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SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## **CPH Climate Change, Planning & Housing Decision Session**

Monday, 29 November 2021 at 6.00 pm

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Disclosable Interest	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within 12 months of your declaration of interests in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.
Contracts	Any contract between you or your partner (or a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest) <b>and</b> the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; <b>and</b> (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the Council and which gives you or your partner a right to occupy the land or receive income.
Licences	Any licence held by you or your partner (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the Council; <b>and</b> (b) the tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest i.e. a firm or body corporate in which you or your partner is a partner or a director, or in the securities of which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest held by you or your partner in securities of a body where—  (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the Council; <b>and</b> (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; <b>or</b>  (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.  “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN  
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**CPH CLIMATE CHANGE, PLANNING & HOUSING DECISION SESSION**

**Monday, 29 November 2021**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
  
To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and conflicts of interest from Members.
3. **QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**
4. **REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22 AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021** (Pages 5 - 10)

To inform the Cabinet Member of the Portfolio's latest forecast financial position as at 30th September 2021 against Revenue and Capital budgets. To inform the Cabinet Member of the Portfolio's progress against the latest 3 year savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

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**Meeting date:** 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Report to:** Cabinet Member Climate Change, Planning & Housing

**Subject/report title:** **REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22 AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Report from:** Director of Economy and Infrastructure and Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive

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**Wards affected:**

- All Wards |  Bickenhill |  Blythe |  Castle Bromwich |  Chelmsley Wood |  Dorridge/Hockley Heath |  Elmdon |  Kingshurst/Fordbridge |  Knowle |  Lyndon |  Meriden |  Olton |  Shirley East |  Shirley South |  Shirley West |  Silhill |  Smith's Wood |  St Alphege
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**Public/private report:** Public

**Exempt by virtue of paragraph:** N/A

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the Portfolio's latest forecast financial position as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 against Revenue and Capital budgets as summarised below and detailed in the attached Appendix A.
- 1.2 To inform the Cabinet Member of the Portfolio's progress against the latest 3 year savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) summarised below and detailed in Appendix A.

**2. Decision(s) recommended**

The cabinet member is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider and endorse the 2021/22 revenue and capital financial monitoring forecast as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 2.2 Consider the Portfolio's progress against the latest 3 year savings targets in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **3. Matters for Consideration**

- 3.1 Throughout the financial year, information will be provided on a quarterly basis to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and Full Cabinet.
- 3.2 The cash limited discipline at Solihull means that Directorates need to balance their budget forecast position first and the Portfolio's position flows from that. As a result, this cabinet portfolio is specifically taken into account across the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate.
- 3.3 The revenue and capital financial position and the savings position for 2021/22 to 2023/24 are outlined in Appendix A.
- 3.4 The overall Council position is reported to Full Cabinet together with any planned actions; any variances are then considered in line with Council priorities and Financial Regulations.

#### **Revenue Budget 2021/22**

- 3.5 The latest approved revenue budget for the portfolio is £1.264million. The forecast outturn expenditure for this year is giving an overall adverse variance of £247,000 which includes an adverse variance in respect of Covid-19 of £80,000. The position, excluding the Covid-19 impact, is therefore a £167,000 adverse variance. Explanations can be found in Appendix A.
- 3.6 Full Cabinet received the MTFs update report for September (Period 6) at their meeting on the 11th November. This report, in line with the individual portfolio reports presented the financial position including any specific Covid-19 impact and included an update to Full Cabinet on the latest projection for the use of the uncommitted Covid-19 emergency funding grant and summarised all Covid-19 funding allocations for the year. At this stage in the financial year all Covid pressures across all portfolios for the current MTFs period and the current financial year to date can be met from the uncommitted Covid-19 emergency funding grant. However, this position will need to be monitored closely throughout this year and in the event that this changes will then need to be the subject of the future quarterly monitoring reports.
- 3.7 The forecast variance arising from Covid-19 for this portfolio should be considered in the context of the position for the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate relating to Covid-19. The Directorate is forecasting an adverse variance of £2.584million relating to Covid-19. This includes the estimated impact of the Government's income recovery scheme which ended on 30th June 2021, where local authorities could reclaim 75% of lost income attributable to Covid-19 (where this was in excess of 5% of total planned income for the year).
- 3.8 Excluding the impact of Covid-19 the directorate is currently forecasting a £250,000 adverse variance to be met from the release of a previously ear-marked reserve to give a balanced position. New financial pressures have arisen in Environment Services, in Planning Design and Engagement Services due to increased caseloads, and in cross directorate costs including furniture to enable Smarter Ways of Working.

