

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on 2 September 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Stephen Bunney (Chairman)

Councillor Emma Bailey	Councillor John Barrett
Councillor Eve Bennett	Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood	Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway
Councillor Liz Clews	Councillor Frazer Brown
Councillor Karen Carless	Councillor Christopher Darcel
Councillor David Dobbie	Councillor Jacob Flear
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Sabastian Hague
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan	Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence	Councillor Paul Lee
Councillor Peter Morris	Councillor Lynda Mullally
Councillor Maureen Palmer	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Roger Pilgrim	Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers
Councillor Mrs Lesley Rollings	Councillor Tom Smith
Councillor Jim Snee	Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee
Councillor Paul Swift	Councillor Baptiste Velan
Councillor Moira Westley	Councillor Trevor Young

In Attendance:

Ian Knowles	Chief Executive
Emma Foy	Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer
Lisa Langdon	Assistant Director People and Democratic (Monitoring Officer)
Katie Storr	Democratic Services & Elections Team Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

Apologies

Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Adam Duguid
Councillor Jeanette McGhee

27 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The Chairman advised that there were two sets of minutes for approval, these being, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council, held on 25 April 2024 and the Minutes of Full Council held on 24 June 2024. With contentment indicated from the Chamber, both set of minutes were taken en-bloc.

With both having been moved and seconded, on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 25 April and the Minutes of Full Council held on 24 June be confirmed, approved and signed as a correct record.

28 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this point in the meeting. The Chairman reminded Members that they could make a declaration at any point in the meeting should they feel it necessary to do so.

29 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman introduced the report advising Members that it would be taken "as read" unless Members had any questions that they wished to raise.

An update was sought in respect of the amber action - motion relating to increasing sweeping capacity, with Members advised that this matter would start its journey through the Committee cycle in November 2024.

With no further comments or questions and with no requirement to vote, the matters arising were **DULY NOTED**.

30 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman

The Chairman addressed the Council, referencing briefly some of the events which he had been involved and attended since Council last met, in what had been a busy period.

The Chairman had had the pleasure of attending Word Fest in Market Rasen, whilst the weather had been terrible, the event was successfully moved indoors and the Trinity Arts on Tour production of Peter Pan proved very popular and great value for money.

It had been an honour to be part of the Gainsborough in Bloom judging, seeing the tremendous efforts of those striving to improve their communities. Similarly, the Chairman had been honoured to attend the Skills Fayre in the Market Place and the same day a 24hour music event at the X-Church, noting he had not attended for the full 24 hours.

Many a garden party had been enjoyed at both Middle Rasen and Market Rasen, raising money for charities, and the food festival held in Market Rasen only the last weekend had been a much-enjoyed event. The support offered by the District Council was welcomed and the Chairman indicated he would like to see similar events extended across the District.

An afternoon at the STEP Fusion project had been most interesting, with this being the first project of its kind, and was most impressive.

The end of July had seen the return of the DN21 Business Awards in conjunction with Marshalls Yard, at which the Chairman had had the pleasure of attending, speaking to entrants who had welcomed the event, supported by the District Council.

Finally, and of a more sombre tone, the Chairman referenced two critical policing incidents seen in the District in recent weeks. Whilst it was not appropriate to discuss those in detail, the Chairman did wish to recognise the tremendous work of the Police, a force which was known to be short of resources. He indicated that he would be requesting the Civic Office to write a letter of thanks to both the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for the way they had served the District during those incidents.

Leader

The Leader made the following address to Council: -

“Firstly, in respect of RAF Scampton, Members will recall, I wrote to the newly appointed Labour Government the day after the general election. It is extremely disappointing that eight weeks later, despite all their election promises, there is still not a decision regarding the future of the site, clearly, this is not good enough, leaving many of the small communities around Scampton, with the continued uncertainty about the future use of the site. We will continue trying to have dialogue with the Government over the next few days and hopefully get announcement soon.

Secondly, Chairman and Members will be aware that we have had two critical police incidents in the District in the past week, which is a very unusual event, I will not go into the details of the incident, but, like you Chairman I pay tribute to the bravery of the police officers involved. They do a thankless job in terms of protecting the community, and I support your thoughts in terms of writing to Inspector Head.

Finally, the Deputy Leader and I had the pleasure of visiting several parts of the District over the summer period, and I must highlight how wonderful Caistor’s floral displays are, truly magnificent. It’s a credit to the strength of the community and clearly one of the most attractive towns in the county. I would encourage all Members to go across and just see what actually can be achieved in a small town. I would really like to see more of this. Credit to the team who has been involved and well done to everyone.”

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive addressed Council and was pleased to advise Members that the Authority had been successful in its bid to the Local Authority Housing Fund, round three. The Council had been successful in drawing down £1.4 million to develop 11 properties across the district, seven for temporary accommodation and four for resettlement.

The Chief Executive further advised that Council would be holding an event called the Golden Awards. This would be a staff awards ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of West Lindsey District Council. The event was being held on 16 October at the Trinity Arts Centre.

Members were updated on both Central Government consultations in which the Authority had recently engaged and of current consultations the Council was hosting.

Central Government were currently consulting on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, a Members' briefing and discussion was planned for Wednesday 18 September with Members encourage to attend.

The Council was currently consulting residents on its green garden waste scheme, the Chief Executive was pleased to advise that the Council had piloted its new approach to engagement and consultation. The new Strategy for which would be submitted to Committee in October. Over 7,000 responses had been received, and 26,000 e-mails sent, with a current return rate of 26%, which was considered excellent for surveys of this nature. Of further note over 1,100 responses had been made by way of paper return. Officers would be analysing the responses and findings would be reported to Committee in October.

A Member briefing was to be held on 9 September, to allow Members to consider the budget consultation document for the year. This would provide Members an opportunity to help develop how the Council approached residents and businesses about the budget for future years.

In addition, and with agreement of the Leader and Leader of the Opposition, on 23 September, the Chief Executive would be providing an all members briefing on the extensive forward plan for the administrative year. This briefing had been well received at Leaders Panel and extending it to all Members was considered useful. Member Briefings would be held on-line to, reducing travel requirements and enabling Members to engage more easily. Again, Members were encouraged to attend.

The Chief Executive highlighted a new mentoring scheme for Officers which had been launched, whereby officers could request a mentor from within the organisation to help with personal development and support.

Finally, Members were advised that the Authority was currently in the process of setting its progress and delivery performance measures for 2025/26. This again would involve members and would be led by the Change Management Team. An approved set of measures provided the Council with information to learn and improve the services offered. Information regarding the forming of a review Group had been included in the most recent Members Bulletin those interested were requested to contact the Change Management Team Manager.

This brought announcements to a conclusion.

31 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman advised the meeting that no public questions had been received.

32 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

The Chairman advised the meeting that no questions under Procedure Rule No.9 had been submitted by Members.

33 MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

The Chairman advised the meeting that three Motions had been submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 10 and these were set out on the agenda.

As the mover of the first motion, the Chairman read aloud, his motion to the meeting as follows: -

“Members

The Household Support Fund was introduced in October 2021 to help struggling households through the Covid Crisis by providing them with additional funds allowing them to afford things like energy, food, clothing and other essentials. Post Covid the Government have kept the fund open to help households cope with the cost of living crisis.

The Government distribute the money through the County Councils and Unitary Authorities. Lincolnshire County Council work closely with the District Councils to ensure that the funds reach those most in need. In this year’s budget speech, the Chancellor announced a six month extension to the scheme from March 2024 to October 2024 with no plans or commitment for funding beyond that date.

West Lindsey’s Corporate Plan 2023 - 2027 recognises that levels of fuel poverty and child poverty are on the increase with 27.4% of households experiencing child poverty. The State of the District 2023 states that 20.1% of the children aged 0-15, live in absolute low-income households, defined as below 60% of the median income. This means that around 3000 youngsters could potentially see a further reduction in their already low standard of living and well-being after October 2024 when the Household Support Fund comes to an end. This cannot be allowed to happen.

This Council instruct the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Leigh MP for Gainsborough Constituency, Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer MP - Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Rachel Reeves, Chancellor of The Exchequer and The Treasury to petition for the establishment of a further three-year extension to The Household Support Fund from October 2024.

I so move.

Councillor Stephen Bunney”

As the mover of the motion and before seeking a seconder, the Chairman took opportunity to update Members of decisions taken by Government Ministers earlier in the day, this being to extend the Household Support fund for a further six months. Whilst this was welcomed by the Chairman, he considered his motion still relevant and

pertinent given it sought a three year extension.

Having been duly seconded debate ensued, with seconder indicating that she concurred with all points raised by the motion. Society and residents still faced challenging times and energy costs were due to spiral once again over the winter.

Speakers from across the Chamber spoke in support of the proposed three year extension, noting that Winter Fuel Payments were due to stop, which would likely add to the burden and mortgage rates had not subsided. West Lindsey had previously allocated its Household Support Funding very quickly as there was a real need across communities and the need had not decreased. A six-month extension was simply not considered long enough and without this much needed support, Councils would likely need to find additional funds, if the much-needed service was to continue.

Members spoke at length about the benefits and difference the Fund had made to local communities, citing examples of personal first-hand experiences. Members also acknowledged and praised the wide range of services, our distribution partners offered. Whilst this was a nationally funded fund, Members welcomed how it allowed for the use of local knowledge to identify individuals and areas where support was required.

In bringing comments to a conclusion, the Chairman advised of a recent campaign by the LGA seeking an extension to the Fund, to which he signed up. Whilst this had now closed, he reiterated his support for the campaign.

On being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED unanimously that the Leader and Chief Executive write to the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Leigh MP for Gainsborough Constituency, the Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer MP, Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Rachel Reeves, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasury to petition for the establishment of a further three-year extension to The Household Support Fund from October 2024.

Motion 2

Councillor Young, mover of the second motion, was invited to put his motion to the meeting as follows: -

“Motion to call upon West Lindsey District Council and NHS Commissioners to improve access to health care across the district prioritising the construction of a new GP surgery in Gainsborough.

Purpose: To address the urgent need for improved healthcare services in Gainsborough by establishing a new General Practitioner (GP) service to cater for the growing population and current demand.

Background:

1. Current Situation:

- The population of West Lindsey District has been steadily increasing, leading to higher demand for healthcare services.
 - Existing GP services are under significant pressure, resulting in longer waiting times for appointments and limited availability of medical professionals.
 - Residents have expressed concerns about the accessibility and quality of current GP services and inconsistent provision across the district.
- 2. Impact on Community:**
- Inadequate GP services can lead to delayed diagnoses and treatments, negatively impacting on the health and wellbeing of residents.
 - Overburdened healthcare professionals may experience burnout, further exacerbating the problem.
 - Insufficient medical services can deter new residents and businesses from moving to the area, affecting local development.

Proposal:

1. Immediate Actions:

- To call on the ICB to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to demonstrate accurate need around GP provision.
- Engage with local health authorities, NHS representatives, and community stakeholders to gather input and support for the initiative.

2. Long-Term Strategy:

- Develop a strategic plan for the establishment of a new GP service, including potential locations, required resources, and projected timelines.
- Secure funding and resources through collaboration with local government and healthcare organisations.

3. Implementation:

- Appoint a working group dedicated to overseeing the establishment of the new GP service, ensuring accountability and progress tracking.
- Launch community awareness campaigns to inform residents of the forthcoming improvements and encourage their participation in the process.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Enhanced Healthcare Access:

- Reduced waiting times for GP appointments and improved access to healthcare services for all residents.
- Increased satisfaction and wellbeing among the community due to timely and effective medical care.
- Reduced reliance on A&E services currently used to support GP capacity.

2. Support for Healthcare Providers:

- Alleviation of pressure on existing GP services, allowing healthcare providers to offer better care and maintain their own wellbeing.
- Attraction of new healthcare professionals to the area, creating a more

robust and resilient healthcare system.

3. Community and Economic Benefits:

- Strengthened community health outcomes, contributing to a healthier, more vibrant district.
- Potential economic growth through the attraction of new residents and businesses seeking reliable healthcare services.

Conclusion: The establishment of a new GP service in Gainsborough is crucial to meeting the current and future healthcare needs of our community. We urge the Council to approve this motion and take immediate steps towards its implementation.

I so move
Councillor Trevor Young”

With the motion duly seconded, lengthy debate ensued.

All Members were supportive of the motion and the need for additional GP surgeries and appropriate health care provision in general. Members spoke of how communities were both growing and aging without adequate healthcare provision being provided, with many citing problems within their own areas.

Opposition Members asked the Chamber to recognise the complexity of the provision of GPs and how these sat outside of the NHS and were in effect private businesses. Lincolnshire as a whole had a recognised GP shortage and attracting them to the area and specifically Gainsborough would not be a simple task. Perceived flaws within the contracting system between the NHS and GPs were also outlined, with some Members feeling this contributed to GPs leaving the profession.

It was also suggested that raising awareness of other similar facilities such as pharmacists and Nurse Practitioners, could go some way to ease the burden on GPs.

The need to retain current service provision was also discussed with Members raising the ever-increasing difficult environment health care professionals operated in and their need for safety and dignity at work.

Whilst fully supporting the Motion some urged the Leader to involve the Health Scrutiny Committee and the County Council, given the complexity of the task and issues which would have to be overcome, to realise a new facility and to move users to more appropriate medical services.

Further debate ensued and many Members commented on increasing community sizes, future planned development and how service provision simply did not match, the need for additional GPs was in no doubt. The Government’s previous decision to close walk-in centres was considered to be false economy and had further negatively impacted on service provision and access.

Many Members spoke of how the rurality of the area often compounded access to services,

with there being little public transport. Furthermore, many of the developments in West Lindsey were attracting or aimed at the older generation, which did place additional burdens on already oversubscribed services.

Members also spoke of practices across the District, which were at risk as new owners could not be found, referencing the point of earlier speakers around viable businesses.

Whilst acknowledging GPs may be funded differently, many Members were of the view that ultimately, they were the gateway to the NHS. Limited access to GPs was impacting on A and E services, and potentially detection rates of certain illnesses. Community leaders needed to take action to fight for access to services in the District as whole, but also for Gainsborough where some of the poorest of the community lived, with a well-recognised link between economic prosperity and health.

The Leader thanked all Members for their input, for speaking in support of his motion and for setting out clearly the experience residents were having.

Whilst recognising a more joined up approach with the NHS was something which had been spoken of for many years at both a national and local level, putting this into practice had proven much more difficult. The motion sought to ensure that the District Council had much more improved and direct dialogue with the ICBs and health colleagues, and those discussions would go some way to assist in realising additional facilities in the medium to longer term, it was hoped. The Leader was of the view that the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, had to date not delivered for this District and as such felt it imperative that West Lindsey took a more direct approach and tried to drive some of the conversations needed.

The Chairman brought comments to a conclusion, and before moving to the vote highlighted to the Chamber, two consultations being undertaken, one relating to GPS and one relating to pharmacy provision. He undertook to circulate these to all Members and stressed the importance of encouraging residents to complete them, so a true and accurate record of residents' experiences was captured.

On being put to the vote it is was: -

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RESOLVED unanimously that the Motion as submitted be accepted, and actioned accordingly, starting with those items referred to as immediate actions: -

- (1) To call on the ICB to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to demonstrate accurate need around GP provision; and
- (2) Engage with local health authorities, NHS representatives, and community stakeholders to gather input and support for the initiative.

Motion 3

Councillor Rollings, mover of the third motion, was invited to put her motion to the meeting as follows: -

“Council notes the recent announcement by the Labour Government to end universal winter fuel payments and restrict eligibility to only those in receipt of Pension Credits and other benefits.

Though many agree that universal Winter Fuel Payments are not necessary, Council is deeply concerned that many pensioners on lower and middle incomes will now not receive the payments. Across England and Wales the number of people eligible for winter fuel payments will fall by 10 million (from 11.4 million to only 1.5 million).

In West Lindsey the number of pensioners affected by the change in eligibility criteria is 20856. That means 91.3% of pensioners currently eligible for winter fuel payments will no longer be able to claim the payment from this winter onwards.

Council believes that the Labour Government has set the threshold at which pensioners do not qualify for Winter Fuel Payments far too low. Only those receiving a pension of less than £218.15 a week (or £332.95 a week for couples) are eligible for pension credits. This is significantly lower than the living wage rate.

Council is also concerned by the low take up of pension credit with only 63% of those eligible nationwide receiving them – and over 880,000 pensioners not doing so. Council recognises the role we have to play to increase awareness of benefits such as Pension Credit to ensure people are aware of the support they are entitled to.

Council further notes that the Energy Price Cap is due to rise by 10% in October, which combined by the removal of Winter Fuel Payments will push thousands of local pensioners into fuel poverty.

Council resolves to:

Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the policy on linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipt to be immediately paused and introduce a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments.

Council further requests the Chief Executive write to the local MP covering West Lindsey District area asking them to give their formal support to halting the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment eligibility.

Request all group leaders within West Lindsey District Council sign a joint letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the new Winter Fuel Payment policy to be suspended and reviewed.

Urgently commence a significant awareness campaign to maximise uptake of pension credits. This will include use of council noticeboards, social media, promotion in local press and also targeted letters to those who may be eligible.

I so move
Councillor Lesley Rollings”

With the motion duly seconded debate ensued.

Members across the Chamber supported the action proposed by the Motion whole heartedly. It was questioned why the Government, if they knew those eligible for Pension Credit were not applying, couldn't inform those people. Members also recognised the complexity of completing Pension Credit applications.

