

Motions and Amendments

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 21st September, 2023

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Amendment by the Administration

Finance and Resources Committee

21 September 2023

Item 7.1 – Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 – Month Three Report

Agrees Recommendations 1.1.1 – 1.1.4

Replaces 1.1.5 – 1.1.6 with the following:

1.1.5 Notes the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's net funding gap of £16.7m despite the agreement of the full programme of savings presented at the EIJB meeting in June 2023.

1.1.6 Notes that, since this Programme was agreed, the funding gap has increased significantly and an accurate representation of the current financial position has not yet been presented to the EIJB, with this scheduled for the 21 September 2023.

1.1.7 Notes that, despite the growing pressures, the Finance and Resources Committee has had limited involvement up to this point with the detail and context of this position.

1.1.8 Therefore, agrees to defer the report to a special meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee, to be scheduled for 9 October 2023, where the report will be scrutinised in full, with full understanding of each Directorate's pressures, and referred to the next Full Council meeting on 2 November 2023 for formal decision.

1.1.9 Agrees that, in the interim, briefing sessions will be arranged between the EIJB's Executive Management Team and F&R members to understand and consider the reported budget pressure for 2023/24 and the planned mitigating actions.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP & Green Group

Finance & Resources Committee

21 September 2023

Item 7.1 - Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 – month three report

“Deletes recommendations and replaces with:

- 1.1 Notes there is a £13.675m underspend from the 2022/23 financial year that Councillors need to decide how to allocate in the public interest.
- 1.2 Notes that in addition to the significant financial pressures facing the EIJB and health and social care services, people in Edinburgh are facing a cost of living crisis and the impact of the climate and nature emergencies on the city continue to demand our urgent attention.
- 1.3 Therefore agrees for a report to Council in one cycle recommending the allocation of the underspend to tackle all of these priorities, as follows:
 - 1.3.1 £8.35m for Health and Social Care costs and requests that the NHS contribute the same amount to the budget in order to resolve the projected overspend;
 - 1.3.2 £1.9m to make a £200 cost of living direct payment for every child in the city in receipt of free school meals and school clothing grant;
 - 1.3.3 £1m to reintroduce payments through the Tenant Grant Fund, providing direct payments to individuals and families who are in rent arrears and at risk of homelessness or eviction, fully funding previous existing unmet demands on the fund, and offering further payments;
 - 1.3.4 £473k to Edinburgh Leisure as a one-off additional payment to cover the immediate implementation of the living wage for workers for this financial year and secure agreement for the company to not deviate from this position in future years;
 - 1.3.5 £400k to reinstate the Council’s Education Welfare Officers and immediately cancel the service review. This would still require to be funded in the 2024/25 budget to avoid a recurring budget pressure;
 - 1.3.6 £550k for climate adaptation measures - including supporting community-led projects & initiatives through expansion of awards via the Community

Climate Fund - to build resilience within city infrastructure and ensure we are equipped to deal with the impacts of a changing climate;

1.3.7 £1m to ensure RAAC work in non-statutory community buildings like libraries and community centres is able to be complete through the risk assessment process in tandem with school;

- 1.4 notes there is currently a £13.2m projected overspend for the entire 2023/24 financial year and agrees officers work within their departmental and corporate budgets and identify additional mitigating actions, seeking executive committee approval on matters of significant service or policy changes, to prevent recurrence of major decisions affecting residents being taken without proper democratic input;
- 1.5 note the potential for further expenditure pressures to emerge during the remainder of the year and thus the need for all existing pressures, savings delivery shortfalls and risks to be fully and proactively managed within Directorates and the Health and Social Care Partnership;
- 1.6 note that, in light of the above, updates will be provided to every Finance and Resources Committee as a standing item during the remainder of the 2023/24 financial year;
- 1.7 refer this report to Council to ratify use of the Spend to Save fund to support preparatory work for the Transient Visitor and Workplace Parking Levies; and
- 1.8 refer this report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny as part of its work programme.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.1 - Revenue monitoring 2023/24 - month three report

Insert:

- 1.1.3 Recognises the additional pressures due to greater than assumed inflation and service demand.
- 1.1.4 Agrees in principle to meet additional financial requirements for 2023/24 in respect of inflationary pressures. Such agreement is subject to further information provided to Committee in one cycle.
- 1.1.5 Does not commit to additional allocation of the 2022/23 underspend to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board until the EIJB provides additional information in respect of its current financial challenges.
- 1.1.6 Agrees to retain any additional underspend as a reserve until the full financial picture of 2023/24 and 2024/25 is provided to Committee.

Moved by: Cllr Phil Duggart
Seconded by: Cllr Graeme Bruce

Addendum by the Green Group

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21 September 2023

Item 7.12 - Sustainable Procurement Strategy Annual Report 2023

Adds:

Requests a briefing note within 3 cycles setting out in more detail how social enterprises are supported through our procurement strategy, including identification of barriers facing social enterprises in the tendering and commissioning process and potential mitigations.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Finance & Resources

21 September 2023

Item 7.16 - Hawthorn Gardens, South Queensferry – Proposed Acquisition of Completed Home

Adds:

- 1.1.3 Welcomes this contribution to providing temporary family accommodation to Ukrainian Displaced Persons, but notes that other displaced persons in Edinburgh should also have access to safe accommodation;
- 1.1.4 Therefore requests that this report be referred to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in order that this issue can be discussed in relation to the upcoming 'Voids Project Plan' including how this plan will work to provide accommodation – both temporary and permanent – to all new Scots in Edinburgh including refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and other displaced persons.

Moved by: Cllr Mumford

Seconded by: