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Where an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is of the opinion that an executive decision which relates to an area covered by that Committee yet to be made or made but not yet implemented would be, contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the Council's budget, then it should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer and/or Director (Finance and Operations).

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to:

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1/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	1	Affordable Housing Programme Monitoring Report – November 2015	Non-Key	All	No	Social	1.
2/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	1	Revenue Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2015 (Month 9)	Non-Key	All	No	Resources	2.
3/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	1	Capital Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2015 (Period 6)	Non-Key	All	No	Resources	3.
4/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	1	Localised Council Tax Support Scheme – 2017/18 Changes	Non-Key	All	No	Resources	4.
5/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	1	Council Tax Support – Hardship Relief and Discretionary Housing Payment Update	Non-Key	All	No	Resources	5.
6/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	2	Moors Walk, Panshanger – Sale of Property	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP738	Panshanger	No	Resources	6.
7/10/15-16	Cabinet	2 February 2016	2	Splashlands Project (Phase 2) – Appointment of Amey Plc	Non-Key	Handside	No	Social	7.

LIST REFERENCE: 1/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Affordable Housing Programme Monitoring Report – November 2015								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Jeremy Morton 01707 357723 j.morton@welhat.gov.uk	No	Social

DECISION:
The criteria for the open market purchase of properties as part of the delivery of the Council's affordable housing programme was extended and revised criteria adopted.

BACKGROUND:
Recommendations of Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 16 December 2015 to the Cabinet item 10(a) refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 2/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Revenue Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2015 (Month 9)

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Daniel Williams 01707 357389 d.williams@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>(1) Changes to the general fund forecast outturn as at 31 December 2015 were agreed and included in the current budget, which in turn would then be used as the basis of comparison to the forecast outturn.</p> <p>(2) The forecast improved position from period 6 on the Housing Revenue Account of £565,000 giving a forecast balance of £9,894,000 was noted and £289,000 of this forecast would be included as a current budget for the remainder of the financial year which would then form the basis of comparison for the last quarter of the year.</p> <p>(3) All service managers would be informed that any significant changes to the forecast outturn which could not be met by a similar level of savings would need a report to the Cabinet to request additional funds.</p> <p>(4) The position on debts and rechargeable works was noted.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 12 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 3/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Capital Budget Monitoring at 31 December 2015 (Period 6)

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Tracy Fortune 01707 357219 t.fortune@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The overall position on capital spending, funding and reserves, the latest current budget to date of £40,853M, the forecast outturn and Prudential Indicators were noted.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 13 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 4/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Localised Council Tax Support Scheme – 2017/18 Changes

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>(1) Proposed changes to the council tax support scheme for 2017/18 in relation to abolishing the family premium for new claimants, reducing the backdating of council tax support for working age claimants from six months to one month and abolishing the payment of the second adult rebate would be consulted on.</p> <p>(2) The proposed changes would be consulted on through SurveyMonkey.com with the process being managed by the Performance and Strategy team and promoted through the council tax leaflet sent to each household.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 14 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 5/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Council Tax Support – Hardship Relief and Discretionary Housing Payment Update

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1	All	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Farhad Cantel 01707 357011 f.cantel@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
The update for the first three quarters of the current financial year was noted.

BACKGROUND:
Report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to the Cabinet item 15 refers.

LIST REFERENCE: 6/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT
Moors Walk, Panshanger – Sale of Property

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Panshanger	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Key Forward Plan Ref: FP738	Geoff Sampson 01707 357458 g.sampson@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
Delegated authority was given to the Director (Finance and Operations), in consultation with the Executive Member, Governance and Public Health, to approve the sale of this property.

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 18(a) refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public

LIST REFERENCE: 7/10/15-16

SUBJECT / TITLE OF REPORT								
Splashlands Project (Phase 2) – Appointment of Amey Plc								

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by the Decision	Decision taken by	Date decision taken	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by	Appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2	Handside	Cabinet	2 February 2016	No	Non-Key	Paul Underwood 01707 357220 p.underwood@welhat.gov.uk	No	Resources

DECISION:
<p>(1) The proposal to directly appoint Amey plc to complete this work and to report the findings to Officers and Members of the Splashlands Project Board was noted.</p> <p>(2) The Cabinet agreed to a dispensation from the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules for the appointment of Amey plc, without further competition, in accordance with Rule 12.</p> <p>(3) Subject to an instruction to proceed, Amey plc would complete and submit their full findings and report within three months, allowing for interim meetings and at least one Officer and Member workshop to be held during this period.</p>

BACKGROUND:
Exempt report of the Director (Finance and Operations) to Cabinet item 19 refers. As the report contains confidential/exempt information it is not available to the press or public.