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HOUSING GENERAL FUND FINAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15 (H000)

| MEETING: | (1) (2) | CABINET CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING | |
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| REPORT BY: | CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER HOUSING SERVICE MANAGER – BUSINESS PLANNING & STRATEGY | | |
| WARD: | ALL | | |
| COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY: | ALL | | |
| KEY DECISION REFERENCE | 521 | | |

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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 16 December 2014.
- 1.2 To report on the Capital Outturn for the 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:-

| | <u>£'000</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Original Budget | 1,194 |
| Revised Budget | 1,537 |
| Outturn | 1,532 |

3.2 The Revenue Outturn of £1,532,147 represents:

An increase of £388,357 or 28.3% against the Original Budget; and a reduction of £5,363 or 0.3% against the Revised Budget.

3.3 The main variations from the Original to the Revised budget (£344k) included:

| Description | Increase / (Decrease) £'000 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Changes to controllable budgets: | |
| Employee cost changes – new post & redundancy | 17 |
| Housing Sub-Regional Work reduced cost | (2) |
| Premises – Venture House | 1 |
| Car allowances | (6) |
| General Fund Contribution to HRA | 5 |
| Supplies & Services | 2 |
| Fees & Charges | 1 |
| Controllable budget changes | 18 |
| Changes in non controllable items: | |
| Change in Asset Charges | 330 |
| Change in support service recharges | (4) |
| Overall Increase | 344 |

Significant Variances Original to Revised 2014/15

3.4 The table below sets out the main variations between the revised budget and actual out-turn and highlights <u>an over-spend of £20,931</u> or 2.5 % on controllable expenditure.

| | Original Budget £'000 | Revised Budget £'000 | Actual Outturn £'000 | Variance £'000 | % |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | | | |
| Capital Charges(net) | 307 | 637 | 613 | (24) | (3.8) |
| Support Services | 53 | 48 | 46 | (2) | (4.6) |
| Non Controllable | 360 | 685 | 659 | (26) | (3.8) |
| Controllable Exp. | 834 | 852 | 873 | 21 | 2.5 |
| Portfolio Total | 1,194 | 1,537 | 1,532 | (5) | (0.3) |

A more detailed analysis of controllable and non controllable expenditure by Programme Area is shown at Annexe 1a and 1b.

The net actual outturn figure for capital charges (£612,938) comprises £1,333,622 expenditure (Annexe 4) less £720,684 grant.

3.5 A detailed analysis of the variances from the revised budget to the outturn is shown in Annexe 2 but the most significant variances are summarised below:-

| Significant Variances Revised to Outturn 2014/15 | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Description | Overspend / (Underspend) £'000 | |
| Reduced Employee Costs | (2) | |
| Pension Cost Adjustment | 17 | |
| Redundancy Cost | 12 | |
| Reduced charges from HRA | (4) | |
| Other income | 2 | |
| Net of all other variances | (4) | |
| Changes to controllable & external budgets * | 21 | |
| Change in Support Service Charges | (2) | |
| Reduction in Capital Charges (net) | (24) | |
| Overall Reduction | (5) | |
| * Overall Controllable Variance excluding the pension adjustment | 4 | |

3.6 The variances identified above are not expected to recur in future years. Parts of the Homelessness element of the HRA recharge which have underspent are demand led e.g. bed and breakfast costs and income, and hence are not deemed to be potential savings.

- 3.7 The following information is also attached:-
 - Annexe 1 Summary by Programme Area and Subjective Analysis
 - Annexe 2 Variations Revised Budget 2014/15 to Actual 2014/15
 - Annexe 3 Carry Forward Requests
 - Annexe 4 Housing General Fund Capital Programme

4.0 CARRY FORWARDS

4.1 There have been no carry forward requests. Annexe 3 attached shows a nil return for report completeness.

5.0 CAPITAL OUTTURN

5.1 Annexe 4 provides a summary of expenditure on capital schemes in the year.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 That the report be noted.

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7.1 To enable the Portfolio's Revenue Outturn to be included in the Council's overall Statement of Accounts.

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Officer recommendation supported.

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Signed

Cabinet Member

Date 2.6.2015

Consultee Cabinet Member/Support Member comments (if applicable)/declaration of interests:

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