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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Cabinet

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### **CABINET**

Friday, 10th February, 2023

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Committee Suite (Clinton / Fortescue) - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Jan Spicer  
Interim Chief Executive

### **A G E N D A**

#### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 (previously circulated).

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

4 Announcements

5 Petitions

6 Question(s) from Members of the Council

### **FRAMEWORK DECISION**

7 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023/2024 - 2026/2027 and the Capital Programme for 2023/2024 - 2027/2028

Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DF/23/18) on the Council's Budget and Service Budgets for 2023/2024, will follow.

Cabinet is also asked to note the role of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Minute \*93) in reviewing and endorsing the Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value (DF/23/06) on the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2023/24 and commending it to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet will accordingly also consider:

- a Outcomes of the Budget Consultation Meetings with representatives of the Devon Business Community, the Voluntary Sector and Trade Unions (DLS/23/2), attached (Pages 1 - 4)
- b Overview and Scrutiny Budget Recommendations (DLS/23/3), attached. (Pages 5 - 8)
- c Minute 79 of the Devon Education (Schools) Forum, held on 18 January 2023 (Pages 9 - 18)

Minute 79 relates to the budget and the recommendation to Cabinet outlined in the minutes is in relation to the 2023-24 Schools Funding Arrangements - Transfer to the High Needs Block, as below.

*'that the transfer of 0.5% between blocks for 2023-24 through a one-off transfer of the growth fund surplus be supported (following its reconsideration as requested by the DfE).'*

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **KEY DECISIONS**

- 8 Admission Arrangements: Approval to admission arrangements for subsequent academic year (Pages 19 - 130)

Report of the Schools Planning, Pupil Placement and Commissioning Manager, Education and Learning Service (EL/23/03) which asks the Cabinet to note that the admission arrangements were proposed and consulted on for the Local Authority and to approve the recommendations outlined in Section 3 of the Report, attached.

The proposed amendments to each policy are outlined in the Appendices to the Report and the separately attached Appendix shows the proposed catchment area amendments for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

All policies for consideration have been subject to an Equality Impact Needs Assessment, at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements), also attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- 9 Establishment of an Equality Commission (Pages 131 - 144)

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on the establishment of an Equality Commission, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **STANDING ITEMS**

- 10 Question(s) from Members of the Public

- 11 Minutes

Minutes of the bodies shown below are circulated herewith for information or endorsement as indicated therein (i.e. any unstarred minutes):

[NB: Minutes of [County Council Committees](#) are published on the Council's Website:

- a Farms Estate (Interviewing) Committee - 9 January 2023 (Pages 145 - 146)
- b Devon Education Forum - 18 January 2023  
(except minute 79 which was dealt with earlier in the agenda)

12 Delegated Action/Urgent Matters

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13 Forward Plan (Pages 147 - 158)

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet is requested to review the list of forthcoming business (previously circulated) and to determine which items are to be defined as key and/or framework decisions and included in the Plan from the date of this meeting.

The [Forward Plan is available on the Council's website](#).

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