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Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice to attend the following meeting:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 6 December 2018

Time: 3.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - West Somerset House

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WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Thursday 6 December 2018 at 3.30 pm

Council Chamber - West Somerset House

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting of the Scrutiny Committee</u> (Pages 5 - 12)

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 18 October 2018, to be approved and signed as a correct record – SEE ATTACHED.

3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

To receive and record declarations of interest in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

4. Public Participation

The Chairman to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public wishing to speak at this meeting there are a few points you might like to note.

A three-minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue. There will be no further opportunity for comment at a later stage. Your comments should be addressed to the Chairman and any ruling made by the Chair is not open to discussion. If a response is needed it will be given either orally at the meeting or a written reply made within five working days of the meeting.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan (Pages 13 - 14)

To review the latest Cabinet Forward Plan for the month of January, published on 20 November 2018 – SEE ATTACHED.

6. Chairman's Announcements

An opportunity to update the Committee on any matters of interest or matters arising.

7. Invest to Save Report

To consider Report No. WSC 88/18 on Invest to Save Projects – TO FOLLOW.

8. Quarter Two 2018-19 Performance Report (Pages 15 - 24)

To consider Report No. WSC 89/18 to be presented by Councillor A Trollope-Bellew – SEE ATTACHED.

The purpose of the report is to provide Members with key performance management data up to the end of Quarter Two 2018-19, to assist in monitoring the Council's performance.

9. Financial Monitoring 2018-19 as at 30 September 2018 (Pages 25 - 40)

To consider Report No. WSC 90/18 to be presented by Councillor M Dewdney – SEE ATTACHED.

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the projected 'outturn' – end of year – financial position of the Council for the financial year 2018-19 (as at 30 September 2018).

10. Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 41 - 42)

To receive items and review the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2018-19 – SEE ATTACHED.

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO CHECK THEIR POST TRAYS

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 October 2018 at 3.30 pm

Present:

Councillor I Aldridge Councillor R Clifford Councillor G S Dowding Councillor J Parbrook Councillor P Pilkington Councillor R Woods

Members in Attendance:

Councillor A Trollope-Bellew Councillor N Hawkins

Councillor K Turner

Officers in Attendance:

Advice and Homelessness Manager (H Stewart)
Empty Homes Co-ordinator (S Perry)
Governance and Democracy Specialist (M Prouse)
Governance, Democracy and Executive Support Case Manager (C Rendell)

SC 12 Apology for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor R Lillis.

SC 13 Minutes

(Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 14 June 2018 – circulated with the Agenda.)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 14 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

SC 14 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Member of a County, Parish or Town Council:-

| Name | Minute No. | Description of Interest | Personal or Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary | Action Taken |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Cllr I Aldridge | All items | Williton | Personal | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr P Murphy | All items | Watchet | Personal | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr J Parbrook | All items | Minehead | Personal | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr P Pilkington | All items | Timberscombe | Personal | Spoke and voted |
| Cllr A Trollope-Bellew | All items | Crowcombe | Personal | Spoke |
| Cllr K Turner | All items | Brompton Ralph | Personal | Spoke |

Councillor Clifford further declared a personal interest as Chair of the West Somerset Advice Bureau.

SC 15 Public Participation

No members of public spoke at the meeting on any items on the agenda.

SC 16 Cabinet Key Decisions and Actions

(Copy of the Cabinet Key Decisions from the meeting held on 11 July 2018, circulated at the meeting)

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Key Decisions from the meeting held on 11 July 2018, be noted.

SC 17 <u>Cabinet Forward Plan</u>

(Copy of the Cabinet Forward Plan published on 2 October 2018, circulated at the meeting).

Members highlighted that some of the reports on the Forward Plan would be taken through the Shadow Council process instead of Cabinet and that the document would need to be updated.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Forward Plan published on 2 October 2018, with amendments, be noted.

SC 18 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman did not have any matters to announce to the Committee.

SC 19 <u>Homelessness Strategy</u>

The report WSC 33/18 was presented by Councillor K Turner.

The purpose of the report was to provide a detailed account of the results of the Homelessness Review that had been undertaken across the five Districts and proposed an Action Plan that covered the four priorities which included:-

- Supporting the transition in services required by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017:
- Supporting clients to remain in their existing accommodation;

- Supporting clients to access suitable and affordable accommodation;
- Building and maintaining strong working relationships across partnerships.

The process of review had begun in 2016, but was extended to 2017 due to the introduction and impact of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 on the partners. From April 2018 to date, there had been a 62% increase in homeless applications at both Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) and West Somerset Council (WSC) in approaches that consisted of both singles (expected) and families (unexpected), especially in families who were intentionally homeless.

The Review had considered the way homelessness services were delivered across the area and had established current levels of homelessness, who were becoming homeless locally and why, and examined the trends in homelessness. It had also considered available accommodation and support services to identify gaps in provision.

Most importantly, it also expounded on the problems encountered in the delivery of the outgoing Action Plan and homelessness issues that affected the region, one of which that was highlighted, was the housing options for the 25-34 year age group, as they were expected to live in shared accommodation and were restricted to the shared accommodation housing elements of Universal Credit, which in turn created a problem of moving clients on from programmes and freeing up spaces when they reached the age of 25.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Members highlighted that other Councils had trialed schemes with credit unions and whether the effectiveness of such schemes had been reviewed.
 - Customers were given advice to approach credit unions for assistance. TDBC and WSC also operated schemes to assist customers with rent in advance and deposits and used discretion when repayment was arranged with customers who were on benefits and Universal Credit. There were also funding schemes available from Hinkley Point.
- Members queried what had caused the increase in homeless applications and whether it was due to the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.
 - The old Strategy that was used to assist customers was very restrictive, the new Strategy meant that more people were eligible to make an application because the Councils had a duty to house them.
- Members queried what the capacity was to help the increased amount of customers.
 - The Homelessness Manager advised that it was hard to quantify a figure due to the preventative work that was being carried out, along with the old cases that were still being assisted. She advised she would be able to report back after the second quarter.
- Members queried what would the Homelessness Manager need to effectively deliver the work needed for the new Strategy and the increased amount of homeless applications.
 More experienced housing officers would be required.

- Concern was raised that customers would intentionally make themselves homeless because there was more assistance available.
 The customer would still be required to provide valid reasons why they had made themselves homeless or would still be required to provide a Section 21 notice.
- Members queried when a customer was classed as homeless.
 The Homelessness Manager described the process of homelessness as a train that had three carriages, which were the different stages of homelessness:-
 - Carriage One prevention carriage, this was the first step for customers that were under threat of homelessness, they would have received a section 21 notice which lasted for two months;
 - Carriage Two this carriage was accessed either via the prevention carriage or directly by the customer because they were roofless, instead of being able to prevent the homelessness in this stage, another 56 days relief was given to find them accommodation; and
 - Carriage Three only after the previous carriages, would the officers go back to the homeless duty under the five criteria which was used prior to the new Strategy being introduced and was stricter on customers.
- Members requested clarification that once the two phases were used and if no accommodation had been found, then the obligation ended. However, due to the extended amount of time provided by the two phases, the Strategy gave more options to assist the customer and steer away from the old criteria which was used under the old Strategy. Yes, there were far more options available to officers under the new Strategy to assist customers with prevention and securing suitable accommodation.
- Members queried what demographical group had required more need.
 There had been an increase in single customers requesting help, but there had also been an increase in the amount of families that had come in to make an application.
- Members queried if the increase in young single customers was due to their desire to move out of a rural area to an urban area.
 This was not the case in TDBC and WSC. There was more help being given around mediation to keep the young customer at home with their family.
- Concern was raised around matters in relation to the local West Somerset Advice Bureau and the work load that was potentially being created in April 2019, when customers who needed extra assistance on Universal Credit would be passed to their local Advice Bureau. That information was included in the report because the difficulty that officers had with some customers on Universal Credit required solutions that would be better provided via partnership working with multiple agencies and would be delivered through an Advice Bureau.
- Members queried whether there were any statistics available on exservicemen on the homeless register.
 The Homelessness Manager was not aware of any listed on the homeless register, but there were some on the Homefinder system.
- Concern was raised that some ex-servicemen might not declare their military background.
 - The Homelessness Manager advised Members that when customers were interviewed for housing assistance, the interviews were extensive

- and would normally take up to a couple of hours, which ensured that detailed information was gathered.
- Members were reassured by the report and thanked the Homelessness Manager for the clarity that the increased homeless figures had gone up due to the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.
- Members were aware that extra funds had been issued from Central Government but gueried whether the funds had met the need. No. Sadly the amount of homelessness applications had gone up across the country and there were not enough funds due to budget cuts being implemented across the board.
- Members gueried whether there was information available based on each Ward and whether homes were being filled with local customers. Reports had been produced by the West Somerset Advice Bureau that gave details on each Ward. Whether homes were being filled with local customers would depend on the Section 106 Agreement that was put in place when planning permission was sought.
- The Chairman thanked the Homelessness Manager for her hard work and passion on the subject matter.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) Provided 'in principle' support to the draft Somerset Homelessness Review and Strategy;
- b) Challenged and scrutinised the detail and identified content that might require further clarity or amendment and provided a view on whether Scrutiny considered some aims and priorities were more important than others: and
- c) Challenged the content of the draft Equalities Impact Assessment and suggested any further additions or amendments.

SC 20 Empty Homes Update

The report WSC 77/18 was presented by Councillor K Turner.

The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the number of empty homes and the issues within the West Somerset area. The number of long term empty properties in West Somerset had declined by 7%, which was a reduction of 18 properties, the first reduction since 2015.

As a result of the growth in the tax base, the Council could be rewarded through the New Homes Bonus scheme. This included new properties coming on line and also the decrease in empty homes.

This highlighted the value of having the resources available to tackle the work on empty homes and how this could effectively contribute to income generation for the authority under the New Homes Bonus scheme.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Members requested that work carried out on empty homes was considered in the Shadow Council arrangements.
- Members queried whether the figures included second homes. Second homes were taken out of the equation, the figures produced were based on long term empty properties, which were properties that had been unoccupied for six months or more. Page 9

- Members queried how the Empty Homes Co-ordinator distinguished between the two types of property. The Empty Homes Co-ordinator used the Council Tax database which identified the difference between second homes and empty properties through information gathered by inspectors and customers. If a property was empty and furnished, it may not be classified as a long term empty on the council tax database. However, if a property was empty and unfurnished, it would be classed as empty property.
- Members queried how accurate the data was.
 The figures were very accurate. In the WSC area, the figures reported were good news. However, more resource was needed to be able to work in a proactive manner instead of reactive.
- Members requested further information on enforcement measures mentioned within the report.

 The Empty Homes Co-ordinator had been in contact with Blackpool Council, who had carried out an interesting piece of enforcement work by issuing Community Protection Notices (constantly ignoring these could lead to a custodial sentence). The letters used had included very effective wording which appeared to have worked reducing the need and cost of court action. Further information would be needed to assess whether it would be an effective method for TDBC and WSC to adopt. Currently enforcement action was taken when there were breaches of: environmental health, building control and planning legislation.
- Members queried how the Empty Homes Co-ordinator tackled cases where the owner of an empty property did not live within the area. The Empty Homes Co-ordinator reported that those types of cases were often complex and not easily tackled, but progress could be made via telephone, email and writing letters.
- Concern was raised on empty properties where their owners were deceased and families used the property for occasional use. That was a dilemma faced especially in the South West because it was a nice area and families wanted to keep the property in the area for future use. Officers could not influence 'the market' and the property would be classed as a second home.
- Members queried the Council Tax Premiums mentioned in the risk matrix.
 - A Council Tax Premium was applied to the bill after two years and added an additional percentage to the charge.
- Concern was raised that the application of a premium would generate Council Tax avoidance and the owner might advise that the property was furnished.
 - The Empty Homes Co-ordinator accepted that might happen. However, if the owner advised that the property was furnished, inspectors would be sent out to check and for a property to be classed as furnished, it would need more than a bed and chair to qualify.
- Members queried what it took for a property to be brought back from being unoccupied to occupied.
 The Empty Homes Co-ordinator explained that there were many different scenarios regarding bringing a property back into use. However, grant money always attracted people to get things done.
- Members requested how information was gathered on empty properties.
 Empty property review forms were sent out annually to gain data to update our database. Personal visits also helped to gain a lot of information, often from neighbours and the wider community. In addition people often contacted the Empty Homes Co-ordinator to provide information on the phone or by email.

• Concern was raised that the figures for 2018 were a one off and might not be achievable again.

This could be true but the figures often varied year on year and not wildly. The Empty Homes Co-ordinator explained that at any given time there were some parameters that tended to provide an overview. In West Somerset, the long term empty figures often fell between the parameters of 200 and 240 properties. There were unlikely to be major changes but that can happen on occasions. Also large housing developments could have an impact on the figures, the Empty Homes Co-ordinator explained that the North Taunton Woolaway Project would have an impact on the TDBC figures because whilst the work was carried out on the properties a large number would be classed as empty.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) Noted the contents of the report;
- b) Endorsed the activities that reduced the number of empty homes as they could effectively bring properties back into use; and
- c) Urged the Shadow Authority to seriously consider increasing the resource into the area of empty homes work.

SC 21 Scrutiny Committee Work Plan

The following items were highlighted for the Forward Plan for the meeting scheduled for 22 November 2018:-

Members were reminded that if they had an item they wanted to add to the agenda, that they should send their requests to the Scrutiny Officer.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- The Parking Task and Finish Report had been pushed back to the December meeting to allow time for its completion.
- The Invest to Save Report had been added to the November meeting.
- The Leader highlighted a concern on the lack of higher level training available for nurses in the area which meant they did not stay in the area to work and suggested a report could be discussed at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the content of the Work Plan be noted.

