

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE – RINGFENCED PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT RESERVE**

16 February 2024

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

(1) The Council publishes a Forward Plan of key decisions it expects to take over the next four months giving at least 28 days' notice of decisions. The Forward Plan is available to view on the Council's website under the heading, 'Council and Democracy' and 'Minutes, Agendas and Reports'.

(2) Sometimes the Council has to take a key decision which has not been included in the Forward Plan, or for which the requisite notice has not been able to be given, the decision will be treated as a 'General Exception' under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and as set out in section 13 of the Council's 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

The Decision will be treated as a General Exception on the grounds There is a risk to the Council in regard to not spending the PH Grant reserve, which have accumulated over the course of the last few years, e.g. risk that grant funding could be reduced in the future, risk that funding could be reclaimed if not used.

There are unmet needs which have been identified as part of the comprehensive Public Health Grant Review during 2023, led by the Director of Public Health, and the use of the Public Health Grant Reserve will implement appropriate measures to support meeting those needs.

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<b>Proposed decision</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expected date of decision</b>	<b>Details of exempt information</b>
<p><b>General Exception Notice - Ringfenced Public Health Grant Reserve</b></p> <p>Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee</p> <p><b>Key</b></p>	<p>Report to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee recommending that, subject to a decision from P&amp;R Committee on 13th February 2024, around the release of the PH Grant reserve, the Committee support delegated authority to the Director of Public Health to utilise the ringfenced Public Health Grant Reserve in line with the initial spending proposals shared with Committee, up to a maximum value of £4.5m over three years, between April 2024 – March 2027.</p>	<p>March 2024</p>	

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