

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 '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 2017/18 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 2018/19.
- 1.2 The Council's statutory Statement of Accounts will be completed and signed by the Responsible Financial (S151) Officer by 31 May and will be presented 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.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Much of the focus for 2017/18 has been on the achievement of the service reviews and key activities contained within the delivery plan including the generation of additional income, 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.
- 2.3 The provisional outturn for 2017/18 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	16.587	15.346	-1.241
Capital Programme	21.266	24.418	3.152
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.919	-27.990	-0.071
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.919	26.681	-1.238

3. PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 Performance continues to be maintained despite ongoing funding reductions. Appendix 1 illustrates some of the Council's achievements and key data for 2017/18, whilst also providing a current picture of the Council's organisational structure.
- 3.2 The level of central government funding reduced by £1.757m from 2016/17 to 2017/18, with further reductions forecast in future years. Appendix 2 (Corporate Framework) introduces the key strategies in development for 2018/19 which will contribute to delivering a level of service that the local population expect, despite these significant reductions.

4. 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. 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.
- 4.2 The updated General Fund revenue outturn position confirms a spend of £14.558m. This is a favourable yearend variation of £788,000, and results in a total favourable variation for the year as against the original budget of £2.029m. The Financial Monitoring reports presented through Cabinet during the year confirm the reasoning for the significant variations other than the outturn variation of £788,000, which are summarised within Appendix 3. As stated within the April Cabinet Financial Monitoring report, a review of the variations against the original budget will be undertaken to determine which are on-going and not yet reflected in the 2018/19 budget or forward looking MTFP.
- 4.3 The updated Capital Programme outturn position confirms a spend for the year of £24.918m. This is a yearend variation of +£500,000, and results in a total variation for the year of +£3.652m.
- 4.4 The updated Housing Revenue Account position confirms income for the year of £27.965m and a spend for the year of £26.153m. This results in a favourable yearend variation of £502,000, and results in an overall favourable variation for the year of £1.812m, with £64,000 being transferred to the ICT reserve.
- 4.5 The following table summarises the positions as explained above;

	Original Budget £'m	Outturn Position £'m	Total Variation £'m
General Fund	16.587	14.558	-2.029
Capital Programme	21.266	24.918	3.652
Housing Revenue Account (Income)	-27.919	-27.965	-0.05
Housing Revenue Account (Expend.)	27.919	26.153	-1.77

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. COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

- 6.1 Each of the Panels have considered the report and noted the content. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel welcomed the new format and considered that the public would find the document useful.

7. LEADER'S COMMENTS

- 7.1 I am delighted with this statement of the Council's position and its acknowledgement of the continued good performance of the Council within the context of the many challenges that we face.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:
- (a) Notes the performance and achievements as set out in Appendix 1
 - (b) Notes the key delivery actions for 2018/19 set out in Appendix 2
 - (c) Notes the provisional General Fund outturn position
 - (d) Notes the provisional outturn position of the Capital Programme
 - (e) Notes the provisional outturn position of the Housing Revenue Account.

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Background Papers:

Our corporate plan –
Cabinet 3 February 2016

Financial Monitoring
Report – Cabinet 4 April
2018