

Meeting date: 1st March 2023

Report to: Cabinet Member for Resources

Subject/report title: REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING 2022/23 as at 31st December 2022.

Report from: Acting Chief Executive

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 Shirley West | Silhill | Smith's Wood | St Alphege
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Exempt by virtue of paragraph:

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the portfolio's latest forecast financial position as at the 31st December 2022 against Revenue and Capital budgets as detailed in Appendix A.
- 1.2 To inform the Cabinet Member of the portfolio's progress against the latest savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as detailed in Appendix A.
- 1.3 To inform the Cabinet Member of the latest prudential borrowing indicators and investment benchmarking for the Council.

2. Decision(s) Recommended

- 2.1 Consider the 2022/23 Revenue and Capital financial monitoring forecast.
- 2.2 Consider the portfolio's progress against the latest savings targets in the MTFS as at 31st December 2022.

2.3 Consider the Council's update to prudential borrowing indicators and investment benchmarking.

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3. Matters for Consideration

Revenue and capital monitoring forecast

- 3.1 Throughout the financial year, information will be provided on a quarterly basis to the Cabinet portfolio holder. The overall Council position will be reported quarterly to Full Cabinet where variances will be considered in line with Council priorities and Financial Regulations.
- 3.2 The latest approved revenue budget for the portfolio is £19.410 million and the forecast outturn for the financial year is £0.005 million favourable.
- 3.3 The latest approved capital programme for this portfolio is £10.519 million and £0.940 million favourable variance from the approved budgets are forecast. On the 12th January Full Cabinet approved the £0.938 million rephasing of capital budgets into 2023/24.
- 3.4 Appendix A provides information on the revenue and capital position for this portfolio together with the savings position for 2022/23 and the key risks and opportunities for the portfolio.
- 3.5 Appendix A refers to (£1.085m) of mitigations to be identified to offset the pressures identified within the Directorate. Since the end of the period that this report relates to at least half of this amount has already been identified with a further list of areas to work on, in order to identify the remainder of the mitigations ahead of the end of the financial year.

Update on progress against MTFS Savings Targets

- 3.6 For 2022/23 the total savings target for this portfolio is £3.339 million.
- 3.7 For 2022/23 there are currently £3.229 million (96.7%) Green RAG rated savings targets and £0.110 million (3.3%) Amber RAG rated savings targets.

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Prudential Borrowing Indicators

- 3.8 Appendix B details the position as at 31st December 2022 against the Council's prudential borrowing indicators. There are no significant issues that need to be highlighted.

Investment Benchmarking

- 3.9 Counterparty risk arises when the Council places investments with banks and financial institutions. The risk is minimised through the Annual Investment Strategy, which requires that deposits are not made with financial institutions unless they meet identified minimum credit criteria in accordance with Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's Rating Services. The Annual Investment Strategy also imposes a maximum amount and time to be invested with a financial institution located within each category. Deposits are not made with banks unless they meet the minimum

requirements of the investment criteria outlined in the Strategy.

- 3.10 The counterparty exposure analysis at Appendix C summarises the Council's exposure to external counterparties and the maturity structure of its investments. The analysis as at 31st December 2022 represents the deposits made and reflects the market exposure to the investments which meet the requirements of the Investment Strategy. Overall, there is a 0.00269% chance of default against the entire portfolio and this is then adjusted for the maturity period remaining on the investment, identifying a notional exposure to default of £2,963.

4. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

- 4.1 N/A

5. Implications and Considerations

- 5.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

| Priority: | Contribution: |
|---|---------------|
| People and Communities: 1. Improving outcomes for children and young people in Solihull. 2. Good quality, responsive, and dignified care and support for Adults in Solihull when they need it. 3. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities. 4. Enable communities to thrive | N/A |
| Economy: 5. Develop and promote the borough's economy, with a focus on revitalising our town and local centres. 6. Maximising the opportunities of UK Central and HS2. 7. Increase the supply of affordable and social housing that is environmentally sustainable. | N/A |
| Environment: 8. Enhance our natural environment, improve air quality and reduce net carbon emissions. | N/A |
| 9. Promote employee wellbeing | N/A |

5.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

5.2.1 The contents of this report have not been subject to consultation and scrutiny.

5.3 Financial implications:

5.3.1 Financial monitoring is undertaken throughout the year by individual budget managers. Key income and expenditure risk areas are also monitored monthly by the Finance Team. Any significant risks identified are reported to both DLT (Directorate Leadership Team) and CLT (Corporate Leadership Team) to ensure that net expenditure is managed within approved budgets.

5.4 Legal implications:

5.4.1 None

5.5 Risk implications, including Risk Appetite:

5.5.1 The budget monitoring report takes account of forecast variances. In addition, there may be pressures which are currently being monitored and managed by budget managers which could affect the final outturn position for 2022/23.

5.6 Equality implications:

5.6.1 Due regard to equality will be taken account of, where it applies, by the owners of the specific service areas covered in this report.

5.7 Linkages to our work with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Local Enterprise Partnership or the Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS):

5.7.1 None

6. List of appendices referred to

Appendix A – Financial monitoring position Quarter 3 2022/23.

Appendix B – Estimated and Forecast Treasury Position and Prudential Indicators.

Appendix C – Counterparty Exposure Analysis as at 31st December 2022.

7. Background papers used to compile this report

7.1 None

8. List of other relevant documents

8.1 None