# CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL CABINET

## SUMMARY OF DECISIONS - 8 October 2024

### CALL-IN BY MONDAY, 14 October 2024, 5pm

#### **Subject**

Annual Financial Review 2024/25

#### Decision

RESOLVED that;

- 1. the financial forecast be noted and used as a basis to prepare the 2025/26 budget. In particular, that Cabinet;
  - review capital spending to ensure it remains affordable;
  - continue to explore options to reduce the costs of providing services;
  - review fees and charges;
  - continue pressing the Government to provide more financial support or open up additional options for funding local government;
  - in case these actions are not sufficient for a balanced 2025-26 budget to be set, consider how a new charge for collecting garden waste could be introduced.
- 2. the amended capital programme be approved (appendix 2)

#### **Status**

No call-in as yet.

#### **Reason for Decision**

Cabinet accepted the report's projections and recommendations. The report outlined the likely financial outcomes based on current approved policy and budgets.

#### Action by

P Reeves

## Subject

Declaration of John Shennan Field as a Local Nature Reserve

### Decision

#### RESOLVED that;

1. Cabinet supported the declaration of John Shennan Field as a Local Nature Reserve and;

2. Requested that the site is listed on the Natural England register of Local Nature Reserves.

# Status

No call-in as yet.

## **Reason for Decision**

The declaration and completion of the registration process was in pursuit of the City Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan and the Green Infrastructure Plan adopted as part of the Local Plan. The decision also accorded with the Our Chelmsford Our Plan priority to implement measures to protect and expand natural green spaces, improve habitat value and increase biodiversity.

#### Action by

P Van Damme