The meeting closed at 5.37pm.

enda Item 5

Weekly version of Cabinet Forward Plan published on 20 November 2018

| Forward Plan Ref / Date proposed decision published in Forward Plan | Date when decision due to be taken and by whom | Details of the proposed decision | Does the decision contain any exempt information requiring a resolution for it to be considered in private and what are the reasons for this? | Contact Officer for any representations to be made ahead of the proposed decision |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| FP/19/1/01 06/03/2018 | 9 January 2019 By Lead Member Resources & Central Support | Title: Budget Monitoring Report Purpose: to provide Members with details of the Council's expected financial outturn position in 2018/19 for both revenue and capital budgets, together with information relating to predicted end of year reserve balances | No exempt / confidential information anticipated | Andrew Stark, Interim Head of Finance 01823 219490 |
| FP/19/1/02 06/03/2018 Page 1 | 9 January 2019 By Lead Member Resources & Central Support | Title: Allocation of Section 106 funds held Purpose: to make proposals for the allocation of monies secured through planning obligations to individual schemes, and to update members with the current funding position | No exempt / confidential information anticipated | Tim Burton, Assistant Director Planning and Environment 01823 217561 |
| FF / / 1 / 9 /1/03 06/03/2018 | 9 January 2019 By Lead Member for Energy Infrastructure | Title: Hinkley Point Purpose: to consider any key issues that arise relating to Hinkley Point | No exempt / confidential information anticipated | Brendan Cleere, Director Growth and Development 01823 217579 |
| FP/19/1/04 25/09/2018 | 9 January 2019 By Leader of Council | Title: Corporate Performance Report Quarter 2 Purpose: to provide Members with an update on progress in delivering corporate priorities and performance of council services | No exempt / confidential information anticipated | Richard Doyle, Corporate Strategy and Performance Officer 01823 218743 |

Note (1) – Items in bold type are regular cyclical items.

Note (2) – All Consultation Implications are referred to in individual reports.

The Cabinet comprises the following: Councillors A H Trollope-Bellew, M Dewdney, A Hadley, B Maitland-Walker, C Morgan S J Pugsley, K H Turner and D J Westcott. The Scrutiny Committee comprises: Councillors P H Murphy, N Thwaites, R Clifford, G S Dowding, R Lillis, J Parbrook, R Woods, I Aldridge and P Pilkington.

Report Number: WSC 89/18

West Somerset District Council

Scrutiny – 6th December 2018

Quarter 2 2018/19 Performance Report

Responsible Elected Member: The Leader of the Council, Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew

Report Author: Richard Doyle, Corporate Strategy & Performance Officer

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides Members with key performance management data up to the end of Quarter 2 2018/19, to assist in monitoring the Council's performance.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-
 - Scrutiny review the Council's performance and highlight any areas of particular concern;

3 Risk Assessment

Risk Matrix

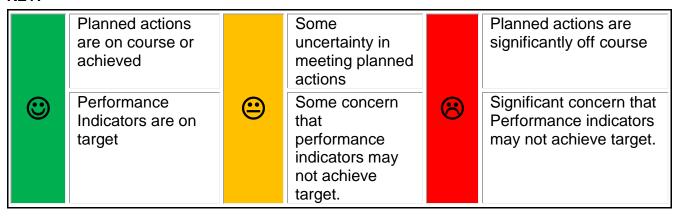
| Description | Likelihood | Impact | Overall |
|--|------------|--------|---------|
| The key risk is that the Council fails to manage its performance and use the subsequent information to inform decisions and produce improved services for customers. | Likely | Major | High |
| | (4) | (4) | (16) |
| The mitigation for this will be the continued strong leadership from Lead Members and JMT to ensure that performance management remains a priority. | Unlikely | Major | Medium |
| | (2) | (4) | (8) |

4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 Regularly monitoring our performance is a key element of the Council's Performance Management Framework.
- 4.2 There are **28** individual measures which are reported within the Corporate Scorecard.

- 4.3 The WSC Corporate Scorecard at Appendix A contains details of the Quarter 2 2018/19 position against the Council's key corporate indicators. It should be stressed that this information is at **30**th **September 2018**.
- 4.4 Each action/measure is given a coloured status to provide the reader with a quick visual way of identifying whether it is on track or whether there might be some issues with performance or delivery or an action.
- 4.5 The key used is provided below:

KEY:



4.6 The table below provides an overview of the reported indicators within the Corporate Scorecard.

| GREEN | AMBER | RED | NOT AVAILABLE | NOT DUE (UNTIL Q4) | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-----|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 28 |

Please refer to **Appendix A** for full details of each of the reported measures

4.7 Further detail is provided concerning the **5** red measures below:

| Reference | Description | Measure | Comments |
|-----------|--|----------------------|---|
| HC4.13 | Number of households making a homeless application and percent accepted where we have a duty | 65 or fewer per year | Q1 = 56 (accepted 2) Q2 = 47 (accepted 0) Please note that the Homeless Reduction Act (from April 2018) has radically changed the way and timescale for dealing with housing advice and homelessness which is evidenced by these figures. Figures of approaches has risen and the focus is now on preventing and relieving homelessness. Any accepting of a full duty will not be made until either the full prevention and relief stages have been exhausted (112 days) or just the full relieve duty time has expired (56 days). |
| KPI 90B | % Minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks or an agreed extension time | 65% | Q1 = 74% Q2 = 60.6% Year to date = 66.7% Slight dip in Q2 due to high turnover of agency staff during this period. |
| KPI 123 | Customer complaints answered within 20 working days | 95% | Q1 = 80% Q2 = 75% Q1 = 4 out of 5 complaints answered within timescale Q2 = 3 out of 4 complaints answered within timescale |

| KPI 124 | FOI requests answered within 20 working days | 75% | Q1 = 69% 78 FOIs received in Q1 54 answered within 20 working days Q2 = 69% 86 FOIs received in Q2 60 answered within 20 working days Q2 = 69% |
|---------|--|-----|---|
| HC4.17 | Facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing pipeline to achieve 34 new affordable homes in 2018/19 | 34 | Q1 = 1 Q2 = 1 We are now experiencing a lack of completions due to the lack of start on sites following the rent reduction announcement. There are 18 homes which started on site during this quarter and some may come through before the end of the financial year but this is weather dependant through the winter months. |

5 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

5.1 This KPIs within this report support progress against the Council's key priorities in relation to place, people and an being an efficient and modern Council.

6 Finance / Resource Implications

6.1 The scorecard references some financial performance measures, a separate more detailed financial performance report for the quarter is listed as a separate item on this agenda.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

8 Environmental Impact Implications

8.1 There are no direct environmental impact implications associated with this report although the scorecard includes measures relating to fly-tipping.

9 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications

9.1 There are no safeguarding and /or community safety implications associated with this report.

10 Equality and Diversity Implications

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

11 Social Value Implications

11.1 There are no Social Value implications associated with this report.

12 Partnership Implications

12.1 A number of corporate aims and objectives reported within the corporate scorecard are delivered in partnership with other organisations, in particular through shared services arrangements with Taunton Deane Borough Council.

13 Health and Wellbeing Implications

13.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications associated with this report although the corporate scorecard includes measures relating to disabled facilities grants which enable residents to live independently, for example.

14 Asset Management Implications

14.1 There are no direct asset management implications associated with this report.

15 Consultation Implications

15.1 This performance report will be published on the Council's website for public scrutiny and information.

Democratic Path:

- Scrutiny Yes
- Cabinet Yes
- Full Council No

Reporting Frequency: 6 Monthly.

List of Appendices (delete if not applicable)

| Appendix A | WSC Corporate Scorecard |
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| | | | Scorecard | | | | | |
| F | eference | Council | Measure? | Description | Measure | Q1 (RAG) | | Comments |
| Page | ererence | Council | | Number of Households making a homeless application (lower is better | Weasure | QT (RAG) | | Q1 = housing and homelessness advice approaches = 56 accepted cases 2 (0.004% of all approaches) Q2 = housing and homelessness advice approaches = 47 accepted cases = 0 (0.00% of all approaches) Please note that the Homeless Reduction Act (from April 2018) has radically changed the way and the timescale for dealing with housing advice and homelessness which is evidenced by these KPI figures. Figures of approaches has risen and the focus is now on preventing and relieving homelessness. Any accepting of a full duty will not be made until either the full prevention and relief stages have been exhausted (112 days) or just the full |
| | IC4.13 | | | and reflects improved prevention) and percent accepted where we have a | | | | relieve duty time has expired(56 |
| | | WSC | | Disabled facilities grants - Average time to complete DFG process once allocated by SWPSHP Measures the time from allocating the case until the work has been completed. KPI 52 | Target - 24 Weeks (as per the Home Improvement Agency's target) | | | days) Q1 & Q2; Completed 4 Disabled Facilities Grants, 3 Minor Works and 7 modular ramps. Excluding the extension, the major works took 31 weeks, the minor works 5 weeks and the modular ramps 4 days. This makes the total average so far for the year 2.6 weeks. The extension took 18 months and the major DFG's would have been 24 weeks as there were a 7 week delay on two grants as a result of reassessments. |
| F | 104.5 | VV 3C | res | NTI DZ | Agency's target) | GREEN | | reassessments. Q1 - 100% |
| k | PI 90A | WSC | | % major planning applications determined within 13 weeks (or within agreed extension of time) | 60% | GREEN | GREEN | Q2 - 100% Year (to date) - 100% Q1 - 74.0% Q2 - 60.6% Year (to date) - 66.7% |
| k | PI 90B | WSC | | % minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks or an agreed extension of time. | 65% | GREEN | | Slight dip in Q2 due to high turnover of agency staff during this period. |

Appendix A

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| | | | | | | | | Q1 - 89.1% |
| | | | | | | | | Q2 - 98.1% |
| | | | | % of other planning applications determined within 8 weeks or an agreed | | | | |
| | KPI 90C | WSC | Yes | extension of time. | 80% | GREEN | GREEN | Year (to date) - 94.0% |
| | | | | | | | | Q1 = 2.2 days FTE. |
| | KPI 160 | WSC | Yes | Number of days sickness per FTE | Average of 8.5 days or lower per FTE | GREEN | AMBER | Q2=4.76 days per FTE |
| | | | | | | | | Q1 - 21.24 days |
| | KPI 5 | WSC | Yes | Average processing times for new HB claims only | 28 days or lower | GREEN | GREEN | Q2 - 24.08 days |
| | | | | Average processing times for HB only changes in circumstances (lower is | | | | Q1 - 16.46 days |
| | KPI 6 | WSC | Yes | , , , | 9 days or lower | AMBER | AMBER | Q2 - 12.69 days |
| Ī | | | | , and the second | , | | | Q1 - 34.81 % |
| | KPI 10 | WSC | Yes | % Council Tax collected | 97.5% by 31st March | GREEN | GREEN | Q2 - 61.93 % |
| | | | | | | | | Q1 - 35.67 % |
| | KPI 12 | WSC | Yes | % Business Rates collected | 98% or more by 31st March | GREEN | GREEN | Q2 - 57.84 % |
| Ī | | | | Street Cleansing | , | | Not | The council no longer does a street |
| | KPI 103 | WSC | Yes | % service requests actioned within 5 working days | 85% target | | | cleansing service. |
| ľ | | | | Waste & Recycling | | | | Q1 = 90% (29 Fly tips) |
| | KPI 88 | wsc | Yes | Fly-tipping: % removed within 48 hrs | 75% | GREEN | GREEN | Q2 = 88% (14 Fly tips) |
| - | 141 1 00 | 11100 | 103 | Customer Access | 1070 | ORLEN | ORLEIT | Q1 = 7% |
| | KPI 25 | wsc | Yes | Abandoned in queue call rate % | Target - <8% | GREEN | AMBER | Q2 = 10.74% |
| - | 141 1 20 | 11100 | 103 | Abandonea in quede daii rate 70 | Target 4070 | OKEEN | TIVIDEIX | 5 complaints received |
| | | | | | | | | 4 complaints answered within 20 |
| | | | | | | | | days |
| | | | | | | | | Q1 = 80% |
| | | | | | | | | 4 complaints received |
| Dage | | | | | | | | 3 complaints answered within 20 |
| ב | | | | | | | | days |
| Œ | KPI 123 | wsc | Yes | Customer Complaints | 95% of complaints responded to with 20 working days | RED | RED | Q2 = 75% |
| Ñ | | | | | 3, | | | 78 FOIs received in Q1 |
| ٦ | | | | | | | | 54 answered within 20 working days |
| | | | | | | | | Q1 = 69% |
| | | | | | Measure: - Number of FOI enquiries received. | | | 86 FOIs received in Q2 |
| | | | | | inicacaror riamber of right enquines resolved. | | | 60 answered within 20 working days |
| | KPI 124 | WSC | Yes | FOI requests provided with substantive response within 20 days. | Target 75% answered witin 20 working days. | RED | RED | Q2 = 69% |
| | | | | Environmental Health | | Not | Not | Tachnical igauga ctill continue as |
| | VDI 560 | WSC | Voc | % of requests completed within stated service standard (60 days) | 75% or higher | Not Available | Not | Technical issues still continue so |
| - | KPI 56a | WSC | Yes | Licensing | 75% or higher | Available | Available | unable to report figures on this. |
| | VDI 50 | MCC | Voc | Licensing | 000/ | CDEEN | CDEEN | Ashioved OR E20/ |
| _ | | WSC | Yes | | 90% | | GREEN | Achieved 98.52% |
| | TH9 | WSC | Yes | Number of NDR hereditaments and rateable value | New Measure | GREEN | GREEN | |

| | | | | | | | (5) (10 11 1 (5) |
|--------|-----|-----|--|--|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | 1 Discounted Open Market Sale |
| | | | | | | | complete at Stoates Mill (Watchet). |
| | | | | | | | Qtr 2 - The second Discounted |
| | | | | | | | Open Market Sale completed during |
| | | | | | | | September and the final property is |
| | | | | | | | still going through the process. We |
| | | | | | | | are now experiencing a lack of |
| | | | | | | | completions due to the lack of start |
| | | | | | | | on sites following the rent reduction |
| | | | | | | | announcement. There are 18 |
| | | | | | | | homes which started on site during |
| | | | | Target = 34 affordable homes (102 homes over 3 | | | this quarter and some may come |
| | | | | vears) | | | through before the end of the |
| | | | | (Based on 35% of the emerging Local Housing Plan | | | financial year but this is weather |
| | | | Facilitate the delivery of the affordable housing pipeline to achieve 34 new | | | | dependant through the winter |
| HC4.17 | WSC | Yes | , | take account of small sites.) | AMBER | RED | months. |

West Somerset Council

Scrutiny – 6 December 2018

Financial Monitoring – 2018/19 as at 30 September 2018

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Martin Dewdney, Lead Member for Resources and Central Support

Report Author: Andrew Stark, Interim Finance Manager and Deputy S151 Officer

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the projected "outturn" end of year financial position of the Council for the financial year 2018/19 (as at 30 September 2018).
- 1.2 The current forecast outturn for the Revenue Budget is a net underspend of £150K.
- 1.3 The General Fund reserves forecast balance as at 31 March 2019 is projected to be £1.049m. The balance remains above the recommended minimum reserves level approved in the Council's Budget Strategy (£0.7m).
- 1.4 The Earmarked Reserves projected balance is £4.241m after any transfers to and from earmarked reserves during the year. The majority of these reserves are allocated to business rates funding volatility (£1.523m), Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment (£576k), Planning Policy (£172k), Asset Maintenance and Compliance (£207k), Sustainability (£318k) and Creating a New Council/Transformation (£836k).
- 1.5 The current forecast position for the General Fund Capital Programme in 2018/19 is on target against a total approved budget of £13.893m. Forecast spend during the year is £1.987m with £10.185m projected to be spent in future years (£1.746m spent in previous years).

2 Recommendations

2.1 That Scrutiny notes the Council's forecast financial performance as at 31 September 2018 with the estimated position at the end of the financial year.

3 Risk Assessment (if appropriate)

Risk Matrix

| Description | Likelihood | Impact | Overall |
|---|------------|--------|---------|
| That the Authority overspends against the approved budget | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Mitigated by regular budget monitoring reports are produced and managers actively manage the budgets under their responsibility | 1 | 4 | 4 |

Risk Scoring Matrix

| | RISK Scoring Matrix | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| | 5 | Almost Certain | Low (5) | Medium (10) | High (15) | Very High (20) | Very High (25) | |
| b | 4 | Likely | Low (4) | Medium (8) | Medium (12) | High (16) | Very High (20) | |
| Likelihood | 3 Possible | | Low (3) | Low (6) | Medium (9) | Medium (12) | High (15) | |
| | 2 | Unlikely | Low (2) | Low (4) | Low (6) | Medium (8) | Medium (10) | |
| | 1 | Rare | Low (1) | Low (2) | Low (3) | Low (4) | Low (5) | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| | | | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Major | Catastrophic | |
| | | | | | Impact | | | |

| Likelihood of risk occurring | Indicator | Description (chance of occurrence) |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Very Unlikely | May occur in exceptional circumstances | < 10% |
| 2. Slight | Is unlikely to, but could occur at some time | 10 – 25% |
| 3. Feasible | Fairly likely to occur at same time | 25 – 50% |
| 4. Likely | Likely to occur within the next 1-2 years, or | 50 – 75% |
| | occurs occasionally | |
| 5. Very Likely | Regular occurrence (daily / weekly / monthly) | > 75% |

4 Background and Full details of the Report

- 4.1 This report provides the Council's forecast end of year financial position for 2018/19 revenue and capital budgets as at 30 September 2018.
- 4.2 The regular monitoring of financial information is a key element in the Council's Performance Management Framework. Crucially it enables remedial action to be

- taken in response to significant budget variances, some of which may be unavoidable. It also provides the opportunity to assess any consequent impact on reserves and the Council's the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 4.3 Members will be aware from previous experience that the position can change between 'in-year' projections and the final outturn position, mainly due to demand-led services. The budget monitoring process involves a detailed review of the more volatile budgets and a proportionate review of low risk/low volatility budget areas.
- 4.4 Budget Holders, with support and advice from their accountants, regularly review the position and update their forecasts based on currently available information and knowledge of service requirements for the remainder of the year. As with any forecast there is always a risk that some unforeseen changes could influence the position at the year end, and a number of risks and uncertainties are highlighted within this report. However, the following forecast is considered to be reasonable based on current information.
- 4.5 It is clear that the organisation is undergoing major change at present with implementation of the new operating model under Transformation and the preparation for the new Somerset West and Taunton Council taking effect in April 2019. All reasonable effort is being undertaken by budget holders and finance staff to ensure that budgets remain under control during this period of disruption.

5. 2018/19 Forecast Outturn

General Fund Revenue Account – 2018/19 Forecast as at 30 September 2018

- 5.1 The Council is currently forecasting an overall net underspend of £150k. This represents 2.9% of the overall Net Revenue Budget. Table 1 below provides a summary of the forecast position for the year.
- 5.2 Shadow Scrutiny will receive an update report in respect of transformation, with costs expected to exceed budget. The best estimates of anticipated costs and the funding plan are currently being finalised and will be reported to Shadow Scrutiny in November.

Table 1 – Summary Predicted Revenue Position Q2 2018/19

| | Original | Predicted | Variance |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Budget | Outturn | |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Corporate | 552 | 535 | (17) |
| Operations | 3,019 | 2,960 | (59) |
| Housing and Communities | 559 | 580 | 21 |
| Growth and Development | 531 | 477 | (54) |
| Somerset Rivers Authority | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| Subtotal - Net Service Costs | 4,686 | 4,577 | (109) |
| Interest costs and income | 120 | 79 | (41) |
| Subtotal – Net Costs | 4,806 | 4,656 | (150) |

| | Original | Predicted | Variance |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Budget | Outturn | |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Transfers to Earmarked Reserves | 601 | 351 | (250) |
| Transfers to/from General Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NET BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE | 5,407 | 5,007 | (400) |
| Business Rates Funding | (1,964) | (1,713) | 250 |
| Revenue Support Grant | (170) | (170) | 0 |
| New Homes Bonus | (396) | (396) | 0 |
| Rural Services Delivery Grant | (214) | (214) | 0 |
| Council Tax | (2,216) | (2,216) | 0 |
| Collection Fund Deficit - Business Rates | (396) | (396) | 0 |
| Collection Fund Surplus - Council Tax | (51) | (51) | 0 |
| TOTAL FUNDING | (5,407) | (5,157) | 250 |
| NET UNDERSPEND FOR THE YEAR | 0 | (150) | (150) |

5.3 Only significant variations to budget are included in this report, with the following overspends and underspends highlighted.

West Somerset Q2 Budget Variances

| West Somerset &z Budget Variances | Ctoff | Othor | Incomo | Total |
|--|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Staff | Other | Income | Total |
| | | Expend | | |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Facilities | | 11 | | 11 |
| Public Conveniences | | (13) | | (13) |
| Street Cleansing | | (57) | | (57) |
| Private Sector Renewal | | (13) | | (13) |
| Member Services | | (17) | | (17) |
| Development Control | 25 | | (79) | (54) |
| Estates | 34 | | | 34 |
| Interest Payable & Receivable | | (5) | (36) | (41) |
| Business Rates | | 250 | | 250 |
| Transfer from Business Rates Smoothing | | | (250) | (250) |
| reserve | | | | |
| TOTAL – over / (under) spend | 59 | 156 | (365) | (150) |

5.4 The main variances to budget are explained as follows:-

Overspends

- a) Facilities: Overspend of £11k is due to increased security costs and cleaning which is now contracted out.
- b) Estates: Overspend of £34k is due to agency staff costs

Underspends

- c) Planning: There is a forecast underspend of £54k due to increased planning application income of £79k offset by additional agency costs of £25k.
- d) Public Conveniences: Forecast underspend of £13k, savings from business rates, water and electricity.
- e) Street Cleansing: There is a contract saving of £57k.
- f) Private Sector Renewal: There is saving on the Home Improvement Agency contracts of £13k.
- g) Member Services: There is a saving of £17k on member allowances.
- h) Interest Costs and Income: There is an underspend of £5k on interest payable as current cash flow forecasts indicated there will be no need to take on external loan borrowing during 2018/19, plus £36k additional investment interest income due to improved returns compared to budget assumptions.

Business Rates

A summary of the new Retained Funding figure is shown in the table below:

Table 2 – Business Rates Retention Estimates

| Business Rates Retention Funding Estimates | 2018/19 Budget £000 | 2018/19 Actual £000 | 2018/19 Difference £000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 40% Standard Share of Business Rates | (6,662) | (6,662) | 0 |
| Yield | | | |
| Rates yield from renewable energy | (30) | (30) | 0 |
| schemes | | | |
| Tariff to Government | 4913 | 4,913 | 0 |
| Levy Payment | 545 | 699 | 154 |
| Safety Net Income | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S31 Grant | (730) | (634) | 96 |
| Net Retained Business Rates Funding | (1,964) | (1,714) | 250 |

- 5.5 The prediction of Business Rates retained income is £250k lower than the 2018/19 budget
- 5.6 This is primarily down to paying a larger levy than budgeted for as the Council's income has risen due to higher compensation factor allowed against Small

- Business Rates Relief. The budget assumed 50% whereas the actual percentage is 65.2%.
- 5.7 The Council is part of the Somerset Business Rates Pool and should receive a pool dividend for its sharing of the pooling gain, which is currently estimated at £488k. This figure is not accounted for in Table 1 as it will probably change on completion of the NNDR3 return for the year 2018/19, and won't be confirmed until the end of the financial year. The aim of pooling is to increase funding to support measures for delivering financially sustainable council services and investing in growth and infrastructure initiatives.

General Fund Reserves

5.8 The following table shows that the current General Reserves balance is £898,976, and the current forecast underspend could increase this balance to £1,048,796 at the year end. .

Table 3 – General Reserves Balance 31 March 2019

| | £000 |
|---|-------|
| Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2018 | 899 |
| 2018/19 Projected Outturn Variance – Q2 Forecast Underspend | 150 |
| Projected Balance 31 March 2019 | 1,049 |
| Recommended Minimum Balance | 700 |
| Projected Balance above recommended minimum | 349 |

5.9 The current recommended minimum balance is £700k – the projected balance at 31 March 2019 of £1.049m would be £349k above the recommended minimum balance. In view of the Council's future financial pressures the prudent advice is to maintain reserves above the recommended minimum, to provide limited resilience for emerging costs and to provide some flexibility to support measures to address ongoing financial sustainability.

Earmarked Reserves

5.10 Earmarked Reserves are amounts that have been set aside for specific purposes from existing resources, where the expenditure is expected to be incurred in future years. The table below provides a summary of the movement in earmarked reserve balances during 2018/19 financial year to date.

Table 4 – Estimated Earmarked Reserves Balance 30 September 2018

| | £'000 |
|--|-------|
| Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2018 | 4,249 |
| Transfers From Earmarked Reserves in 2018/19 | (618) |
| Transfers To Earmarked Reserves in 2018/19 | 610 |
| Current Balance | 4,241 |

5.11 The table above shows that the current projected reserves balance is £4.241m

after proposed movements to and from reserves during the year have been included. Full details of earmarked reserves can be found in **Appendix A** to this report. A significant proportion of the balance (£1.523m) relates to the Business Rates Smoothing Reserve which is committed to provide a contingency for business rates funding volatility, £576k for community land fund to support bringing forward affordable housing and £738k which is committed to support Transformation and Creating a New Council.

Capital Budget Predicted Outturn 2018/19

5.12 The following table summarises the position for both general schemes and Hinkley-funded schemes. Actual spend up to 30 September 2018 totals £526,207 and at this stage only a small variance against budget has been reported.

Table 5 – Summary Capital Programme Forecast as at 30 September 2018

| | General | Hinkley Funded | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| | Schemes | Schemes | Total |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total Programme Budget | 9,618 | 4,275 | 13,893 |
| Spend in Previous Years | 1,127 | 619 | 1,746 |
| Forecast Spend 2018/19 | 1,023 | 964 | 1,987 |
| Forecast Spend in Later Years | 7,493 | 2,692 | 10,185 |
| Total Forecast Capital Spend | 9,643 | 4,275 | 13,918 |
| Net Underspend (-) / Overspend | 25 | 0 | 25 |

5.13 A scheme by scheme analysis of the 2018/19 Programme at 30 September 2018 is set out in **Appendix B**.

6 Links to Corporate Aims / Priorities

6.1 The financial performance of the Council underpins the delivery of corporate priorities and therefore all Corporate Aims.

