

2017/18 Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 3

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1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update members on the current Revenue Budget forecast outturn position for the 2017/18 financial year based on the end of November (Month 8). This report was taken to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 February 2018
- 1.2. The detailed report indicates how the Council's resources are forecast to be used to support the delivery of budgetary decisions. The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) sets the funding for the County Plan and the use of those funds is then monitored throughout the year to ensure delivery of Council objectives and actions.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the current Revenue Budget forecast outturn position for the 2017/18 financial year and how the Council's resources are forecast to be used to support the delivery of budgetary decisions.

3. Background

3.1. Summary Forecast 2017/18 – Revenue Budgets

The Authority's forecast shows a projected net overspend of £7.741m (see Appendix A, Annex A) when compared to the Revenue Budget. This represents 2.48% of base budget. The majority of the overspend lies in the Children's Services budgets (Appendix A, section 3 and Annex C).

- 3.2. Most other areas of the Council are within reasonable tolerance although some corporate and support budgets are under pressure (as covered in Appendix A, section 7).
- 3.3. The implication of this forecast is that Cabinet and the Senior Leadership Team will need to continue to exercise more stringent control in all areas of council spend to ensure the final outturn position is much lower than this.
- 3.4. The predicted General Reserve position at the end of March 2018 and for 2018/19 is shown in the table below:

	Value £m
Balance brought forward 2017/18	10.441
In year Transfers	(0.301)
Collection Fund Surplus 2017/18	4.871
Current Balance	15.011
Estimated in year overspend to be written off	(7.741)
Balance at March 2018	7.270
Base Budget contribution 2018/19	2.000
Estimated Collection Fund Surplus 2018/19	2.000
Balance at 31 March 2019	11.270

- 3.5.** The report as taken to Cabinet (Appendix A) shows the detail at a service level of the forecast outturn position, the Aged Debt Analysis and the projected delivery of the MTFP savings.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1.** The individual service content within this report has been considered by Service Management Teams prior to submission together with on-going briefings of Cabinet Lead Members.

5. Implications

- 5.1.** Financial implications are dealt with in the body of this report, and where decisions are required. There are no other direct implications arising from this paper.

6. Background papers

- 6.1.** County Council – 15 Feb 2017 – 2017/18 Revenue Budget and MTFP
County Council – 15 Feb 2017 – S151 Robustness and Adequacy report
Cabinet – 15 November 2017 – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2017/18 Month 6

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author