

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2018/19

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (a) Note the performance and achievements as set out in Appendix 1;
- (b) Note the key strategies in progress for 2019/20 set out in Appendix 2;
- (c) Note the provisional General Fund outturn position set out in Appendix 3;
- (d) Note the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme set out in Appendix 3; and
- (e) Note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account set out in Appendix 3.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 'Our corporate plan' is supported by a corporate framework which provides further context around the main issues the plan aims to address, and key strategies which will contribute to the delivery of the plan. This report provides an overview of the Council's performance and achievements over the last 12 months and sets out provisional details of the 2018/19 projected financial outturn positions for the General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account. In recognition of some of the challenges moving forward it also sets out key strategies for implementation during 2019/2020.
- 2.2 This is the last Annual Performance & Provisional Budget Outturn report aligned to the current corporate plan. Work will be undertaken during 2019/20 by the new administration to develop the Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024.
- 2.3 The Council's statutory Annual Financial Report for 2018/19 was completed and signed by the Responsible Financial (S151) Officer on 31 May and will be presented in full to Audit Committee in July following external audit. Should there be any significant variations from the figures presented in this report, they will be highlighted at that Committee. The Outturn now presented is in management format.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Much of the focus for 2018/19 has been on the key strategies developed as part of the strategic framework whilst maintaining frontline service delivery in support of the visions and priorities of the corporate plan.
- 3.2 The Council's financial planning process further supports the delivery of the corporate objectives and the annual budget, and its performance, is an element of the overall corporate plan.

- 3.3 The provisional outturn for 2018/19 as reported to cabinet in April resulted in revised General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account budgets as follows;

	Original Budget £'m	Latest Budget April Cabinet £'m	Reported Variations £'m
General Fund	17.243	16.561	-0.682
Capital Programme	26.225	23.226	-2.999
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.667	-27.597	0.07
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.667	26.470	-1.197

4. PERFORMANCE

- 4.1 Performance continues to be maintained despite ongoing funding reductions. Appendix 1 illustrates some of the Council's achievements and key data for 2018/19.
- 4.2 The level of central government funding reduced by £1.537m from 2017/18 to 2018/19, with further reductions forecast in future years. Appendix 2 (Corporate Framework) displays the key strategies that are in progress for 2019/20 which will contribute to delivering a level of service that the local population expect, despite these significant reductions.

5. BUDGET OUTTURN

- 5.1 The Annual Budget is an important element of the delivery of the Council's financial strategy which supports the delivery of core services and provides value for money to local taxpayers. Financial Monitoring Reports and Medium Term Financial Plan updates to Cabinet throughout the year provide up to date information on both current performance, and the budget outlook over a medium term period.
- 5.2 The updated General Fund revenue outturn position confirms a spend of £16.204m. This is a favourable yearend variation of £357,000, and results in a total favourable variation for the year as against the original budget of £1.039m. The Financial Monitoring reports presented through Cabinet during the year confirm the reasoning for the significant variations other than the outturn variation of £357,000, which are summarised within Appendix 3.
- 5.3 The updated Capital Programme outturn position confirms a spend for the year of £22.617m. This is a yearend variation of -£609,000, and results in a total variation for the year of -£3.608m.
- 5.4 The updated Housing Revenue Account position confirms income for the year of £27.830m and a spend for the year of £27.761m. This results in an overall surplus for the year of £69,000, with this sum being transferred to the Acquisition and Development reserve.
- 5.5 The following table summarises the positions as explained above (although all stated positions are still subject to change during the course of External Audit);

	Original Budget	Outturn Position	Total Variation
	£'m	£'m	£'m
General Fund	17.243	16.204	-1.039
Capital Programme	26.225	22.617	-3.608
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.667	-27.830	-0.163
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.667	27.761	0.094

6. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no environmental, crime and disorder or equality implications arising directly from this report.

7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL COMMENTS

7.1 Three of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels (Community and Leisure, Environment and Housing) have considered this report at their meeting in June. Each of the Panels were fully supportive of the Annual Performance and Provisional Budget Outturn report and praised the work of officers in putting together all the information. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel will consider this report at its meeting on 27 June 2019 and any comments will be reported verbally at the Cabinet meeting.

8. LEADER'S COMMENTS

8.1 I am very supportive of the overall direction of travel and very pleased and grateful to all concerned for the performance outcomes shown in this report.

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Background Papers:

Our corporate plan – Cabinet 3
February 2016

Financial Monitoring Report –
Cabinet 3 April 2019