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# EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CUSTOMERS & COMMUNITIES ACCOUNTS 2014/15

MEETING: (1) CABINET

(1) CABINET MEMBER FOR

GOVERNANCE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING** 

DATE: (1) 16 JUNE 2015

(2) 5 JUNE 2015

REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY: ALL

**KEY DECISION** 

REFERENCE: 519

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on the Revenue Outturn for 2014/15 and to provide explanations for significant variations from the Revised Estimates approved at Cabinet on 17 February 2015.
- 1.2 To report on the Capital Outturn for 2014/15.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the report be noted

### 3.0 REVENUE OUTTURN

3.1 The revenue outturn for 2014/15 is as follows:

Original Budget 1,617
Revised Budget 1,609
Outturn 1,653

3.2 The main variations from the Original to the Revised budget (a decrease of £8k) are summarised in the table below:

Description	Increase /
	(Decrease)
	£'000
Changes to controllable budgets:	
Employee Related Savings	(3)
Premises Related savings	(4)
Arvato Expenditure	11
CCTV Equipment Savings	(17)
Printing and Stationery	6
Consultancy Expenditure	7
Grants	(91)
Transfer Payments	(781)
Housing Benefits Subsidy Reduction	825
Other Income	(9)
Changes to controllable budget	(56)
Changes to asset charges	(0)
Change in support service recharges	48
Overall decrease	(8)

- 3.3 The Revenue Out-turn of £1,653k represents:
  - An increase of £35,934 or 2.2% against the Original Budget; and
  - An increase of £43,784 or 2.7% against the Revised Budget.
- 3.4 The table below sets out the variations between the revised budget and the actual out-turn separating items that are not controllable (Capital Charges and Support Service Recharges). The table highlights an overspend of £62k or 3.14% on controllable expenditure.

**Controllable and Non-Controllable Expenditure** 

	Original Estimate £'000	Revised Estimate £ '000	Actual Outturn £'000	Variance over / (under) £ '000	%
Capital Charges	74	74	73	(1)	(0.90)%
Support Services	(455)	(407)	(424)	(17)	4.07%
Non Controllable					
Expenditure	(381)	(333)	(351)	(18)	5.17%
Controllable					
Expenditure	1,998	1,942	2,004	62	3.14%
Portfolio Total	1,617	1,609	1,653	44	2.72%

A more detailed analysis of controllable and non-controllable expenditure by Programme Area is shown at **Annexe 1B**.

3.5 A detailed analysis of the variances from the revised budget to the outturn is shown in **Annexe 4** but the most significant variances are summarised below:-

Variances Revised to Outturn 2014/15	Increase /	
	(Decrease)	
	£'000	
Employee Expenses	6	
Pensions Adjustments	36	
Review of bad debts provision – Benefits	(94)	
Transfer to Earmarked Reserves	68	
Banking Transactional Costs	73	
Software Licences	(13)	
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	(6)	
Minor variations	(8)	
* Changes to Controllable Budget	62	
Changes to asset charges	(1)	
Change in support service recharges	(17)	
Overall Decrease	44	

<sup>\*</sup> Changes to Controllable excluding Pensions Adjustment 26k

3.6 In order to comply with accounting standards, the employee accumulated absences listed in the variances at **Annexe 4** must be shown in the revenue accounts. This is only an internal adjustment which is reversed elsewhere in the accounts and so will have no impact on the level of surplus or reserves available to the Council. Similarly, the over spend described as 'Current Service Pension Costs Adjustment' is an internal accounting adjustment which is matched by an under-spend in the Governance Portfolio.

- 3.7 The following information is attached:
  - **Annexe 1 Summary by Programme Area**
  - **Annexe 2 Detailed by Programme Area and Cost Centre**
  - **Annexe 3 Subjective Analysis**
  - Annexe 4 Variations Revised Budget to Actual 2014/15
  - **Annexe 5 Capital Outturn**

#### 4.0 CARRY FORWARD REQUEST

4.1 There are no carry forward requests to consider.

#### 5.0 CAPITAL OUTTURN

5.1 **Annexe 5** provides a summary of expenditure on the capital schemes within this portfolio.

#### 6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 That the report be noted.

#### 7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To enable the portfolios Revenue Out-turn to be included in the Council's overall Statement of Accounts.

#### **BARRY DAWSON – CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

Officer recommendation supported. Signed

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Cabinet Member Consultee Cabinet Member

Date: 5 June 2015

Further information on this report can be obtained from Richard Staniforth, Accountancy Services (ext. 5456)