

Meeting date: 22nd February 2021
Report to: Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Children,
Education and Skills



Subject/report title: Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2020/21 as at 31th December 2020

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Resources and Deputy Chief Executive

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Cabinet Portfolio Holder of the financial position for the core service and Dedicated School Grant budgets as at Period 9 2020/21

2. Decision recommended

2.1 To note the financial position for the Portfolio as at Period 9, 2020/21 and endorse the actions as set out to mitigate the identified risks.

3. Matters for Consideration

3.1 As Members will be aware a report went to Full Cabinet on the 18th June outlining the initial financial impact of Covid-19 for the 2020/21 financial year. The Period 3 and Period 6 positions have subsequently been reported to Full Cabinet on the 10th September and 5th November respectively. The position is continually moving and evolving and the latest Covid-19 forecast across the Council, as at 31st December (Period 9), for the 2020/21 financial year is net nil – meaning that there is no adverse impact on our finances expected this financial year.

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

- 4.1 The core service and DSG positions as at Period 9 are set out in the attached Appendices A and B.
- 4.2 In respect of the core budget, the projected budget position is nil after the use of £1.129m of the Children’s Reserve (£1.137m at period 6). The key risks and appropriate actions are also set out in Appendix A.
- 4.3 Assumptions surrounding the impact of Covid-19 on the Portfolio position, subject to paragraph 3.1 above, are also set out in Appendix A. Work is on-going in respect of several risks and will be set out in future reports as necessary.
- 4.4 In respect of the DSG, the current projection is an adverse variance of £8.839m which includes a net £5.934m carried forward from 2019/20. This is some £0.3m worse than at period 6. The current variance is wholly in respect of the previously reported pressures in the High Needs Block (HNB) of the DSG, with demand in the system through Education, Health and Care Plans increasing. Despite the impact of Covid 19, work has continued on the HNB recovery plan and an updated report with the latest Plan and Financial Model was presented to Cabinet on 5th November 2020. Work to update the plan is on-going.
- 4.5 Appendix A also sets out the Capital Programme position at Period 9.

5. Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 N/a

6. Implications and Considerations

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

Priority:	Contribution:
Economy: 1. Revitalising our towns and local centres. 2. UK Central (UKC) and maximising the opportunities of HS2. 3. Increase the supply of housing, especially affordable and social housing.	Click here to enter text.
Environment: 4. Enhance Solihull’s natural environment. 5. Improve Solihull’s air quality. 6. Reduce Solihull’s net carbon emissions.	Click here to enter text.
People and Communities:	This is the key priority for this Portfolio

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Take action to improve life chances in our most disadvantaged communities. 8. Enable communities to thrive. 9. Sustainable, quality, affordable provision for adults & children with complex needs. 	
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6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

6.2.1 None at this stage

6.3 Financial implications:

6.3.1 As set out in the report

6.4 Legal implications:

6.4.1 None at this stage

6.5 Risk implications:

6.5.1 As set out in the report

6.6 Equality implications:

6.6.1 None at this stage

7. List of appendices referred to

7.1 Appendix A - Core Revenue and Capital Position as at Period 9

7.2 Appendix B – DSG Revenue Position as at Period 9

8. Background papers used to compile this report

8.1 N/a

9. List of other relevant documents

9.1 Na/