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REPORT	DECISION	SUMMARY OF REASONS
<p>2022/23 Financial Performance Report – Outturn Quarter 3 (Year ending 31 March 2023)</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the financial performance report and comments on the Forecast Outturn (31 March 2023) as detailed within the report and associated appendices be considered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council is required to set and maintain a balanced budget every year. It is responsible for the prudent and lawful management of its financial resources to deliver statutory services to the people of the Harborough district. ii. Good financial governance requires the Cabinet to consider financial performance information on a regular basis. iii. The quarter 3 performance information indicates a potential revenue overspend due to inflationary costs and underachievement of planned savings, however appropriate mitigation measures are in place to address this variance against the budget by the end of the financial year. iv. The predicted capital underspend is as a result of conscious delays to certain planned expenditure.

<p>Leadership and collaboration: Waste and Environmental Maintenance Services</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Leadership collaboration be authorised for Waste and Environmental Maintenance Services, through a shared Head of Service / Assistant Director for Waste and Environment, for an initial 6-month period from 1st April 2023 with Melton Borough Council. ii. Authority be delegated to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Chief Executive, Director for Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Environmental Services and Waste Management to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree the terms of the reciprocal arrangement for leadership collaboration with Melton Borough Council and record the same in a memorandum of understanding; b. Determine and conclude the practical actions required to give lawful effect to the leadership collaboration agreement; c. Review the leadership collaboration arrangements by 1 October 2023; and d. Determine whether to continue, by agreement with Melton Borough Council, the leadership collaboration arrangements; e. Determine whether to extend the scope of the leadership collaboration. 	<p>Sharing of services with a partner has been actively considered and explored to build capacity and mitigate against future staffing issues or specific operation pressures.</p> <p>By sharing resources, ideas, campaigns and good working practices, there will be the ability to make savings and save officer time, furthering the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthening each council and promoting shared leadership of the two authorities and shared working within Leicestershire as a whole. • enhancing organisational effectiveness: opportunity to share learning and good practice and through collaboration whilst increasing service resilience, stability and effectiveness. • increasing opportunities for job enrichment, growth and development and improve recruitment and retention. • improving financial resilience: realising efficiencies through joint working, reducing
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<p>Collaboration of Regulatory Services</p>	<p>RESOLVED that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. It be agreed that the Regulatory Services Team may work collaboratively with Melton Borough Council for the efficient delivery of regulatory services; ii. Authority be delegated to the Director of Governance and Law, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Planning & Environment, and Corporate & Regulatory Services and Wellbeing, Communities & Housing to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree the terms of the reciprocal arrangement for mutual aid with Melton Borough Council and record the same in a memorandum of understanding; b. Determine and conclude the practical actions required to give lawful effect to the mutual aid arrangement. 	<p>The Regulatory Services team has a track record of working with counterparts at Melton Borough Council to build in capacity in both councils, and mitigate against staffing issues or specific operational pressures by sharing resources, ideas, campaigns and good working practices. This helps both councils to maximise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational effectiveness: opportunity to share learning and good practice through collaboration whilst increasing service resilience, stability and effectiveness; • Workforce: increasing opportunities for job enrichment, growth and development thereby improving recruitment and retention; • Financial resilience: realising efficiencies through joint working, reducing duplication, and achieving greater value for money.

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		<p>The scope of this arrangement is limited to operational matters only. There will be no impact upon strategic and policy oversight of the council.</p>
<p>Authority Monitoring Report 2021/2022</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the contents of the Authority Monitoring Report for 2021/22 be noted and it be noted that it will be published.</p>	<p>Production of an AMR is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Order Act 2004 (as amended by the 2011 Localism Act) and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>The monitoring of housing targets set in the Local Plan is also identified as a Key Activity in the Council’s Corporate Plan. This AMR also reports on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the timetable for plan-making in the district.</p>
<p>Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the signing of the Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.</p>	<p>Harborough District Council has adopted its Climate Action Plan, but recognises that acting alone, it can only impact a relatively small portion of the emissions from the district. The council</p>

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		<p>recognises the benefits of collaboration with other agencies to move towards net zero emissions across the district.</p> <p>The collaborative approach of the Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact supports the delivery of the council’s climate action plan.</p> <p>Signing the Pact highlights the leadership commitment of the council to delivering the climate action plan, including the recent collaborative working with the Leicestershire districts on projects such as Solar Together.</p>
<p>Governance Arrangements for Allocation of UK Shared Prosperity and Rural England Prosperity Funding</p>	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The work that has been done so far to submit the Council’s proposals for UK Shared Prosperity Funding and Rural England Prosperity Funding be noted; and ii. The terms attached to the funding as set out at Appendix 2 to the report be noted; iii. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to: 	<p>The guidelines for spending the funding and recording outputs, outcomes and impacts of the funding are complex and require a detailed understanding of, and regular liaison with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to ensure compliance. Officers need the ability to be flexible to respond to changing circumstances and make speedy decisions, within the overall priorities and themes of the Investment Plans, in order to avoid</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Commission, negotiate, award and enter into and vary such arrangements and legal agreements as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the Investment Plans for UKSPF and REPF funding; andb. Negotiate such changes to the Investment Plans, as may be necessary or appropriate to secure efficient and effective delivery of the UKSPF and REPF.	potential delivery failure, having to return funding to central government and ensure that the requirements of the funding are met.
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