

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET – 13 NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT OF: Director of Resources and Organisational Development
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision: Yes
Report to: Council
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BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2023/24 – PROGRESS REPORT APRIL TO JUNE 2023

Purpose of Report

1. The Cabinet report provided an update on the forecast financial position at quarter one (Q1) against the approved Revenue Budget for 2023/24 and the current Capital Programme.

Summary

2. The forecast revenue outturn position for 2023/24 at the end of June is a net overspend of £442,000 against the current budget. It should, however, be noted that quarter one projections are prepared early in the year and thus external trends are still emerging.
3. As was the case in 2022/23, the continued impact of rising interest rates and effective investment decision-making is also achieving a positive movement on the Council's Treasury Management income. This continues to be used to offset service pressures.
4. A number of fully funded Capital variations have come forward in the first quarter of the year totalling £635,000 which are detailed in table 3 of the Cabinet report. The Capital Programme remains on target at this stage in the year.

Recommendations

5. **That Council:**
 - (i) **Note the current forecast outturn;**
 - (ii) **Endorse the variations to the Capital Programme contained in Table 3 of the Cabinet report in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure rule B3 and the Capital Strategy**
 - (iii) **Approve the formal creation of the Specific Reserves as identified in Table 2, funded from external grant funding as detailed in paragraphs 19-21 of the Cabinet report.**
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BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2023/24 – PROGRESS REPORT JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

Purpose of Report

1. The Cabinet report provided an update on the forecast financial position at quarter two (Q2) against the approved Revenue Budget for 2023/24 and the current Capital Programme.

Summary

2. The forecast revenue outturn position for 2023/24 at the end of September is an overspend of £654,000.
3. As was the case in 2022/23, the continued impact of rising interest rates and effective investment decision making is also achieving a windfall income on the Council's Treasury Management income. This has continued to be used to offset pressures on services that continue to be impacted by excess inflation.
4. A number of fully funded Capital variations have also come forward in the second quarter of the year totalling £5,385,000 which are detailed at Table 3 of the Cabinet report. These pertain to the investment in Temporary accommodation allowing the authority to access the Local Authority Housing Funding, as agreed at Cabinet on 11th September, and now proposed for formal recommendation to Council.

Recommendations

5. That Council:

- (i) **Note the current forecast outturn;**
 - (ii) **Endorse the variations to the Capital Programme contained at Table 3 in the Cabinet report in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure rule B3 and the Capital Strategy;**
 - (iii) **Approve the use of £2,080m for LAHF Tranche 1 and £1,252m for LAHF Tranche 2, as detailed in paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Cabinet report.**
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Financial Implications

6. The financial implications are detailed within the body of the Cabinet reports.

Risk Management Implications

7. There are no risk management implications.

Equality and Customer Service Implications

8. There are no Equality and Customer Service implications.

Other Material Implications

9. There are no legal implications as a direct consequence of the Cabinet reports.

Sustainability Implications

10. There are no sustainability implications as a direct consequence of the reports.