

## 5. ENERGY MITIGATION MEASURES UPDATE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the review and delivery of energy cost mitigation measures to achieve the budget savings agreed by Council in February 2023. The approach to the energy mitigation measures and Your Say budget reduction measures were approved at Council Executive and full Council in February 2023.

It was recommended that the Council Executive:-

1. note the updated budget position for the energy revenue budgets, set out in section D.2;
2. agree that identified one-off resources of £575,000 were used on a one-off basis to cover approved energy savings in 2024/25 and that a further £115,000 of one-off resources were retained as an energy budget contingency, pending a further review of prices and consumption later in the year;
3. note the progress, set out in section D.3, in planning the delivery of the approved energy mitigations measures, including thermal efficiency works, LED lighting and photovoltaic panels (PV);
4. note that officers would continue to monitor the impact of changing energy consumption and pricing, including the review on swimming pool provision and the wider building estate;
5. note that further updates on progress on the implementation of the approved mitigation measures would be included in quarterly climate change updates to the Environment and Sustainability PDSP, and
6. agree that officers would report to Council Executive prior to 2024/25 budget, setting out the future projected energy purchase price forecasts, projected consumptions levels, the impact on energy budgets and any further action required to ensure that the agreed savings measures for energy were achieved in full.

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.