

# Supplement for

# Cabinet

On **Wednesday 9 September 2020** At **6.00 pm**

**Errata and updates: items 11 and 17**

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### 11. Discretionary Housing Payment Policy

The report author recommends minor changes to the report:

*Report to be updated to make changes to paras 14 and 20 as below*

14. Paragraph 2.4 of the policy covers situations in which the Council will not usually award a DHP unless to do so would strongly support the policy objectives. The revised version of the policy adds the situation of overlapping tenancies, where *a tenant has moved address and requests an award to cover rental costs at their old address. Awards would not typically be made in this situation, unless it risks the current tenancy.* ~~*the current tenancy would not be at risk, if the rent for the previous tenancy was not paid.*~~

20. DHP expenditure up to 20 July 2020 was £137,795 which is 30% of this year's grant. As this is almost a third of the way through the year, expenditure so far this year is within the monthly budget profile of the grant. *This expenditure is also broadly in line with the equivalent position last year.* However demand for DHP's increased in June due to the economic impact of Covid19, and this could increase yet further as the furlough scheme ends and unemployment rises, leading to a significant risk of overspending this year's grant. This new demand is mitigated by the fact that people who were previously in work are protected from the Benefit Cap for nine months.

The updated report will be published with the minutes.

**Recommendation: that Cabinet notes and accepts these amendments to the report.**

17. **Procurement Strategy 2020 - 2022**

Following the Finance and Performance Panel meeting, report author recommends a minor change to the procurement strategy and an updated version number.

[In table at end of Appendix 2 of the strategy, to amend row 2 C as shown](#)

**Steps towards Sustainable Procurement**

<b>2. Ensuring that the Council’s regulated procurements address climate and political changes, through;</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Considering any climate change adaptations are incorporated in major projects at all stages of the procurement exercises;</li> <li>ii) Mitigate any operational impact on the Council’s supply chain with the possible impact of UK’s exit from Europe.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Measures</b>
<b>C</b>	Develop	<p>Allow resources for legacy contract renegotiations due to <del>the possibility of UK leaving the EU</del> <u>the UK having left the EU</u>.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the possibility of changes to the value of the sterling/dollar</li> <li>• payment terms</li> <li>• risk analysis on the criticality of the supplier</li> <li>• administrative impact re VAT on imported goods from EU countries</li> </ul>	

The updated version of the strategy will be published with the minutes.

**Recommendation:** That Cabinet resolves to:

1. **Approve** the procurement strategy 2020-2022 as published in the agenda and incorporating the minor change shown above.

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