

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 'Our corporate plan' is supported by a Delivery Plan which sets out in more detail the context of the main issues the plan aims to address and key delivery actions 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 2016/17 projected financial outturn positions for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme. In recognition of some of the challenges moving forward, it also sets out further key delivery actions for 2017/18.
- 1.2 The Council's statutory Statement of Accounts will be completed and signed by the Responsible Financial (S151) Officer by 30 June and will be presented to Audit Committee in August 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.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Much of the focus for 2016/17 has been on the achievement of the service reviews and key activities contained within the delivery plan, whilst maintaining frontline service delivery in support of the visions and priorities of the corporate plan.
- 2.2 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. The General Fund budget for 2016/17 was set at £17.192 million.
- 2.3 The provisional revenue Outturn (some areas of account still need to be resolved) for the year is an overall saving of £3.084m. The requirement for savings in order to meet the reduced budget for 2017/18 has resulted in significant savings being realised in 2016/17 (net £1.796m) with the majority of these being on-going. A review of the Asset Management Programme also resulted in considerable savings during the year (net £649k) and additional income contributed to the overall position, including Car Parking, Health & Leisure and Planning (£639k).

3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Performance continues to be maintained in spite of the ongoing funding reductions and Appendix 1 illustrates some of the Council's achievements and key data for 2016/17.
- 3.2 The level of central government funding has reduced by £2.665m from 2015/16 to 2017/18, with further reductions forecast in future years. Appendix 2 introduces the key delivery actions for 2017/18 which will contribute to addressing this major issue.

4. PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN

- 4.1 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. Details of the provisional Budget Outturn position for the General Fund are set out in Appendix 3.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. LEADER'S COMMENTS

- 6.1 I am pleased that we continue to operate within our means and support the aims of our Corporate Plan.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:
- (a) Note the performance and achievements as set out in Appendix 1
 - (b) Note the key delivery actions for 2017/18 set out in Appendix 2
 - (c) Note the provisional General Fund outturn position
 - (d) Note the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme
 - (e) Note the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account.

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Background Papers:

Our corporate plan –
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