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REPORT	DECISION	SUMMARY OF REASONS
<p>Electricity Supply Contract</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Council award a contract for electricity supplies commencing October 1st, 2024 to TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd. (TotalEnergies) via Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) Framework Reference 191_24. (ii) authority be delegated to the Council Leader, Portfolio holders and Deputy Chief Executive to opt in or out of the ‘green tariff’ that is available when charges are reviewed on a six-monthly basis. 	<p>Electricity supplies are essential to the Council’s operation and function; the Council has procured its energy requirements through ESPO frameworks for some time, and this has proved cost-effective. Procurement of a new contract by the same method will ensure supply and is the preferred means of achieving value for money.</p>
<p>Draft Budget 2023/24 & the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2024/25 to 2027/28)</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <p>A. The following be included in the Draft “Revenue” 2023/24 Budget and MTFS (2024/25 to 2027/28):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) various service-related budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.5 to 3.11 to the report. (ii) various non-service funding budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.12 to 3.17 to the report. (iii) Council Tax, Business Rates and Collection Fund related budget changes noted in paragraphs 3.18 to 3.23 to the report <p>This includes an increase in Council Tax for 2023/24 of 2.99% and a notional increase of 2.99% for each year of the MTFS (2024/25 to 2027/28).</p>	<p>To provide the opportunity for consultation on the emerging budget position for 2023/24 and the MTFS, with a focus on the revenue budget, reserve allocations and proposals for the capital programme.</p>

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	<p>B. Authority be delegated to the Director, Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Assets, to distribute the “Final” Forecast 2022/23 Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit) to respective Preceptors by the statutory deadline (31st January) as detailed in paragraph 3.24 to the report.</p> <p>C. Draft Budget 2023/24 and MTF5 (2024/25 to 2027/28) be approved as summarised at Table 4. The detailed service budgets are shown at Appendix 1 and 2, as detailed in paragraphs 3.25 to 3.26 to the report.</p> <p>D. Reserves allocations be approved as summarised at Table 5, Appendix 4, as detailed in paragraphs 3.27 to 3.31 to the report.</p> <p>E. Capital Programme for 2023/24 and for the MTF5 (2024/25 to 2027/28) be approved as shown at Appendix 5, as detailed in paragraphs 3.32 to 3.37 to the report.</p> <p>F. Authority be delegated to the Director, Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Assets, in respect of capital projects that are impacted by inflation. The detailed wording of the delegation is shown at paragraph 3.36 to the report.</p> <p>2. The continuation of the transformation programme and continuous improvement be endorsed, thereby ensuring that the Council remains “Committed to Financial Sustainability & Resilience to enable Community Investment”.</p>	
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<p>Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2022/23 and Prudential Indicators</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Mid-Year Treasury Management Report for 2022/23 and treasury activity be noted. (ii) the Prudential Indicators be noted. 	<p>The regulatory environment places responsibility on Members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities.</p>
<p>Annual Treasury Management Report 2021/22 and Prudential Indicators</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2021/22 be noted. (ii) the Prudential Indicators for 2021/22 be noted. 	<p>The regulatory environment places responsibility on members for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities.</p>
<p>Housing Enforcement Policies and Financial Penalties</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) subject to consultation identifying no significant impacts upon a draft policy, the following draft policies be approved :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Housing Enforcement Policy (appendix A) b) The Housing Enforcement Civil Penalties Policy (appendix B) c) The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Policy (appendix C) d) The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Policy (appendix D). (ii) any draft policy be reconsidered which is the subject of a representation that has a significant impact upon the proposed policy. 	<p>Local Housing Authorities (“LHA”) are the primary enforcement agency for ensuring the protection of the health, safety and welfare rights for occupiers and visitors in private sector housing within England and Wales.</p> <p>The housing enforcement policy sets out the general approach of Harborough District Council (“the council”) to private sector housing enforcement and it sets out what owners, landlords, their agents and</p>

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	<p>(iii) authority be delegated to the Director of Governance and Law the authority to incorporate minor amendments required following consultation into the policies, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities Wellbeing and Housing.</p>	<p>tenants of private sector properties can expect from officers.</p> <p>The introduction of civil penalties or financial penalties provides officers with a different tool to deal with non-compliant landlords and can be used as an alternative to prosecution. The council must have approved and published policies before they can issue financial penalties.</p>
<p>Core Business Systems Software</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the contract to supply hosted software including Uniform, Document Management System, Public Access & Total Land Charges for a period of 4 years, with a 2 year extension if required, be awarded to Idox Software Ltd.</p>	<p>Robust and integrated software packages are essential for the day to day running of a wide variety of services across the Council. A review of the Council requirements and possible solutions in the market took place in Q4 2021. It identified that limited alternatives to the Idox products are available, especially when investigating solutions that fit with the ICT Strategy Principles.</p> <p>All options for the future provision of integrated software solutions were comprehensively assessed in an outline business case prepared in March 2022. The business case had regard to the cost of moving to an alternative solution, the functionality required across multiple Service Areas</p>

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		and the key dependencies required for the ICT Transformation Programme. It was concluded that the Idox software solution was the most appropriate for the Council.
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