

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 25th NOVEMBER 2015

Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the scrutiny committee receives the Authority's Corporate Budget Monitoring Report and the Chief Executive's and Corporate Services departmental reports and considers the budgetary position.

Reasons:

- To provide the Committee with an update on the latest budgetary position, as at 31st August 2015, in respect of the 2015/16 financial year.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. David Jenkins (Resources)
- Cllr. Mair Stephens (Human Resources, Efficiencies & Collaboration)
- Cllr. Pam Palmer (Communities)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2015/16

The monitoring exercise for the period to the 31st August 2015 is attached and indicates that:

Revenue Budgets

Corporate Revenue Budget (Appendix A)

Overall, the monitoring report forecasts an end of year overspend of £186k on the Authority's net revenue budget with an overspend at departmental level of £2,307k.

Department for Education & Children – The Education & Children's Services Department is forecasting an overspend of £1,049k for the year.

The main adverse budget variations relate to school based EVR and redundancy costs (+£1,102k); EOTAS (Education other than at School) (+£327k); Adult & community learning (+£195k); Residential and Respite Units (+£152k); Out of Hours Service (+£68k); Youth Service (+£62k); Music Service (+£61) and Fostering services & support (+£34k).

These are partially offset by under-spends across the department in: Out of County Educational Placements (-£427k); Staff vacancies, secondments and maximising use of grant funding (-£323k); Payments to private early years providers (-£96k); Out of County Care Placements (-£30k) and Children's Services management & support (-£25k)

There is £986k available in departmental reserves leaving a forecasted shortfall of £63k at year end.

Department for Communities – The Department for Communities is forecasting an overspend of £ 644k for the year.

The Older People / Physical Disabilities Division has overspends of £393k due to the non achievement of efficiency savings re. Older People Day Centres and an overspend on Private Residential Care of £273k offset by an underspend of £470k in Residential Homes due to reduction of in house provision, £66k Physical Disability Group Homes / Supported Living and £227k Home Care.

The Learning Disability / Mental Health Division has an overspend on residential and supported living placements of £515k due to a slower than anticipated reduction required to meet efficiency savings which is currently being addressed. There is an overspend on additional packages for Direct Payments £385k and a Day Services overspend of £267k due to additional packages.

The Departmental overspend is reduced by £274k due to staff vacancies and £110k of miscellaneous supplies and services.

The Housing Services & Public Protection Division is forecasting an overspend of £12k due to under recovery of income.

The Leisure Services Division is forecasting a £53k saving due to staff vacancies.

Environment Department – The department is showing an anticipated overspend of £151k at year end.

The Transport & Engineering Division is showing a net overspend of £80k for the year. Civil design is showing an overspend of £48k due to under recovery of income as a result of a vacant post, Car Parks an overspend of £25k due to a delay in implementing the increased charges that were included in the efficiency proposals and Park and Ride is overspent by £40k. Public Transport is anticipating a £32k underspend following service adjustments to manage budget pressures elsewhere within the division.

The Property Services Division has an overall anticipated overspend of £209k. Building Maintenance is expecting to be £394k overspent due to not achieving their income target as a result of a reduction in the Carmarthenshire Housing Standard related work. This is offset by a £200k underspend in the Grounds Maintenance section due to ongoing efficiency savings.

The Street-Scene Division is expecting to break even at year end.

The Policy & Development Division is anticipating a £53k overspend mainly due a £36k severance efficiency not being delivered as well as a £3k overspend on out of hours allowances.

The Planning Division anticipates an underspend of £192k. This is as a result of a £142k saving on vacant posts within the division as well as 2 members of staff being charged out to an externally funded scheme (£50k).

Chief Executive's and Corporate Services Revenue Budget (Appendix B)

The **Chief Executive's Department** is showing a projected overspend at year end of £578k. Corporate Savings proposals of £400k on Standby Costs and £100k on Health & Safety provision have not yet been implemented and there has been slippage of £37k on the printer rationalisation programme. The Translation Unit is projecting an overspend of £42k due to an increase in demand for the service and Fitness for Work a projected overspend of £41k due to sickness cover and market supplement. Admin HR is anticipating an overspend of £21k due to temporary staff undertaking Disclosure and Barring Service work. The Regeneration Business Unit is also anticipating an overspend of £54k due to a previous year efficiency to sell the property at Nant y Ci which remains unsold. There are also overspends on Un Sir Gar due to increased staffing and maintenance (£27k), Policy due to non achievement of income target (£20k) and CCTV (£22k) due to late decision to cease live monitoring. These overspends are offset by vacant posts in the department of £149k. There has also been a planned reduction in expenditure on 3T's Community Development (£50k) and Community Safety Fund (£19k) to offset overspends elsewhere within the department.

The **Corporate Services Department** is anticipating an underspend at year end of £115k due to a reduction in the cost of annual subscriptions (£55k); Saving on new Bank Tender (£14k); Vacant Posts (£46k) and provision markets reduction in premises and supplies & services costs of (£44k). This is offset by an overspend on Livestock Markets of £38k due to ongoing essential R&M costs at various marts across the county.

Capital Budgets

Corporate Capital Programme Monitoring 2015/16 (Appendix C)

Approved Budget for 2015-16 is £53.815m compared to a projected total expenditure of £50.778m, which gives a variance on the approved budget of -£3.037m (under spend).

Chief Executive and Corporate Services Capital Programme Monitoring (Appendix D)

St David's Park -£400k due to delay in procuring works.

IT -£190k due to Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, budget allocated for payment that is due 1st April 2016.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – A list of the main variances is attached to this report.

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

3. Finance

Revenue – Overall, the Authority is forecasting an overspend of £186k.

Capital – The reported under spend of £3.037m will be incorporated into future years of the Capital Programme.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Owen Bowen Interim Head of Financial Services

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2015/16 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen