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13 July 2023

Title and author(s) of written report:

Capital Programme First Review 2023/2024 (including Treasury Management) – Report of the Director of Finance

Full description of decision:

To:

- In respect of the first capital review for 2023/2024 to approve the inclusion of additional schemes or variations to existing schemes for 2023/2024 detailed at Appendix A;
- Note the increased cost pressures on the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- In relation to the Treasury Management Strategy, Cabinet is asked to note the increase in borrowing interest rates, progress in implementing the 2023/2024 Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.

Reasons for decision:

As included in the Council's constitution, Cabinet is required to exercise control over capital spend and resources and receives quarterly reports to support this. This report notes the inclusion of additional capital schemes since approval by Council on 22nd February 2023.

Cabinet is also requested to note the progress in implementing the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/2024, which is in line with the approved Treasury Management Policies.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

First Revenue Budget Review 2023/2024 – Report of the Director of Finance

Full description of decision:

To:

- Note the contents of the report; and
- Approve the contingency transfers proposed at Section 3.4.

Reasons for decision:

To respond to variations in expenditure and income which have arisen in 2023/2024 and enable effective budgetary control to be exercised.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

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None

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Title and author(s) of written report:
Structural Maintenance of A182 Bridges (Phase 3) – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:
To:

- 1) Approve a programme of structural maintenance to Bonemill Lane Interchange Bridge and Chartershaugh Bridge.
- 2) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder, to commence the procurement process and subsequently to appoint a contractor to carry out the works.
- 3) Authorise the Chief Executive, Executive Director of City Development and/or the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to execute all legal documents as required to give effect to the above.

Reasons for decision:
The decision is required to:

- a) ensure the Council continues to meet its statutory duty in maintaining the public highway.
- b) procure a skilled and experienced contractor for the delivery of the scheme.
- c) Cabinet approval is required for procurements in excess of £0.5m. This proposed scheme will exceed this value.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

1. **Do nothing:** this would not support the Council's statutory duty to maintain the highway.
2. **Defer the works:** the condition of the bridges would deteriorate, leading to increased cost of future repair and increased safety risk to the public.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Area Committees Area Plans – Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To:

- 1) approve the five Area Committee Area Plans for Coalfield, East, North, West and Washington: and
- 2) authorise the Executive Director of Health Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Area Committee Chairs to finalise and implement the detailed delivery plans for each of the five Area Plans

Reasons for decision:

Area Committee Area Plans identify key local priorities that form the basis of a structured delivery plan for each of the five areas across the city. The Area Plans will enable the structured delivery and effective implementation of activities by the Area Committees.

Area Plans have been developed through working collaboratively with Local Members, Council Services and Partners. Area Plans will deliver local projects and activities and influence delivery of services at a local level which will support the resilience of residents and communities.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

That the Council does not adopt five Area Committee Area Plans.

This was considered and rejected as by not having the Area Committee Area Plans in place would not enable the Council to respond in a structured and coherent way to local priorities and influence delivery of services and activities at a local level which support the resilience of residents and communities.

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Is this a key decision:

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No
Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Partnership Working with the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To:

1. Note the progress to date in relation to the establishment and operation of the Alliance within Sunderland;
2. Authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City and the Director of Finance, to take all necessary action to support the transition of the Alliance to an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO); and
3. Authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City and the Director of Finance, to agree and implement the detailed terms of a partnership and funding agreement with the Alliance.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal will continue to maximise the support and capacity of the voluntary sector in Sunderland by collaborative working with the Alliance. The Council and wider partners aim to develop place-based services and area-based initiatives and the success of this will be built on the skills and strength of our voluntary and community sector (“VCS”) partners supported through the Alliance, so this report formalises future arrangements for collaboration and joint working.

A strong VCS and proactive Alliance will support and enable local outcomes for residents and contribute to outcomes and delivery within the City Plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

It is recognised that having a strong and supported VCS is a key aspect of delivering successfully within communities for many locally based activities and programmes for residents for the Council and wider partners. In addition, it is considered that the Alliance has a critical role in supporting the development of a robust VCS within the City. Therefore, no other options are recommended.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The Chief Executive declared an interest as a Board Member of the VCS Alliance CIO and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Procurement of a Solution for the Provision of Community Support Services with the Voluntary and Community Sector – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

Full description of decision:

To authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities in consultation with the Director of Finance, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City, to procure a solution and award subsequent framework agreements for community-based services including crisis support.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal aims to ensure that there is a compliant procurement process in place to maximise the work and services of the voluntary sector in Sunderland. The Council are committed to working with the VCS in many areas of activity that are needed to be delivered locally and a formal procurement arrangement will ensure that the Council can work with the VCS in a structured and compliant way.

Where the aggregate value of the intended procurement is estimated to be equal to or over £500,000 Cabinet approval is required prior to advertising the opportunity.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to have a procurement arrangement.

This was considered but rejected as there is a clear need, focus and commitment to delivering programmes and projects locally through the VCS. Therefore, a formal procurement solution is necessary.

Contact Officer: Graham Scanlon

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

The Chief Executive declared an interest as a Board Member of the VCS Alliance CIO and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposed Extension of Contract for Public Health Services in Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To:

- a) Approve the variation to the Council's existing contract for Public Health Services in Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) in Sunderland to allow an extension of the contract period for a period of 12 months between 01 December 2023 to 30 November 2024 and a further option to extend up to a maximum of 12 months, to allow time to plan the future commissioning intentions;
- b) Authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Healthy City, to determine and agree the further option to extend period from the 01 December 2024, up to a maximum of 12 months; and
- c) Remove the provision of Healthy Start Vitamins. from the Public Health services within Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) contract.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal to extend the Public Health Services in Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) contract which delivers various community pharmacy-based services within Sunderland is recommended as a result of the below:

Changes to pharmacy commissioning responsibilities within The Integrated Care Board (ICB) – From April 2023, NHS England delegated their Pharmacy, Ophthalmology and Dentistry (POD) services to the ICB. The ICB have indicated it will take a minimum of 12 months to clarify future commissioning intentions for enhanced pharmacy provision, after which, an opportunity to align Local Authority commissioning intentions will ensure more joined-up provision can be secured. This includes taking stock of existing 'advanced service' provision within pharmacy (such as stop smoking services for those initiating a quit attempt following an inpatient stay and/or via maternity services), to reduce duplication and promote seamless service provision across Sunderland.

Recent changes to Local Pharmacy Committee (LPC) arrangements -

Due to the merger of the Durham and Sunderland LPC, it is advised that a review of Local Authority-funded pharmacy provision is reviewed on a sub-regional basis, in order to support a more consistent and collaborative approach to contracting that promotes value for money.

The Healthy Start Vitamins (HSV) The proposal to remove HSV's from Public Health Services in Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) contracts is based on the figures of Health Start Vitamins (HSV) that have been issued to children and adults over the last year through Community pharmacy, it was deemed so low that it was not having a positive impact within Sunderland, and particularly to more vulnerable groups in which they are aimed at.

Considering the above it would be advisable to seek an extension on the current Public Health services in Primary Care (Community Pharmacy) contract arrangements with existing contracted pharmacies and remove Healthy Start vitamins from 01 December 2023, to enable improved integration within the local health and care system, in a way that supports the achievement of improved health outcomes, increased value for money and achievement of key outcomes within Sunderland's Healthy City Plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- (i) Do not grant the extension for the existing contract arrangements on the same terms with Community Pharmacies, resulting in a decommissioning of pharmacy-based public health provision. This is not recommended as not implementing the extension will result in a significant impact on residents with reduced access to public health services within pharmacy such as stop smoking, Emergency Hormonal Contraception, and C-Card.
- (ii) Re-tender the existing contract from 1st December 2023. This would not be recommended as it would not allow sufficient time to align with the new ICB Pharmacy, Ophthalmology and Dentistry (POD) delegations, or with the new recommendations of [The Hewitt Review](#), the [Fuller report](#) and the [Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care](#), which all set out the intention to improve Primary Care Network (PCN) working to be more of a robust, alliance /collaborative approach.
- (iii) Extend the existing contract arrangements for 6 months. This would not be recommended as it would not allow sufficient time to align with the new ICB Pharmacy, Ophthalmology and Dentistry (POD) delegations, or with the new recommendations of [The Hewitt Review](#), the [Fuller report](#) and the [Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care](#), which all set out the intention to improve Primary Care Network (PCN) working to be more of a robust, alliance / collaborative approach.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:	None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Commissioning of Child Vision Screening Programme for Reception Children in Sunderland – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, to undertake all necessary steps to procure and award a new contract for Child Vision Screening in Sunderland for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2029 (with an optional extension for up to 24 months thereafter, which will be at the discretion of the Council).

