

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

15th December 2015

Finance Monitoring Quarter 2 2015/16

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report details the Council's final financial position for both General Fund and Revenue for the period April – September 2015 (Quarter 2 2015/16)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to

RESOLVE that

- 2.1 the current financial position on Revenue as detailed in the report be noted; and

RECOMMEND that

- 2.2 the 2015/16 Capital Programme is increased by £25k to include a Section 106 funded project to improve CCTV within the local area/underpass.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 This report provides details of the financial information across the Council. The aim is to ensure officers and members can make informed and considered judgement of the overall position of the Council. The report reflects the financial position across the Strategic Purposes to enable Members to be aware of the level of funding attributed to these areas. This following summary shows the financial position for revenue funding for the period April – September 2015.
- 3.2 The Appendix (1) shows the breakdown of the Strategic Purposes to detail the services that have been included in each Purpose. The aim is to demonstrate the individual services that link to the overall Strategic position.

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Revenue Budget Summary – Overall Council Financial Year 2015/16

3.3 Internal recharges have not been included in these figures to allow comparison for each service area. However Support costs have been included.

Strategic Purpose	Annual budget £'000	Budget to date £'000	Actuals to date £'000	Variance to date £'000	Projection £'000	Projected Variance £'000
Keep my place safe and looking good	4,309	2,140	2,121	-19	4,238	-70
Help me run a successful business	-25	-13	-5	8	-31	-6
Help me be financially independent	377	11,492	11,472	-20	347	-30
Help me to live my life independently	395	70	134	63	440	44
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	928	435	364	-71	820	-108
Provide Good things for me to see, do and visit	2,138	1,172	1,190	18	2,150	11
Enable others to work/do what they need to do (to meet their purpose)	7,965	4,113	4,131	18	7,973	8
Totals	16,086	19,410	19,407	-3	15,936	-150

Financial Commentary:

In the second quarter of the financial year 2015/16 the overall council is showing an underspend. This is mainly due to some salary vacancies within the organisation.

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**Capital Budget Summary – Overall Council
Financial Year 2015/16**

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Strategic Purpose	Annual budget £'000	Budget to date £'000	Actuals to date £'000	Variance to date £'000	Projection £'000	Projected Variance £'000
Keep my place safe and looking good	4,708	3,131	3,136	5	4,708	0
Help me run a successful business	12	9	9	0	12	0
Help me be financially independent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Help me to live my life independently	887	431	419	-12	887	0
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	9,611	4,916	4,888	-28	9,559	-52
Provide Good things for me to see, do and visit	133	11	13	2	133	0
Enable others to work/do what they need to do (to meet their purpose)	199	120	120	0	199	0
Totals	15,550	8,619	8,588	-31	15,499	-51

Financial Commentary:

The capital expenditure in the second quarter of the financial year 2015/16 shows that most projects are currently work in progress. Requests will be made to carry the budget to next financial year if all works haven't been completed by the end of the financial year.

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Treasury Management

- 3.5 The Council's Treasury Management Strategy has been developed in accordance with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance prudential indicators and is used to manage risks arising from financial instruments. Additionally treasury management practices are followed on a day to day basis.

Credit Risk

- 3.6 Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Council's customers. Credit risk is minimised by use of a specified list of investment counterparty criteria and by limiting the amount invested with each institution. The Council receives credit rating details from its Treasury Management Advisers on a daily basis and any counterparty falling below the criteria is removed from the list.
- 3.7 At 30th September 2015, there were no short-term investments held by the Council.

Income from investments

- 3.8 An investment income target of £25k has been set for 2015/16 using a projected rate of return of 0.25 %.

General Fund Balances

- 3.9 The General Fund Balance as at the 31th March 2015 is £1.985m subject to audit; a balanced budget was set in February 2015 to include identified savings which have been built into individual budget allocations.

Legal Implications

- 3.10 No Legal implications have been identified.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.11 Sound performance management and data quality are keys to achieving improved scores in the use of resources judgement. This performance report supports that aim.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.12 Performance Improvement is a Council objective.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk considerations are covered within the report.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Strategic purposes financial position April – September 2015

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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