

# CORPORATE PERFORMANCE & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

## Revenue Budget Outturn Report 2022/23

### THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:

- Receive the Authority's 2022/23 Corporate Budget Outturn Report, the Chief Executive and Corporate Services departmental reports.

### Reasons:

- To provide Scrutiny with an end of year financial position in respect of 2022/23.

### CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:

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

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Financial Monitoring report is presented as follows:

### **Revenue Budgets**

#### **Appendix A – Authority Corporate Budget Monitoring Report**

The final outturn figures indicate an overspend for the year at departmental level of £4.6m. After taking account of capital charges underspends and the movement in Earmarked and Departmental reserves, the net position for the Authority is a £1,288k underspend.

Across the whole authority, the single largest driver affecting departmental overspends was the effect of nationally negotiated pay offers at much higher levels than budgeted, for which additional governmental funding was not provided. The remaining corporate contingency budget was applied to budgets as a partial mitigation, whilst the full effect of the award has been built into the 2023/24 budget which was approved by County Council in March 2023. The final outturn for schools was a £4.1m draw on reserves, leaving a balance of £11.1m at the year end.

In addition, there remain:

- overspends in service areas driven by increased demand combined with reduced grant funding versus previous years, particularly Learning Disabilities and Children's Service
- a sustained reduction in commercial income, covering car parks, leisure centres and school meals
- capital financing underspends due to scheme delays, reduced need to borrow and enhanced returns from interest earned on positive cash balances.

In line with our existing policies, forecast departmental overspends are met out of departmental reserves, where available.

**Appendix B**

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

**Savings Report**

**Appendix C**

The Savings Monitoring report.

**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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### 3. Finance Revenue

Overall, the net position for the Authority is an underspend of £1,288k. Corporate Performance & Resources Services show a net variance of -£1,345 against the 2022/23 approved budget.

### Savings Report

At year end £417k of Managerial savings against a target of £484k were delivered. There were no Policy savings put forward.

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE / CONSULTED?</b> YES	(Include any observations here)
<b>Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information</b>	
<b>List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:</b>	
<b>Title of Document</b>	<b>File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection</b>
2022/23 Budget	Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen