
Financial Performance Report 2015-16 Quarter Two

Committee considering report: Executive on 17 December 2015

Portfolio Member: Councillor Roger Croft

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform members of the latest financial performance of the Council.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To ensure that Members are fully aware of the latest financial position of the Council.

3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** If the forecast position occurs at the end of the financial year, there will be a corresponding impact on the Council's General Reserves, a reduction of £0.5m. This is additional to the £0.7m from reserves and already agreed by Council to fund the Ofsted Improvement Plan within Children's Services.

3.2 **Policy:** n/a

3.3 **Personnel:** n/a

3.4 **Legal:** n/a

3.5 **Risk Management:** n/a

3.6 **Property:** n/a

3.7 **Other:** n/a

4. Other options considered

4.1 N/a – factual report for information

5. Executive Summary

- 5.1 This report presents the financial performance for Quarter Two of the 2015/16 financial year. At Quarter Two, the forecast revenue position is an over spend of £0.5m, which is a decrease of £0.4m from Quarter One and mainly as a result of the amount directly from reserves to support the Ofsted Improvement Plan.
- 5.2 The Communities Directorate is forecasting an over spend of £0.9m at Quarter Two, which is a decrease of £0.1m from Quarter One. The overspend is primarily the result of a £0.7m pressure within Children's and Family Services and a forecast overspend within Education of £0.3m. The Directorate is looking to mitigate this forecast overspend position further and is reviewing all spending plans to see what can be delivered in year.
- 5.3 The Environment Directorate is forecasting an underspend of £373k compared to a £7k underspend at Quarter One. This is primarily due to additional income from parking and development control.
- 5.4 The Resources Directorate is forecasting an overspend of £49k, which is an increased overspend of £59k from the £10k underspend in Quarter One. The major change from Quarter One is the lower income forecast within Legal Services.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Quarter Two position is showing a forecast over spend of £0.5m. The Council remains in a challenging financial environment, and is faced with delivering savings of just under £6m, as well as addressing significant in year pressures in the Communities Directorate. The Council is taking steps to maintain financial discipline and ensure that savings are deliverable.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix A (1) – Financial Performance Q2 2015-16: Executive Report
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- 7.6 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment