

## **EXECUTIVE**

### **9 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Present:

Councillors Buscombe, Hook, Keeling (Leader), Nutley, Palethorpe (Deputy Leader), G Taylor, Parrott and Nuttall

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Bullivant, Clarence, P Parker and Thorne.

Apologies:

Councillor Williams

Officers in Attendance:

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Martin Flitcroft, Director of Corporate and Section 151 Officer

Gordon Bryant, Head of Financial Services and Audit

Rosanna Wilson, Corporate Procurement Officer

Charlie Fisher, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Chris Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

#### **158. MINUTES**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Keeling and **SECONDED** by Councillor Palethorpe and

#### **RESOLVED**

that the minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **159. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

The Leader thanked Martin Flitcroft (Director of Corporate and Section 151 Officer) for his years of service on his retirement from the Council. The Leader commented that Teignbridge is the only Council in Devon that is debt free.

Councillor Parrott also offered his thanks to Martin Flitcroft as the Executive Member for Finance and Corporate.

Councillors Bullivant and Clarence spoke to this item and endorsed the comments made.

#### **160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

None.

#### **161. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

The Executive Forward Plan was noted.

**162. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None received.

**163. 2024/25 DRAFT FINAL ACCOUNTS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT, 2025/26 BUDGET MONITORING AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT LENDING LIST**

The Executive considered the report which reported the 2024/25 Draft Final Revenue results including draft closing general reserves, The 2024/25 Draft Final Capital and updated ongoing programme, the Draft Financial results of the treasury management function for the year ended 31 March 2025, an update on the principal areas where there are likely to be departures from the 2025/26 Revenue Budget and updates on progress with the capital programme and funding and any amendments to the lending list for treasury management purposes.

Councillor Parrott introduced the item and appraised Members of the content within the report. Councillor Parrott reported that the 2024/25 Draft Accounts were considered by the Audit Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and were published on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and available online on the Council's website.

Councillor Parrott gave an overview of the key areas within the report including the Statement of Accounts, variations to the original budget, bad debt, the Draft 2024/25 Capital Programme, the Treasury Management Authorised Lending List and Treasury Management Results 2024/25.

Councillor Parrott also gave an overview of the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2025/26 and highlighted the variations by service as detailed in the report.

The Leader and Councillor Nutley commented on the increased leisure incomes from increasing memberships.

Executive Members thanked the Director of Corporate and Section 151 Officer and the Finance Team.

The matter having been debated and the options and alternatives and other relevant factors highlighted (e.g. financial, legal and risk implications), it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Parrott and **SECONDED** by Councillor Keeling and

**RESOLVED**

That the Executive:

- 1) Note the draft revenue results for 2024/25.
- 2) Approve the draft year end capital and updated programme as shown at appendix 1.

- 3) Approve the revenue budget variations for 2025/26 as shown at appendix 2.
- 4) Note the updated lending list as shown at appendix 3.
- 5) Recommends to Council that the Draft Treasury Management Results for 2024/25 at appendix 4 are noted.

#### **164. DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE**

The Executive considered the report which provided an update in relation to the proposals for both Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution.

The item was not given notification in the Executive Forward Plan for over the required 28 days. In accordance with Section 4.19.2 (d) of the Council's Constitution, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is satisfied that the update is of special urgency and that it cannot reasonably be deferred.

Councillor Bullivant spoke to this item in relation to ensuring that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have an opportunity to debate the proposals. The Leader supported his comments.

The Leader referenced a letter from the County Council Network in relation to the Cabinet and Ministerial reshuffle conducted by the Prime Minister over the weekend preceding the meeting. The ministerial team at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has changed to Steve Reed as Secretary of State and Alison McGovern as Minister of State.

The Leader highlighted that he would be asking for clarification from MHCLG on the future direction of devolution and local government reorganisation.

Councillor Nuttall spoke to this item, confirming that the 1-4-5 option remained the preferred option based against the criteria set out by MHCLG.

The Managing Director spoke to the work ongoing to produce proposals and that the Executive would be updated at its October meeting. An extraordinary Full Council is being arranged for November, and the Managing Director would liaise with the Chair of the Council, the Leader and Councillor Nuttall to confirm the date.

The Leader spoke to the results of the public consultation as detailed in the report.

The matter having been debated and the options and alternatives and other relevant factors highlighted (e.g. financial, legal and risk implications), it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Nuttall and **SECONDED** by Councillor Keeling and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Executive:

- 1) Note the update on Local Government Reorganisation.

- 2) Delegate authority to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Executive Member for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, to continue to develop proposals for the form and coverage of future principal authorities.
- 3) Report back to the next Executive meeting with an update on the preparation of the Business Case.

#### **165. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

The Executive considered the report to seek support for the adoption and implementation of the new Procurement Strategy.

Councillor Parrott introduced the item and appraised the Executive on the content of the report. Councillor Hook spoke to this item in relation to including reference to net zero and the environment and the social value threshold of £100,000. The Corporate Procurement Officer responded to these points orally highlighting the balance between spend, social value and supporting local businesses.

The Leader spoke to the importance of supporting local businesses.

The matter having been debated and the options and alternatives and other relevant factors highlighted (e.g. financial, legal and risk implications), it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Parrott and **SECONDED** by Councillor Hook and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Executive adopt the new Procurement Strategy and delegated authority is given to the Executive Member for Finance and Corporate to make minor amendments to the Procurement Strategy.

#### **166. FOR INFORMATION - INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Individual Executive Member Decisions were noted.

The meeting started at 10.03 am and finished at 10.47 am.

Chairman