

Decision Recording Form

Decisions determined at Strategy and Resources
Policy Committee meeting on 17 March 2025



Committee members present:

Councillor Tony Dyer, Chair
Councillor Tom Blenkinsop
Councillor John Goulandris
Councillor Ellie King
Councillor Abdul Malik
Councillor Tim Rippington
Councillor Ani Stafford-Townsend
Councillor Stephen Williams (substitute for Cllr Caroline Gooch)
Councillor Emma Edwards (substitute for Cllr Heather Mack)

Apologies:

Cllr Caroline Gooch
Cllr Heather Mack

Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – 5pm, Monday 24 March 2025

(a)	Subject:	2025/26 Business Plans for Bristol Holding Limited and Bristol Waste Company Limited (agenda item 7)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest:	None



(d)	<p>Decision taken</p> <p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 2025/26 Business Plan of Bristol Holding Limited, company number 09485669 (unanimous vote in favour). 2. To approve the 2024/2026-2026/27 Business Plan of the Bristol Waste Company Limited, company number 09472624 (unanimous vote in favour). 3. To note the 10-year Vision of Bristol Waste Company Limited, company number 09472624.
(e)	<p>Exempt Information?</p> <p>Part exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>
(f)	<p>Decision made in exempt session?</p> <p>No</p>
(g)	<p>Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account:</p> <p>None</p>
(h)	<p>Reason for decision:</p> <p>As set out in the report.</p>



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – not applicable

(a)	Subject:	Transformation Programme Quarterly Update (agenda item 8)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest: None	
(d)	Decision taken The Committee RESOLVED: - To note the update report.	
(e)	Exempt Information? Open	
(f)	Decision made in exempt session? No decision taken (this was an information item).	
(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None	
(h)	Reason for decision: No decision taken (this was an information item).	



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – 5pm, Monday 24 March 2025

(a)	Subject:	Procurement of a Supplier for Recruitment Advertising and Public Notices (agenda item 9)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest:	None
(d)	Decision taken	<p>The Committee RESOLVED (unanimous vote in favour):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the procurement of a provider for recruitment advertising and statutory public notices using the Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation framework, as outlined in the report. 2. To authorise the Director of Workforce and Change, in consultation with the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to take all steps required to procure and award a contract for recruitment advertising and statutory public notices for four years. 3. To authorise the Director of Workforce and Change, in consultation with the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, to invoke any subsequent extensions/variations specifically defined in the contract being awarded.
(e)	Exempt Information?	Open
(f)	Decision made in exempt session?	No



(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None
(h)	Reason for decision: As set out in the report.



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – not applicable

(a)	Subject:	Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter 3, 2024/25 (agenda item 10)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest: None	
(d)	Decision taken The Committee RESOLVED: 1. To note performance against the Business Plan overall, including the theme summary reports and issues raised, and measures to address performance issues to be implemented by relevant services. 2. To note performance against the Effective Development Organisation theme in particular, including issues raised and measures to address performance issues to be implemented by relevant services.	
(e)	Exempt Information? Open	
(f)	Decision made in exempt session? No decision taken (this was an information item).	



(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None
(h)	Reason for decision: No decision taken (this was an information item).



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – not applicable

(a)	Subject:	Period 10 Finance outturn report (agenda item 11)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest: None	



(d) Decision taken

The Committee RESOLVED:

To note:

1. The council's General Fund forecast outturn revenue overspend of £17.8 million at P10 2024/25 against the council approved budget of £533.7 million.
2. The performance on delivery of savings (Appendix A1, Section 3, Tables 3a and 3b).
3. The additional weighted net risk of £1.8 million per the risks and opportunities register (Appendix A1, Section 4, Tables 4a and 4b).
4. The council's outturn position of £12.1 million overspend within the Housing Revenue Account to be transferred to the HRA general reserve at the year end (Appendix A1a, Section 5.3).
5. The council's outturn position of a £33 million overspend (net £17.6m) in the Dedicated Schools Grant and that this brings the carry forward deficit to £91.6 million. Following the application of the DfE's 24/25 Safety Valve combined with contribution from the General Fund, a total £54.7 million is forecast to be carried forward at the year end in the DSG deficit reserve (Appendix A1, Section 5.4).
6. The breakeven position on Public Health services (Appendix A1, Section 5.5).
7. The breakeven position on the Bristol Harbour Fund. (Appendix A1, Section 5.6).
8. The council's forecast underspend of £26.3 million against the Capital Programme revised budget 2024/25, comprised of £20.7 million underspend on the General Fund and £5.6million underspend on the HRA. (Appendix A1, Section 6).
9. The finance key decision (no. 41 – 21 February 2025) to accept and spend £1.8m Holiday Activity and Food Programme grant funding for 2025/26.
10. The finance key decision (no.40 – 19 February 2025) to accept and spend up to £6.7 million DATRIG for 2025/26.



(e)	Exempt Information? Open
(f)	Decision made in exempt session? No decision taken (this was an information item).
(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None
(h)	Reason for decision: No decision taken (this was an information item).



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – non-applicable

(a)	Subject:	Debt report - 1 April - 30 September 2024 (agenda item 12)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest: None	
(d)	Decision taken The Committee RESOLVED: - To note the report.	
(e)	Exempt Information? Part exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	
(f)	Decision made in exempt session? No decision taken (this was an information item).	
(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None	
(h)	Reason for decision: No decision taken (this was an information item).	



Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – not applicable

(a)	Subject:	Commercial Property Disposal (agenda item 13)
(b)	Ward:	Citywide
(c)	Declarations of interest: None	
(d)	Decision taken The Committee RESOLVED (unanimous vote in favour): - To defer the report to the next meeting of the Committee; and that in advance of the report being re-submitted to the Committee, legal advice be sought as to whether the name of the property proposed for disposal can be included in the re-submitted public report (noting that the report will include an exempt appendix in relation to commercially sensitive information).	
(e)	Exempt Information? Part exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	
(f)	Decision made in exempt session? No decision taken – the item was deferred.	
(g)	Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account: None	



(h)	Reason for decision: No decision taken – the item was deferred.
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