

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 19th OCTOBER 2022

REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2021/22

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Scrutiny Committee receives the Authority's 2021/22 Corporate Budget Outturn Report and the Chief Executive and Corporate Services departmental reports.

Reasons:

- To provide the Scrutiny with an end of year financial position in respect of 2021/22.

To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Darren Price (Leader)
- Cllr. Alun Lenny (Resources)
- Cllr. Phillip Hughes (Organisation and Workforce)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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REVENUE BUDGET
OUTTURN REPORT 2021/22

The Financial Monitoring report is presented as follows:

Revenue Budget

Appendix A – Authority Corporate Budget Outturn Report

The final outturn figures indicate an underspend for the year at departmental level of £5,345k (including the effect of overbudgeted pay award for April 2021). After taking account of capital charges and the movement in Earmarked and Departmental reserves the net position for the Authority is a £1,433k underspend.

At a high level this is due to a combination of:

- additional COVID19 related costs and lost income being largely refunded under the Welsh Government hardship scheme
- a number of additional grant funding streams being received from WG during – and particularly towards the end – of the financial year
- staffing shortages in some areas of council services, leading to an underspend situation which may be undesirable
- some services paused or impacted by lockdown measures and social distancing to differing levels during the financial year, leading to a reduction in expenditure
- Utilisation of some capital financing underspends, due to some significant pressure points on in-year capital project budgets, which was approved as part of a separate report.

Appendix B

Chief Executive and Corporate Services detailed variances for information purposes only.

Appendix C

Details the savings monitoring position for the end of the year.

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: **Chris Moore** Director of Corporate 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 net position for the Authority is an underspend of £1,433k. Chief Executive and Corporate Services show a net variance of -£2,014k against the 2021/22 approved budgets.

Savings Report

At year end, £281k of Managerial savings against a target of £451k were delivered. There were no Policy savings put forward for 2021/22.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **Chris Moore** Director of Corporate 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

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE / CONSULTED?
YES

(Include any observations here)

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
2021/22 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen