

Title of report: 2022-23 Quarter 2 Budget and Performance Report

Meeting: Scrutiny Management Board

Meeting date: Monday 9 January 2023

Report by: Head of Strategic Finance

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

To consider and note the Quarter 2 Budget and Performance Report.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) **The board is asked to note the report and supporting appendix.**

Alternative options

1. The Board could choose not to review the monitoring report but this is not recommended as the Board has a role to undertake scrutiny in relation to the budget planning and monitoring of in year performance against agreed service delivery targets.

Key considerations

2. The latest outturn forecast for 2022/23 at the end of September 2022 is a potential cost pressure of £8.7 million after the use of reserves and recovery plan (£9.4 million at Quarter 1).
3. Additional analysis of the performance at Quarter 2 and financial forecast for 2022/23 is included at Appendix A.

Community impact

9. In accordance with the accepted code of corporate governance, the council must ensure that it has an effective performance management system that facilitates effective and efficient delivery of planned services. To support effective accountability the council is committed to reporting on actions completed and outcomes achieved, and ensuring stakeholders are able to understand and respond as the council plans and carries out its activities in a transparent manner.
10. Regularly reviewing performance with a view to identifying actions which will further drive improvement in outcomes or efficiencies helps ensure the council achieves its County Plan priorities.

Environmental Impact

11. The report, included at Appendix A, details how progress is being made in achieving the Delivery Plan which notes how the council is working to deliver the environmental ambitions set out in the County Plan. Individual projects and deliverables included within the Delivery Plan will all be subject to their own governance arrangements and assessment of environment and ecological impact.

Equality duty

12. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
16. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Whilst this paper is not seeking any project specific decisions,

Resource implications

17. These recommendations have no direct financial implications, however the Board may wish to consider how money is utilised in order to meet the council's objectives.

Legal implications

18. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Risk management

19. The risks associated with the council's business are recorded on the relevant service risk register and escalated in accordance with the council's Performance Management Framework and Risk Management Plan. The highest risks, i.e. those scoring greater than 16 after controls, are escalated to the council's Corporate Risk.

Consultees

20. None in relation to this report.

Appendices

Appendix A 2022-23 Quarter 2 Budget and Performance Report (Cabinet 24 November 2022)

Background papers

None identified.