

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 02 April 2019

TITLE	2018/19 Period 10 Forecast Outturn Report		
Ward(s)	n/a		
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Cabinet lead: Cllr Craig Cheney	Statutory Officer lead: Denise Murray		
Proposal origin: Other			
Decision maker: Cabinet Member			
Decision forum: Cabinet			
<p>Purpose of Report: The report provides update on the Council’s financial performance and forecast use of resources during the financial year 2018/19. The Council budget for 2018/19 was agreed by Council on 20th February 2018 and this report focuses on the forecast position against that budget.</p> <p>The Council operates Directorate cash limited budgets and Executive Directors are responsible for ensuring that appropriate action is taken to contain both revenue and capital spending within the directorate’s overall budget limit. Budget holders forecasting a risk of overspend should in the first instance set out in-service options for mitigation. Where these are considered undeliverable or pressures cannot be contained across the directorate a request can be made for the Executive to consider granting a supplementary estimate redirecting funds from an alternative source.</p> <p>The Adults, Children and Education Directorate (ACE) requested a supplementary estimate for 2018/19, which was approved by Cabinet on 4th December 2018. Cabinet also approved a revised capital programme to re-profile project budgets in line with the anticipated delivery for 2018/19.</p>			
<p>Evidence Base:</p> <p>The Council’s overall annual revenue spend during 2018/19 is managed across a number of areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Fund with a net budget of £363.4m, providing revenue funding for the majority of the Council’s services. <p>Ring Fenced Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) of £119.9m gross spend, is ring-fenced, money received in rent in order to plan and provide services to current and future tenants, and is managed within Growth and Regeneration Directorate. • The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £347.7m, which is a ring-fenced grant that must be used in support of the schools budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance Regulations and cannot be used for any other purpose. The grant is managed within the ACE Directorate; • Public Health, a ring-fenced grant of £32.5m, must be spent to support the delivery of the Public Health Outcomes Framework exclusively for all ages and is managed within the ACE Directorate. <p>Full detail for each of these areas is provided in the main monitoring report, Appendix A.</p> <p>To support delivery of the Council’s priorities regarding clean streets an additional £1m is requested to fund the clean streets action plan. Full detail of this request and approval is provided in the supplementary estimate in Appendix B. This is funded from additional business rates section 31 grant as reported in the period 3 budget monitoring report.</p>			
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>That Cabinet approves,</p>			

1. The allocation of an additional £1.0m budget to provide for Clean Streets action plan as per the supplementary estimate set out in Appendix B.

That Cabinet notes,

2. the overall forecast outturn position for general funded services is an underspend of (£0.7m) which is 0.2% of the revised budget (Appendix A -Table 1). This will be managed as part of the final accounts by reviewing the planned movements to and from reserves that have been assumed in the forecast.
3. the forecast underspend position with regard to the Housing Revenue Account has increased by a further (£3.3m) to a forecast year end position of (£9.7m) (Appendix A4).
4. the movement in the DSG forecast of £0.3m, which reduces the forecast carry forward underspend to (£0.1m) (Appendix A5).
5. the further reduction in required drawdown from Public Health reserve to £1.7m, from an original plan of £1.8m (Appendix A6).
6. the current forecast capital spend of £145m against the capital programme budget of £161m (Appendix A – Table 3).
7. the forecast net drawdown in reserves of £22.6m (Appendix A - Table 4).

Corporate Strategy alignment: This report sets out progress against our budget, part of delivering the financial plan described in the Corporate Strategy 2018-23 (p4) and acting in line with our organisational priority to ‘Be responsible financial managers’ (p11).

City Benefits: Cross priority report that covers whole of Council’s business.

Consultation Details: n/a

Revenue Cost	Net: £363.4m	Source of Revenue Funding	Total approved revenue budget including ring-fenced accounts
Capital Cost	£160.6m	Source of Capital Funding	Total capital programme incl. HRA
One off cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice: The resource and financial implications are set out in the report.

Finance Business Partner: Chris Holme

2. Legal Advice: The report, including the detail in Appendix A, will assist the Cabinet to monitor the budget position with a view to meeting the Council’s legal obligation to deliver a balanced budget. The report also includes a key decision in respect of the allocation of funds, there are no specific legal implications in relation to this decision. Equalities impact checks / assessments will be required in relation to specific decisions to spend the budget as set out in Appendix B.

Legal Team Leader: Nancy Rollason, Head of Legal Service

3. Implications on IT: There are no IT implications arising from production of this report.

IT Team Leader : Ian Gale, Head of IT

4. HR Advice: Expenditure on staffing is monitored on a monthly basis by budget holders. Managers are required to manage expenditure within the agreed staffing budget that has been set for 2018/19.

HR Partner: Mark Williams, Head of Human Resources

EDM Sign-off	Denise Murray	20/03/2019
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Cheney	
For Key Decisions - Mayor’s Office sign-off	Mayor’s Office	05/03/2019

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	YES
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Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Combined Background papers	NO
Appendix J – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix K – HR advice	NO
Appendix L – ICT	NO