7 Finance / Resource Implications

7.1 Contained within the body of the report.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

9 Environmental Impact Implications

9.1 None for the purpose of this report.

10 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications

10.1 None for the purpose of this report.

- 11 Equality and Diversity Implications
- 11.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 12 Social Value Implications
- 12.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 13 Partnership Implications
- 13.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 14 Health and Wellbeing Implications
- 14.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 15 Asset Management Implications
- 15.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 16 Consultation Implications
- 16.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 17 Scrutiny Comments / Recommendation(s)

Democratic Path:

- Scrutiny Yes
- Cabinet Yes
- Full Council No

Reporting Frequency: Quarterly (except Quarter 1)

List of Appendices

| Appendix A | Summary of Proposed Earmarked Reserves |
|------------|--|
| Appendix B | Capital Programme Outturn 2018/19 |

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| Earmarked Reserve Heading | Balance at 1 April 2018 £ | Transfers In 2018/19 £ | Transfers Out 2018/19 £ | Balance at 31 March 2019 £ | Purpose of Reserve |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| District Election | 38,004 | 9,454 | 0 | 47,458 | Funds to meet the costs of Elections |
| Other Election Reserve | 13,536 | 0 | 0 | 13,536 | Funds to meet the additional costs of Individual Electoral Registration. |
| Individual Election Registration | 6,437 | 0 | 0 | 6,437 | Ring-fenced Government Grant |
| Planning Policy Reserve | 172,057 | 0 | 0 | 172,057 | Monies set aside and to be drawn down to cover additional costs arising and relating to the West Somerset Local Plan preparation through to examination and beyond to adoption. |
| West Somerset Employment Hub | 3,152 | 0 | 0 | 3,152 | Transferred to Community Outreach Fund |
| Planning Reserve | 70,000 | 0 | 0 | 70,000 | Monies set aside to fund specialist technical advice for major planning applications. E.g. Landscape visual impact assessments, retail studies etc. |
| Steam Coast Trail Reserve | 7,299 | 0 | 0 | 7,299 | WSC is working in continued partnership with Friends of the Steam Coast Trail and SUSTRANS to deliver the Steam Coast Trail Project. |
| Business Development Reserve | 5,677 | 0 | 0 | 5,677 | Funding for initiatives to support small businesses. |
| National grid PPA | 35,382 | 0 | 0 | 35,382 | S106 for landscape enhancements and plants |
| Minehead Events | 396 | 0 | 0 | 396 | Mary Portas grant – specifically earmarked. |
| Minehead Esplanade | 59,112 | 0 | 0 | 59,112 | |
| Minehead Town Centre Signage | 115 | 0 | 0 | 115 | Contribution from Minehead Chamber of Trade and Morrison s106 to fund the signs. |
| Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment | 575,760 | 0 | 0 | 575,760 | DCLG funding for community land fund to support bringing forward affordable housing within West Somerset. |
| Asset Management and Compliance | 266,751 | 0 | (60,000) | 206,751 | Asset maintenance compliance works to be completed. |
| Cuckoo Meadow Reserve | 30,094 | 0 | (13,622) | 16,472 | Lottery monies earmarked to be used in future years. Used for play equipment |

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| Earmarked Reserve | Purpose of | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Heading | Balance at 1 April 2018 | Transfers In 2018/19 | Transfers Out 2018/19 | Balance at 31 March 2019 | Reserve |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Housing Options | 43,620 | 0 | 0 | 43,620 | Balance of Homeless Prevention funding plus remainder of Mortgage Rescue Grant. |
| Estate Compliance | 26,736 | 0 | 0 | 26,736 | Asset compliance works to be completed |
| Assets of Community Value | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | Government Grant set aside to support the administration of applications under regulations. Reduction appropriate. |
| Inspire | 3,391 | 0 | 0 | 3,391 | Earmarked for costs under the Inspire Directive. Supports the relevant databases. |
| Business Rates Retention Smoothing Account | 1,332,101 | 441,211 | (250,238) | 1,523,074 | This is a volatile area and we are committed to mitigating the risk of Business Rates retention by setting aside an appropriate level of funds in this reserve |
| Sustainability Fund | 158,307 | 160,000 | 0 | 318,307 | Earmarked for initiatives such as "invest to save" plans that have a positive impact upon the underlying financial sustainability of the Council's budget. |
| Budget Carry Forwards For Specific Services | 294,649 | 0 | (294,649) | 0 | Budgets carried forward to reflect timing of planned spend across financial years and support ongoing service delivery requirements. |
| Contingency to underwrite timing of delivery of transformation savings | 48,000 | 0 | 0 | 48,000 | Funding to underwrite the timing of savings through the implementation of the transformation programme. |
| Community Safety | 13,533 | 0 | 0 | 13,533 | External funding specifically earmarked for community safety initiatives. |
| Revenues and Benefits Reserve | 68,024 | 0 | 0 | 68,024 | Monies set aside to provide service resilience and to fund planned software upgrade needed for CTS Scheme developments. |
| Finance Reserve | 44,840 | 0 | 0 | 44,840 | These monies fund additional staff to deal with service continuity during transformation. |
| SWP Vehicles | 33,617 | 0 | 0 | 33,617 | To help fund our contribution to the new operating model. |
| SWP Recycle More | 55,148 | 0 | 0 | 55,148 | Ring fenced Recycle More fund |

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| Earmarked Reserve Heading | Balance at 1 April 2018 | Transfers In 2018/19 | Transfers Out 2018/19 | Balance at 31 March 2019 | Purpose of Reserve |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| T · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Training Reserve | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | Monies set aside to meet future training needs across the organisation. |
| Online DHP Reserve | 5,375 | 0 | 0 | 5,375 | Online Software Requirement for Revenues and Benefits. |
| Licensing Staff Reserve | 12,791 | 0 | 0 | 12,791 | Monies set aside to fund extra resource within West Somerset Council. |
| Car Parking Reserve | 23,000 | 0 | 0 | 23,000 | Monies set aside in respect of maintenance and signage. |
| Environmental Health Reserve | 4,081 | 0 | 0 | 4,081 | Destitute Burial Reserve. |
| CCTV | 1,565 | 0 | 0 | 1,565 | Monies set aside to fund the repair of CCTV cameras. |
| Water Bathing Signs | 3,316 | 0 | 0 | 3,316 | Environmental grant specifically earmarked. |
| Transformation and Creating a New Council | 738,213 | 0 | 0 | 738,213 | Funding required primarily to implement the approved Transformation Business Case and also to create a new council replacing West Somerset and Taunton Deane councils. |
| Agile Working | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 20,000 | Investment in technology to complement transformation changes and better enabling of agile working |
| Members' Technology | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 20,000 | Funding to invest in updating members technology that complements the implementation of transformation of ways of working |
| Totals | 4,249,079 | 610,665 | (618,509) | 4,241,235 | |

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|-------------|--------|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cost | | Completed | Programme | Actual Spend | | Projected Spend | Projected Spend | Forecast Total | Programme |
| | Centre | Cost Centre Description | Scheme | Budget | In Previous Years | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 and Beyond | Spend | Variance 2018-19 |
| | | | £ | L. | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| f | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | General Schemes | | | | | | | | |
| | 1939 | East Wharf Scheme | N | 73,680 | | | | 66,611 | | |
| | 1997 | Disabled Facilities Grants | N | 1,244,510 | · · | 128,062 | • | | | |
| | 2065 | Other Projects - Superfast Broadband | N | 240,000 | | | 70,000 | | | |
| | 2065 | Other Projects - 7 The Esplanade | N | 15,000 | | | 0 | 15,000 | • | |
| | 2077 | Steam Coast Trail Project | N | 502,820 | · · | 103,023 | | | | |
| | 2168 | Decent Homes | N | 15,910 | | | 15,910 | | 15,910 | 0 |
| | 2217 | Stair Lift Recycling | N | 760 | | 0.040 | 760 | | 760 | 0 |
| | 2238 | Cuckoo Meadow | N | 2,950 | , , | | | | | |
| | 2253 | Transformation | N | 196,000 | · · | | 87,929 | | | |
| ᅱ | 2254 | CASA Project | N | 83,000 | | | 5,000 | | | |
| <u>a</u> j- | 2290 | Minehead Esplanade Project | N | 49,900 | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 17,563 | | |
| Page | | Total General Schemes | | 2,424,530 | 975,827 | 204,245 | 640,283 | 808,420 | 2,424,530 | U |
| 39 | | IT Projects | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 2066 | IT Projects - ICT Infrastructure Projects | N | 15,545 | 6,950 | 11,734 | | 8,595 | 15,545 | 0 |
| | 2066 | IT Projects - Office Backup Facility | N N | 15,000 | • | 11,734 | | 15,000 | 1 | |
| | 2066 | IT Projects - Annual Hardware Replacement | N N | 11,000 | | | 8,857 | 13,000 0 | 11,000 | |
| | 2066 | Server Refresh | N | 20,000 | • | | 0,007 | 20,000 | | |
| | 2235 | JMASS ICT Transformation | N | 274,580 | | 3,500 | 271,663 | | 274,580 | |
| ŀ | 2200 | Total IT Projects | 14 | 336,125 | i e | | i | | · | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Major Projects | | | | | | | | |
| | 2188 | Seaward Way Mixed Proposal Development | N | 3,023,225 | | 55,941 | 55,941 | 2,863,059 | | |
| - | 2256 | Somerset Waste Partnership | N | 3,500,000 | | | | 3,500,000 | | |
| - | | Total Major Projects | | 6,523,225 | 104,225 | 55,941 | 55,941 | 6,363,059 | 6,523,225 | 0 |
| | | S106 Funded - General Schemes | | | | | | | | |
| | 2065 | Huish Champflower Village Hall | N | 10,000 | | | | 10,000 | 10,000 | o |
| | 2065 | Footpath Lighting Enhancement | N | 41,000 | | | 6,000 | | 41,000 | |
| | 2065 | Dunster Parish Council - Multi Use Games Area | N | 25,728 | | 25,728 | | 25,728 | | |
| | 2065 | Minehead Town Council Community Hall | N | 120,000 | | , , | | 120,000 | | |
| | 2065 | Watchet Bowling Club - Community Hall Project | N | 135,000 | | | | 135,000 | | |
| | 2065 | Stogursey Parish Council Youth Club Equipment | N | 2,170 | | | | 2,170 | | |
| | | Total S106 Funded - General Schemes | | 333,898 | 35,000 | 25,728 | 6,000 | 292,898 | 333,898 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0077 | S106 Funded - Hinkley Schemes | . | 04000 | | 0= == : | 22.22 | 400 40- | 040.001 | _ |
| | 2077 | Steam Coast Trail | N | 216,334 | | 87,761 | 93,209 | 123,125 | 216,334 | 0 |

| | TOTAL | | 13,893,126 | 1,745,692 | 497,356 | 1,947,271 | 10,200,163 | 13,893,126 | 0 |
|------|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Total 3100 Fullded - Hillkley Schemes | | 4,215,346 | 010,030 | 190,200 | 904,327 | 2,092,191 | 4,213,340 | U |
| 2251 | Enterprising Minehead Total S106 Funded - Hinkley Schemes | N | 303,477 4,275,348 | 116 618,630 | 196,208 | 303,361 964,527 | 2,692,191 | 303,477 4,275,348 | 0 |
| 2249 | Stogursey Leisure | N | 1,240,001 | 31,832 | | 200,000 | 1,008,169 | 1,240,001 | 0 |
| 2241 | Doniford Rad, Watchet | N | 384,069 | 379,069 | | 5,000 | 1 000 100 | 384,069 | 0 |
| 2241 | Empty Homes & LOTS | N | 94,500 | 270 000 | | 94,500 | 0 | 94,500 | 0 |
| 2239 | Fiddington Village Hall | N | 69,000 | | | 04.500 | 69,000 | 69,000 | 0 |
| 2239 | Bridgwater Food Bank | N | 110,000 | | | | 110,000 | 110,000 | 0 |
| 2239 | Great Western Hotel Project (YMCA) | N | 500,000 | | | | 500,000 | 500,000 | 0 |
| 2239 | Minehead Town Council | N | 382,047 | | | | 382,047 | 382,047 | 0 |
| 2239 | Holford and District Village Hall | N | 155,000 | | | | 155,000 | 155,000 | 0 |
| 2239 | Williton Pavilion | N | 250,000 | 65,983 | 105,347 | 184,017 | 0 | 250,000 | 0 |
| 2239 | BW TC Support Scheme | N | 116,070 | 39,730 | | 76,340 | 0 | 116,070 | 0 |
| 2239 | S BW & NP Mitigation | N | 344,850 | | | | 344,850 | 344,850 | 0 |
| 2239 | Westfield United Church | N | 110,000 | 101,900 | 3,100 | 8,100 | 0 | 110,000 | 0 |

Agenda Item 10

Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme 2018/19

| 6 th December | January/February | April | June | July | TBC |
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| Notes of any Key Cabinet Decisions / Action Points. | Notes of any Key Cabinet Decisions / Action Points. | Notes of any Key Cabinet Decisions / Action Points. | Notes of any Key Cabinet Decisions / Action Points. | Notes of any Key Cabinet Decisions / Action Points. | Nurse Training and Development in Somerset - |
| Q2 Performance Report – R. Doyle | WSC Parking Strategy Task and Finish Report – M. Prouse | | | | |
| 2018/19 Financial Performance Mid- Year Report – A. Stark | | | | | |
| Invest to Save Options/ FC Resolution Update Report | | | | | |