

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....30th August 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Financial Position Update

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided information on projected outturn position based on information to the end of June 2007, the medium financial position, and current issues for the 2008/2009 Revenue Support Grant settlement..

Cabinet noted that the position for 2007/08 was structured around three "ring-fenced" financial areas:

- a. General Fund
- b. Housing Revenue Account
- c. Capital

The projected position on the service element of the General Fund was provided and it could be seen that the Council would be carrying forward a Managed Surplus of £1.769m into 2007/08 compared to £1.403m Managed Surplus reported in July 2007. Members noted a table detailing the current MTFP position and were provided with key movements since the last reported position.

Cabinet noted the current position with regard to balances in the general fund and were informed of a number of major issues and pressures that may require funding from the Council's available corporate working capital.

With regard to the Housing Revenue Account the projected position was in line with what had been reported in July, which was a surplus of £1.3 million at the 31st March 2008.

Members noted the Capital position, including the variance from the approved budget. It was explained that this movement included savings on expenditure of £3,000 and slippage of £2,627,000. Reasons for these movements were provided.

Members were informed of issues relating to Thornaby Pavilion Improvements and noted proposals to use prudential borrowing of £1.008 million to help fund necessary improvement works.

Cabinet were provided with details of current issues which would impact on the 2008/2009 Finance Settlement.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

1. the revised MTFP be noted.
2. that Capital slippage of (£2,627,000) and an expenditure saving of (£3,000) be approved.
3. the issues for the 2008/09 Finance Settlement be noted.
4. the use of Prudential borrowing to the value of £1.008 million to fund a range of improvements to Thornaby Pavilion be approved
5. the revised level of working balances be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To note the projected outturn position for 2007/08, approve slippage and cost variations to the capital programme and to provide members with information on the revised MTFP.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal interest in this item as he was a member of Tristar Home Limited Management Board.

Councillors Mrs Beaumont and Mrs Womphrey declared personal prejudicial interests in this item as they were Members of the Tees Active Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not applicable

Proper Officer  
03 April 2007