Reasons for decision:

The proposal will ensure the continuation of a Child Vision Screening Programme for children aged 4 to 5 years in Sunderland which meets current and future needs, in accordance with the recommendations of the UK National Screening Committee (NSC). This will support the continued delivery of key health outcomes for children in Sunderland.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Do nothing – do not procure and award new contract for Child Vision Screening programme. This is not a viable option as children aged 4 to 5 years in Sunderland would not have access to a universal child vision screening programme, which is within scope of the public health functions for children's public health.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Grant Funding to Third Sector Organisations Providing Social Care Related Services – Report of the Director of Adult Services

Full description of decision:

To approve the award of funding for 2023/2024, in the form of a grant to:

- a) Sunderland People First, who are self-advocacy group for people with learning disabilities and autism, and
- b) Washington Mind, who are the lead partner in a consortium with Sunderland Mind and Sunderland Headlight, providing a My Life Support project to people with mental health needs
- c) Bishopwearmouth Co-operative Community Interest Company to provide day / volunteer placements to adults with disabilities at the Elemore Green Space Project

Reasons for decision:

The Council continues to support the important work of Sunderland People First (SPF). A lack of continued funding would be detrimental to not only the organisation and those it employs, but to people with learning disabilities and autism, who require a locally based, independent self-advocacy group.

The grant funding requested will also sustain the My Life Support Project, which is provided by a consortium of local mental health organisations, led by Washington Mind. Without the funding, the project would either need to reduce capacity, meaning less people would benefit from the support or the project would cease, which would impact on the health and well-being of the people it supports.

Bishopwearmouth Co-operative Community Interest Company provide training and work-based placements for vulnerable adults with disabilities. The Council supports the important work that the organisation does, and the funding enables the organisation to deliver on its important objectives with the aim of improving the lives of people with disabilities. The project also supports one of the Council's key priorities within the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan following significant resident consultation.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Do not provide funding to SPF - this option is rejected. Funding from the Council ensures the continued delivery of the organisation's objectives and contributes to the overall sustainability of the organisation.

Do not provide funding to Washington Mind, who are the lead consortium partner in the My Life Support Project – this option is rejected. Without continued funding, the My Life Support project would either need to reduce capacity, meaning less people would benefit from the support or the project may cease, which would impact on the health and well-being of the people it supports

Do not provide funding to Bishopwearmouth - this option is rejected as the funding from the Council contributes to the delivery of the organisation's important aims and objectives and it supports one of the Council's key priorities within the Coalfield Neighbourhood Investment Plan following significant resident consultation.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor Stewart declared an interest as a Board Member of the Bishopwearmouth Co-operative Nursery CIC and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Children, Education and Skills
Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Special Provision – School Organisation Proposals – Report of the Director of Children’s Services

Full description of decision:

To:

1. Authorise the commencement of the necessary initial consultation process and subsequent statutory process required to:
 - Establish a resourced Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Unit at Hudson Road Primary School;
 - Amend the designation of the current Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) unit at Usworth Colliery Primary School to include Social, Emotional and Mental Health; and
 - Increase the number of commissioned SEN places at Usworth Colliery Primary school.
2. Note the need to procure capital works to facilitate the amendment to the existing SEN provision at Usworth Colliery Primary School if the proposals are ultimately approved.
3. Subject to the outcomes of the required School Organisation processes and subject to consultation with the Lead Member for Children’s Services, authorise the Executive Director of Children’s Services to procure capital works and award contracts to facilitate the refurbishment of the former Bright Stars Nursery building at Hudson Road Primary School.

Reasons for decision:

The proposals contained within this paper have been identified as necessary to ensure that Sunderland City Council continues to effectively meet its statutory duty to ensure that there are enough local school places to meet demand.

The proposals to provide localised SEN provision in Washington and South Sunderland ensures that pupils with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) can access provision that meets their needs within localities. This will reduce the need for young pupils, particularly those aged between 5 and 11

years of age, to travel to central provisions to access appropriate school places. Development of resourced provisions / units within primary schools will also enable children, for whom it is appropriate, to access elements of a mainstream curriculum in a maintained primary school setting.

Current SEMH provision is based out of one Special School, with a resourced unit to be opened in the Coalfields in 2024. This proposal creates a more equal distribution of specialist provision while adding much needed additional capacity in Sunderland that will result in fewer out of area or independent school placements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- Retain current SEN site locations only – This would not enable pupils to access specialist provision within their home localities leading to extended travel time, high transport costs and greater potential for failed re-integration back into substantive school places.
- Retain current levels of SEMH provision – As the city’s mainstream SEHM provision is currently at capacity this will result in pupils being placed in out of area or independent places, resulting in increased travel time, a need to commission out of area residential places or placement at independent settings which would lead to pressure on the local High Needs Block budget.
- Not to refurbish the former Bright Starts Nursery – This would result in the premises identified to deliver a SEMH provision not being equipped to meet the needs of the pupils on roll from either a condition or suitability perspective.
- Not amend the current Usworth Colliery site - The resource available at the provision is not consistent with current best practice for a SEN provision. This proposal will increase the appropriateness of the site while simultaneously increasing capacity.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:	None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Land Exchange to Facilitate the Rebuild of St Patrick's Primary School, Ryhope – Joint report of the Executive Director of City Development and Director of Children's Services

