

MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	30 JUNE 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	FINAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2010/11
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CORPORATE SERVICES AND EDUCATION

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider and approve the final outturn position for 2010/11.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- (a) The final outturn for 2010/11 be approved; and**
- (b) The movements to new reserves outlined in paragraph 12 of Appendix A be approved.**

Key Points Summary

- The Council delivered a balanced budget for 2010/11. The overall position includes the use of reserves and other central budgets.
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- General Fund Reserve is at the predicted level of £6.4m. Specific reserves total £17.9m of which £6m is ring fenced schools reserves.
- Adult Services care related budgets remain the single biggest area of financial risk.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
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- The introduction of budget recovery plans and control of discretionary expenditure made a significant contribution to the yearend position.

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 Whilst work continues on the range of tasks necessary to prepare the council's statutory Statement of Accounts for 2010/11, it is sufficiently advanced for Cabinet to consider the final outturn for the year.
- 3 On 17th June 2011 the Statement of Accounts for 2010/11 was signed by the Council's Chief Officer (Finance and Commercial Services) and was presented to the Audit and Governance Committee for formal approval on 28th June 2011. This represents the first stage of a revised accounts approval process introduced for this year. Under the new arrangements the formal approval by the Audit and Governance Committee is not required until the Audit Commission has completed its full audit.

Introduction and Background

- 4 Throughout 2010/11 the Council's revenue and capital position was regularly reported to Cabinet. The reporting is a discrete part of the performance reporting regime and ensured Cabinet was regularly informed of the Council's financial position.
- 5 The reports also conformed to best practice by regularly informing Cabinet of Treasury Management activities.

Key Considerations

- 6 The detailed report at Appendix A indicates the delivery of a balanced budget for 2010/11. This was assisted through the use of reserves and the final reserve position is included in Appendix A.
- 7 The revenue budget indicates that whilst the directorates' budgets overspend a considerable contribution was made by the Council's borrowing and investment activity.
- 8 Throughout the year Cabinet received regular information on the position including the projected overspend in the Integrated Commissioning area. This area remains the key area of financial risk in the short to medium term. Even so, the directorate delivered a number of projects to help bring the overall position to the reported level. These are outlined in Appendix A (paragraph 14).
- 9 The capital programme outturn is provided at Appendix B. It shows that in 2010/11 the final outturn was £70.3m.

Financial Implications

- 10 These are contained in the report.

Legal Implications

- 11 None.

Risk Management

12. The Council is required to ensure the closure of its 2010/11 accounts by 30th June 2010. Failure to do so carries a reputational risk for the council in relation to its corporate governance role.

Consultees

13. The relevant officers have been consulted about the report's content

Appendices

14. Appendix A – Revenue Budget Monitoring
Appendix B - Capital Outturn Summary
Appendix C - Treasury Management Update

Background Papers

- None identified.