

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 16 JULY 2019

TITLE OF REPORT: 2018/19 OUTTURN POSITION

Report of: Head of Corporate Services & Section 151 Officer

Cabinet member: Councillor James Radley, Deputy Leader and Finance

I PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report contains details of the final position on the Council's accounts for 2018/19. The Committee is asked to consider the report and to make any recommendations to Cabinet which will consider the report at its meeting on 1 August 2019.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 2018/19 outturn position of an underspend of £369,250 for the General Fund Revenue Account be noted.
- 2.2 It be recommended to Cabinet that the £369,259 underspend be placed in the Commercialisation Reserve.
- 2.3 The 2018/19 outturn position for Capital expenditure be noted.
- 2.3 It be recommended to Cabinet that the carry forward of the unspent revenue budgets as detailed in paragraph 6.1 be supported.

3 TIMETABLE

- 3.1 The provisional Statement of Accounts have been published on the website, and presented to the external auditor on 31st May.
- 3.2 The Audit Committee is due to receive the audited Statement of Accounts together with the Annual Governance Report for signing and approval at its meeting on 24th July. However, EY have indicated that they may be unable to audit the accounts in time for this deadline.

4 PROVISIONAL REVENUE POSITION

- 4.1 When the Council set its budget for 2018/19, it anticipated that the result would be a net contribution to general reserves of £27k. In the event the total underspend on services is £369k.
- 4.2 The main areas of under and over spend are detailed in the attached Appendix I.

5 CAPITAL POSITION

- 5.1 Total capital spending in 2018/19 was £2,383k, an under spend of £4,612k against the approved budget of £6,995k. The following table summarises the position by service area. Details are shown in Appendix 2.

	Approved Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variation
	£000	£000	£000
Corporate Management	534	3	(531)
Housing and Customer Services	890	1,231	341
Leisure	238	14	(224)
Environmental Promotion	2,681	743	(1,938)
Technical Services	2,652	392	(2,260)
Total capital programme	6,995	2,383	(4,612)

- 5.2 The capital expenditure in 2018/19 has been funded as follows:

Financed By:	£'000s
Useable Capital Receipts	5
Developers' Contributions	780
Internal Borrowing	677
Disabled Facilities Grant	866
Environment Agency	55
Other contributions	0
Total	2,383

6 REVENUE BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS

- 6.1 Officers have requested that a number of unspent budgets in 2018/19 are carried forward to the current year to allow them to complete planned expenditure programmes. The amounts requested to be carried forward are detailed below and have been included in the draft statement of accounts provided to the external auditors. The Head of Corporate Services is happy that these are justified slippages.

Type of Expenditure	Amount £'000	Reason
S106 SANG Sites	888	S106 Developer Contributions towards SANG Sites
S106 Health Contribution	263	S106 Developer Contributions for a Health Centre
S106 Biodiversity part of SANG Criteria	50	S106 Developer Contributions to fund Biodiversity Officer
S106 Affordable Housing part of SANG Criteria	201	S106 Developer Contributions to fund Affordable Housing projects
S106 Interest on Balances	35	Interest accrued on S106 Historic Balances
Domestic Abuse Funding	437	Earmarked Grant Funding

Homelessness Initiatives New Housing Software	67	Earmarked Grant Funding
Flexible Homelessness Grant	128	Earmarked Grant Funding
Homelessness Reduction	11	Earmarked Grant Funding
Commercialisation at Hart	369	Unspent funds approved by Cabinet July 18
Capita Contract and Client Team	663	Allowance for Historic Capita Contract Costs
Digitalisation	1,393	Exceptional in year receipt earmarked for Digitalisation
Building Maintenance	50	Unspent budget for Building Maintenance
Countryside	22	Unspent budget for access to open spaces and wildlife survey
Sponsorship	23	Income received for Grounds Maintenance of Roundabouts
NNDR Hart Leisure Centre	224	Provision for outstanding Business Rates

7 GENERAL FUND RESERVE

7.1 The General Fund Reserve at 31 March 2019 was £5.508m. This is a healthy balance and necessary because there is still much uncertainty around future financial settlements from the Government.

7.2 A summary of the estimated movement on reserves is:

	£000
Balance at 31 March 2018	5,537
Underspend on service budgets transferred to general reserve	0
Balance at 31 March 2019	5,537
Budgeted contribution to reserves 2019/20	28
Projected Balance at 31 March 2020	5,565

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Revenue Budget Outturn 2018/19 Period 12 March

Appendix 2 - Capital Programme Budget Monitoring 2018/19