

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL 11 JUNE 2020

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN 2019/20

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Panel:
- a) Note the updated position statement, including the highlights from 2019/20;
 - b) Note the development of the new performance framework in progress;
 - c) Note the provisional outturn of the General Fund revenue and capital budgets for 2019/20;
 - d) Note the provisional outturn of the Housing Revenue Account for 2019/20; and
 - e) Provide feedback or comments back to Cabinet.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 This report provides an updated position statement, including Portfolio highlights for 2019/20. It also sets out provisional outturn results for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.
- 2.2 The equivalent report for 2018/19 confirmed that report as the last Annual Performance and Provisional Outturn report as against the 2016-20 Corporate Plan. This report falls as part of a transition from the old performance measures and confirms the continued development of the new performance framework.
- 2.3 The Council's statutory Statement of Accounts will be completed and signed by the Responsible Financial (S151) Officer by 10 July and will be presented to Audit Committee 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 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.
- 3.2 The last Financial Monitoring Report for 2019/20 was presented to the Cabinet in December and was based on latest financial information to the end of October. The provisional outturn report scheduled for April was pulled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 3.3 The latest budgets for 2019/20 as reported to the Cabinet resulted in revised General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account budgets as follows;

TABLE 1	Original Budget	Latest Budget April Cabinet	Reported Variations
	£'m	£'m	£'m
General Fund	17.493	18.125	0.632
Capital Programme	27.919	34.810	6.891
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.876	-28.126	-0.250
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.876	28.356	0.480

- 3.4 Recent events in relation to COVID-19 have had a significant bearing on the Council. As this is a backward-looking report, there is notable absence of COVID-19 implications, as the general impact to the 2019/20 financial year was minimal.

4. Annual Position Statement

- 4.1 Appendix 1 illustrates some of the Council's achievements and key data for 2019/20. To support the delivery of 'Community Matters', the Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2024, a new Performance Management Framework is under development in consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Panels. This framework will include achievement indicators and data sets that will be used to inform future reporting of performance across Portfolios.
- 4.2 The level of central government funding (excluding Business Rate Retention) fell in 2019/20 in comparison to 2018/19 by £261,000. This is a smaller reduction than in previous years as ultimately support funding has now all but disappeared apart from New Homes bonus.

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 £17.928m. This results in a total adverse variation for the year as against the original budget of £0.435m. The Financial Monitoring reports presented through Cabinet during the year confirm the reasoning for the significant variations other than the favourable outturn variation of £197,000, which are summarised within Appendix 2a.
- 5.3 The original Capital Programme budget was set at £27.919m. This was increased via financial monitoring reports to take account of scheme rephasing's from 2018/19 and updated for new requirements, including £4.882m for Commercial Investments. The Capital Programme outturn position confirms a spend for the year of £27.209m. This is a yearend variation in comparison to the revised budget of -£7.6m, and results in a total variation for the

year as against the original budget of -£710,000. This position is summarised within Appendix 2b.

- 5.4 The updated Housing Revenue Account position confirms income for the year of £28.163m and a spend for the year of £28.899m. This results in an overall deficit for the year of £736,000. A transfer of £56,000 has also taken place to the earmarked ICT reserve, resulting in a transfer necessary from the Acquisition and Development reserve of £792,000. This position is summarised within Appendix 2c.
- 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);

TABLE 2	Original Budget	Outturn Position	Total Variation
	£'m	£'m	£'m
General Fund	17.493	17.928	0.435
Capital Programme	27.919	27.209	-0.710
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.876	-28.163	-0.287
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.876	28.899	1.023

6. Crime & Disorder / Equality & Diversity / Environmental Implications

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

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Background Papers

The Corporate Plan 2020-2024
 'Community Matters'
 Cabinet 4 March 2020

Financial Monitoring Report
 Cabinet 4 December 2019