Full description of decision:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i. Agree in principle to dispose of the properties identified as Property 1 and Property 2 on the plan attached at Appendix A and authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to advertise the disposal of open space in accordance with section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- ii. Authorise the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Secretary, and the Chief Executive to consider and determine any objections made in response to the advert for open space disposal referred to in point i. above.
- iii. Subject to the responses to the advertisement referred to at point i. above being considered and determined, authorise the transfer of the Property identified as Property 1 on the plan attached at Appendix A to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle (the Diocese) for a consideration that is less than the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained in the market and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance.
- iv. Subject to the responses to the advertisement referred to at point i above being considered and determined authorise the Council to grant a 125-year lease to the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (the Trust) over the property shown as Property 2 on the Plan attached at Appendix A for use as school playing fields on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance.
- v. Authorise the Council to take a transfer of the freehold interest in the Property identified as Property 3 on the plan attached at Appendix A on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development

in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance.

- vi. Authorise the Council to accept a surrender of the existing lease of the current playing fields shown as Property 4 on the plan attached at Appendix A from the Trust on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance.

Reasons for decision:

The re-building of St Patrick's RC Primary School will improve the education facilities and increase the number of school and nursery places within Ryhope.

It is not feasible to build a new school building on the existing school site. Agreement to the proposals will enable the project to remain part of the Department for Education's (DfE) School Rebuilding Programme which will deliver economic, social and well-being benefits for the Council and Sunderland residents.

As the proposed land swap results in the Council obtaining land of a lower value than the land it is releasing as part of the transfer, the Council is technically not receiving the best consideration reasonably obtainable and as such the approval of cabinet is required. It should be noted however that in supporting the project the Council is also receiving additional financial benefits as set out in the body of the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to complete the proposed land swap. This would prevent the delivery of a new school building for St Patrick's Catholic Primary School as part of the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme and the additional primary and nursery school capacity which this project will realise at DfE and Diocese cost would be lost and demands for an increase in capacity would have to be delivered by the Council at its cost.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Construction of a new play area, Lowry Road, Seaburn – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To:

- (i) Agree to enter into a Development Funding Agreement with Siglion for the funding and delivery of the Scheme on terms to be approved by the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary and the Director of Finance; and
- (ii) Agree to the allocation of £0.650m of previously approved Council capital towards the Scheme with the balance of the funding being provided by Siglion.

Reasons for decision:

Siglion is acting as master developer for the regeneration of the Seaburn area and produced a masterplan and design code to guide future development.

The masterplan identifies the need for high quality areas of play to replace the existing play area (known as the Pirate Play Park) which is no longer considered to be fit for purpose when compared with similar play areas across the City.

The land on which the current play area is located has been transferred to Siglion, and forms part of the wider development area at Seaburn.

Entering the proposed DFA will allow the Council and Siglion to combine its capital resources to deliver a high-quality new play area in keeping with the regeneration vision and the site-wide masterplan.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to enter into the DFA with Siglion. This would leave a funding gap that would prevent delivery of the Scheme without the injection of additional Council capital. This option has been considered and is not recommended.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillors Miller and Rowntree and the Chief Executive made an open declaration as Board Members of Siglion and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Request for Financial Assistance – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To approve a grant.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet Report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposal to Award Grant Funding For the Installation of a New Play Area in the St Anne's Ward – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To seek grant approval for the design, planning and installation of a new, high quality play area.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet Report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor Walker declared an interest as an employee of Gentoo and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:
Financial Contribution Towards Refurbishment Works to Former Bowls
Pavilion at King George V Playing Fields – Report of the Director of Finance

Full description of decision:
To seek approval for the provision of grant funding.

Reasons for decision:
As set out in the Cabinet Report

Alternative options considered and rejected:
As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Acquisition and Conversion of 'The Sheiling', Washington – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To seek approval to acquire the property and undertake conversion works.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet Report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Committee

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21 July 2023

Date of decision:
13 July 2023

Title and author(s) of written report:

Contract Term Variation for the Provision of Contracts for the Provision of Care and Support at Home for Adults – Report of the Director of Adult Services

Full description of decision:

To seek approval to vary the term of all contracts for the provision of care and support at home for adults.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet Report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None