ULEZ compliant (21 vehicles) and are rented/leased under a framework agreement that ceases in September 2024 (6 vehicles). Procurement documentation will progress options to rent/lease and purchase, once the method of procurement is established budgetary provision will be made.
- c) The Authority has just been successful in a Stage One bid for financial resources for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure from the Department of Transport – this was a joint bid from Hounslow, Richmond and Wandsworth (Stage Two submission by 30 November 2023) – as additional information becomes available it is envisaged that the tranche applicable to Merton will be added to the Capital Programme for 2023-24
- d) Draft Terms – AFC Wimbledon Library and Community Hub - This is a variation on proposals previously considered by the Authority – the changes compared to the previous proposal are:
 - Lease term changed from 25 years to 99 years.
 - No break clause

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		10 years of running costs covered by club sponsorship thereafter full cost will fall on LBM.
6	Waste and Recycling Collections Service Procurement	RESOLVED: A. That Cabinet noted the progress to date on the Waste and Recycling Collections Service procurement process; B. That Cabinet noted and agreed to the clarification around employee terms and conditions as set out in the report
7	Mental Health Social Work S75 agreement	RESOLVED: a) That Cabinet approved that notice be given on the current Section 75 agreement with South West London and St Georges Mental Health Trust with social workers and support staff returning to Council service line Management. b) That Cabinet authorised the Executive Director: Adult Social Care, Integrated Care & Public Health, and the Executive Director, Innovation & Change, to take all actions needed, including any employment matters, to give effect to this resolution
8	Civic Centre – Installation services and project management of a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) System, Electrical Intake and Replacement Lighting.	RESOLVED: A That Cabinet approved that pre-construction negotiations are concluded into for the provision of a new VRF system at the Civic Centre, along with remedial works to the electrical power network and partial lighting replacement, with the preferred bidder listed in Appendix A. B That Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Sustainable Development to exercise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainable Development, approval to award a contract to the preferred bidder on completion of a successful value engineering exercise to bring

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		costs within budget
11	St Marks Road Car Park, Mitcham	RESOLVED : That the recommendations within the report were agreed.

Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor's email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on 020 8545 3357