

Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2023/24

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1. Summary

- 1.1. Where the Authority finances capital expenditure by debt, it must put aside resources to repay that debt in later years. The amount charged to the revenue budget for the repayment of debt is known as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP).
- 1.2. The Local Government Act 2003 requires the Authority to have regard to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Government's Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision (the DLUHC) most recently issued in 2018.

2. Issues for consideration / recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to review the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2023/24, whether there are any suggestions for amendments that they would like to recommend to the Executive.

3. Background

- 3.1. The statutory guidance requires the Authority to approve an MRP Statement each year and recommends several options for calculating a prudent amount of MRP.
- 3.2. The appendix attached sets out the principles of the calculation of MRP and the 2023/24 impact on the revenue budget. This has been a blended approach of policies across the District and the County authorities. The Director – Finance and Governance will review once the capital programme balances have transferred to the new Unitary Authority in 2023 and may wish to take a more streamlined approach next year.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1. This statement has looked at the various approaches taken by each of the five Somerset authorities.

5. Implications

- 5.1. This statement is required under statutory legal guidance issued in Regulation 27 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 [as amended].

- 5.2. The financial implications of the statement directly impact the level of charge to the revenue budget and are included within the 2023/24 budget.
- 5.3. There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. None

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