Members recognised that the District Council did a lot of promotional work already to ensure residents were aware of help available but encouraged that there be an additional focus in the light of the Government's recent announcement. Members were also encouraged to promote the change. Members requested whether it was feasible for Officers to provide assistance with form completion and a hands-on approach, such support was the approach welcomed across the Chamber, with many Members commenting on the barriers to seeking help. It was suggested promoting not just Pension Credit but the support which could be offered to access the benefit would further encourage people

Members spoke of their concern at the numbers effected by the change in Policy and how quickly it would be implemented, a further reason for additional support to be given to those applying for “pension credit”. It was suggested that Pensioners did not live the lifestyle reported by the media, with many finding themselves in difficult circumstances. If Winter Fuel payments were to be means tested, Members considered a different test needed to be applied but linking this to Pension Credit was simply not appropriate.

The motion mover took opportunity to sum up, and welcomed the suggestion raised through the debate, to provide additional assistance in completing forms. Real concern was expressed for those that would be affected this Winter with a number of 20,000 quoted for the District alone. Again, it was questioned why the Government could not simply apply a top up to those it knew were eligible. Members were encouraged to raise the issue through every opportunity and interaction and to do all they could to ensure their constituents knew where to come for help.

On being put to the vote it was **RESOLVED unanimously** that

- (a) the Chief Executive write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the policy on linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipt to be immediately paused and to introduce a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments;
- (b) the Chief Executive write to the local MP covering West Lindsey District area asking them to give their formal support to halting the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment eligibility.
- (c) all Group Leaders within West Lindsey District Council be requested to sign a joint letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the new Winter Fuel Payment policy to be suspended and reviewed; and

- (d) a significant awareness campaign to maximise uptake of pension credits be commenced urgently, including use of council noticeboards, social media, promotion in local press and also targeted letters to those who may be eligible.

Note: Councillor Tom Smith declared a personal interest in relation to Motion 2 as he was a Member of Lincolnshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

34 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 11 JUNE 2024 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR DEVOLUTION (TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STANDING ORDERS)

The Chairman, in his capacity as Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee, presented the report to Members. The report sought approval for the Council to establish a District Joint Committee for the purposes of devolution and participation at the forthcoming Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority.

Members were advised that whilst the legalisation which would formally allow the Combined Authority to progress was still awaited, it was considered prudent that the Council ensured its own governance process was in place to enable West Lindsey to be in the best position it could be to represent the interest of the District in the newly formed Combined Authority once established.

In order to prevent unnecessary delays, the Chairman, in moving the recommendations, also moved an amendment to recommendation four, namely, to add the words "with any minor amendments required delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader" so as fourth recommendation would read: -

"Council delegates any further review or amendment of the Terms of Reference to the Governance and Audit Committee, with any minor amendments required delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader."

It was further suggested that the amendment should be extended further to include the words "and Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee"

The mover or the original amendment indicated his agreement, and having been seconded, on being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

With the recommendations, as amended moved and seconded it was: -

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Governance and Audit Committee be accepted and in doing so:-

- (a) the establishment of a District Joint Committee of the Lincolnshire Districts for the purposes of devolution and participation at the Mayoral Combined County Authority be approved;

- (b) that the Leader of West Lindsey District Council be the Authority's representative at the District Joint Committee;
- (c) the proposed Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for the District Joint Committee be approved; and
- (d) authority be delegated to the Governance Audit Committee to undertake any further review or amendment of the Terms of Reference, with any minor amendments required, delegated to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader and Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee.

35 RECOMMENDATION FROM CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 27 JUNE 2024 - ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2023/24

The Leader of the Council, in his capacity as Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee presented the report to Members.

The Annual Treasury Management report 2023/204 confirmed that the Council had complied with legislative and regulatory requirements for Treasury Management as set out in the CIPFA Code of Practice.

The report further confirmed that there had been no breaches in the prudential indicators.

Inflation and interest rates had been higher during 2023/2024 than in previous periods which had significantly contributed to the small underspend delivered during the year.

External borrowing had not increased as anticipated due to a slower delivery of the Capital Programme.

The report had been considered by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting on 27 June and stood recommended for approval.

The recommendations were proposed and duly seconded.

In response to Members questions regarding advance borrowing and the volatility fund, the Section 151 Officer advised that the Council was not permitted to borrow in advance of need. She further outlined the circumstances which had led to this change and the strict terms applied to PWLB loans.

In respect of the valuation volatility fund, this only related to the Council's investment property portfolio. The reasoning for the Fund was outlined with Members noting how and when it would be utilised and the safeguard the Fund offered in case of a decrease in valuation. There was a separate budget volatility reserve, this allowed provision to deal with short term budgetary pressures arising from any longer-term decisions.

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee be accepted and the Annual Treasury Management Report and Actual Prudential Indicators 2023/24 be approved.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm.

Chairman