## Capital Budget 2021/22

3.9 The latest approved capital programme for this portfolio is £91,000. The forecast outturn expenditure for the year is nil variance.

## Budget Strategy Savings 2021/22 to 2023/24

3.10 For 2021/22 there are no savings within this portfolio.

3.11 For 2022/23 the total savings target is £18,000 which is all rated red.

3.12 For 2023/24 there are no savings within this portfolio.

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

4.1 N/A

## 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:
<p>Economy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Revitalising our towns and local centres.</li><li>2. Deliver UK Central (UKC) and maximise the opportunities of HS2.</li><li>3. Increase the supply, quality and energy efficiency of housing, especially affordable and social housing.</li></ol>	<p>The economy is a key area of consideration for the services within this portfolio with increasing the supply of housing especially affordable and social housing being one of the key objectives. There are no new implications from this report.</p>
<p>Environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Enhance Solihull's natural and physical environment.</li><li>5. Improve Solihull's air quality.</li><li>6. Reduce Solihull's net carbon emissions.</li></ol>	<p>The environment is a key area of consideration for the services within this portfolio with enhancing the natural environment, improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions all being key objectives. There are no new implications from this report.</p>
<p>People and Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities.</li><li>8. Enable communities to thrive.</li></ol>	<p>People and communities are an important area of consideration for the services within this portfolio, with all possible efforts being made to ensure that services are delivered and policies are determined in a manner that is equitable to all, allowing communities</p>

Priority:	Contribution:
9. Sustainable, quality care and support for adults & children with complex needs.	to thrive and enhancing the life chances of disadvantaged communities. There are no new implications from this report.
10. Promote employee wellbeing	No new contribution to this priority.

6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

None

6.3 Financial implications:

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. ARTOP (Aligning Resources To Our Priorities Board) meet monthly to oversee the financial impact from Covid-19.

6.4 Legal implications:

None

6.5 Risk implications:

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 2021/22

6.6 Equality implications:

None

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

None

**7. List of appendices referred to**

Appendix A – Q2 21-22 Rev & Cap Monitoring Report

**8. Background papers used to compile this report**

8.1 N/A

**9. List of other relevant documents**

9.1 N/A



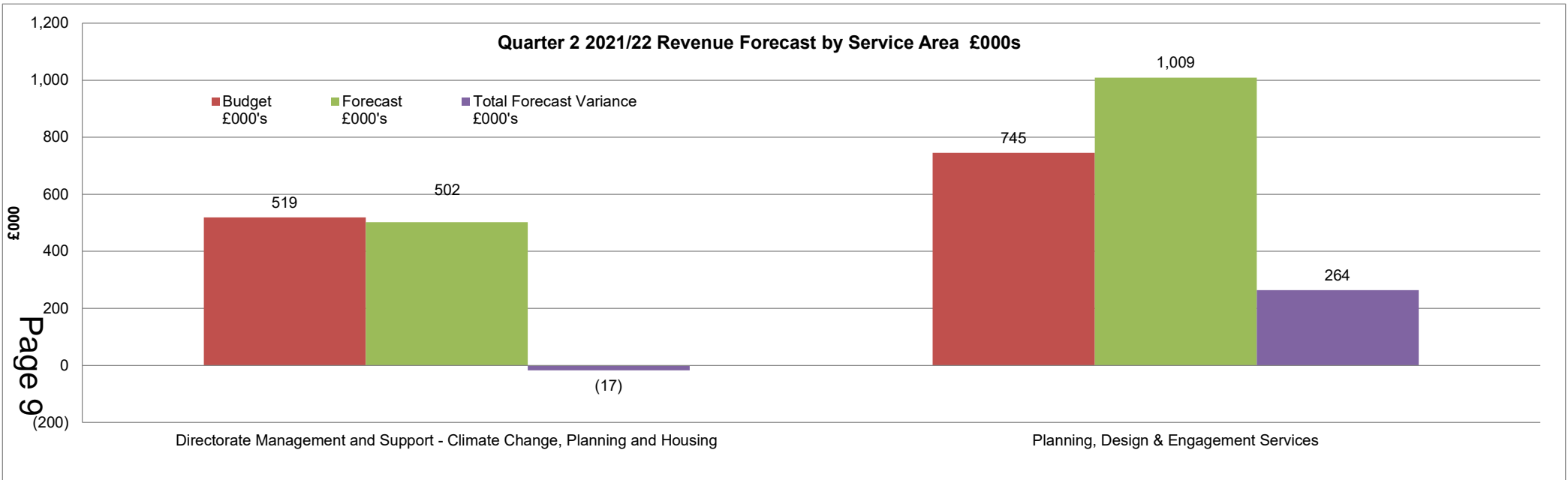
**Climate Change, Planning & Housing Quarter 2 2021/22 Financial Position**

**Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Position**

The context of this Cabinet portfolio position is taken into account with the whole of the Economy and Infrastructure Directorate which is currently forecasting an adverse variance of £2.584million due to the impact of Covid-19 and £250,000 attributable to other factors which is to be offset through the release of a previously earmarked reserve.

**1. 2021/22 Revenue Position**

**Current Forecast - £247,000 Adverse Variance**



**2. Explanations for significant Revenue Variances**

Service Area	Budget £000's	Forecast £000's	COVID Forecast Variance £000's	Non-COVID Forecast Variance £000's	Total Forecast Variance £000's	Comments
Directorate Management and Support - Climate Change, Planning and Housing	519	502	0	(17)	(17)	Portion of Economy and Infrastructure Directorate Management Variance relating to this portfolio. Variance mainly due to release of uncommitted reserve balance partly offset by the cost of furniture to enable Smarter Ways of Working strategy.
Planning, Design & Engagement Services	745	1,009	80	184	264	COVID-19 Adverse variance due to lower than budgeted income expected for the administration of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Non COVID-19 Adverse variance mostly due to salary costs. This is as a result of the service experiencing increased caseloads for work which does not attract significant fees.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>247</b>	

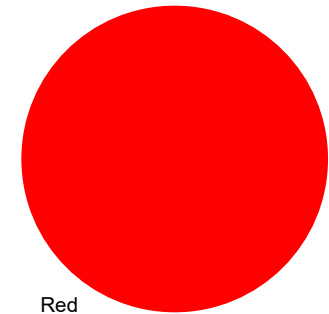
### 3. 2021/22 Capital Position

Schemes	Budget £000's	Forecast £000's	Variance £000's	Comments
North Solihull Partnership Works	91	91	0	Programme of landscaping works across parks and open spaces within the north of the borough
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	

### 4. 3 Year Savings Targets £000s

Description of Target	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	Comments
Review of back office functions across the directorate		(18)		Proportion of cross cutting directorate saving attributable to Climate Change Planning & Housing Portfolio.
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>0</b>	

#### Savings Target - RAG Rating



Red  
100%

### 5. Reserves

	Balance as at 31st March 2021 £000's	Forecast (contribution) / use			Forecast Balance at the end of 2023/24 £000's	Forecast (contribution) /use beyond 2023/24 £000's	Proposed as part of 2024/25 MTFS £000's	Forecast Remaining Balance £000's
		2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's				
Reserves Balance	(2,320)	872	381	967	(101)	101	0	(0)