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SUBJECT: CAPITAL STRATEGY 2019/20 to

2022/23

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4.01

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the proposed Capital Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23 as detailed in **Appendix 1** is approved.

1.2 That the Strategy is monitored by the Finance and Management Committee and an annual review is reported to the Council in accordance with the Prudential Code.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 To provide an update to the Council's Capital Strategy as required under the CIPFA 2017 Prudential Code.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In December 2017, CIPFA issued an update to the Prudential Code requiring authorities to look at capital expenditure in light of overall organisational strategy and resources to ensure that decisions are being made with sufficient regard to the longterm financing implications and potential risks to the Council.
- 3.2 The updated Prudential Code remained largely unchanged. However there is now a requirement to produce a Capital Strategy in order to demonstrate that capital expenditure decisions are taken in line with service objectives and properly take account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability.
- 3.3 The Council have historically had a Capital Strategy in place in line with best practice but this has now been updated to include the requirements set out in the Code.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None
- 5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 The proposed Strategy is an element to help ensure that the Council "maintains financial health" which is a key aim (O1) in the Corporate Plan.

Risk Impact

5.4 Meeting additional demand for Council Services due to the growth of the District is a key risk in the Council's Corporate and Medium-Term Financial Plans. A fully costed capital expenditure programme provides on-going investment in services and the Council's asset base to support the growth of the District. This in turn helps to ensure that the Council's financial position remains sustainable.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 None

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 None

Social Value Impact

6.3 None

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 None