



Service Delivery Committee	Tuesday, 05 July 2016	Matter for Information
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Title: Provisional Committee Outturn Report – 2015/16

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1. Introduction

This report provides Members with details of the Committee's provisional outturn position for capital and revenue for 2015/16 along with the outturn for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The Council's full outturn position will be reported to the Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 19 July 2016.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the reported outturn positions.
- 2.2. To note the requested revenue carry forward.

3. Information

- 3.1. The outturn position is still only provisional because, at the time of writing, the Council's Statement of Accounts had neither been fully completed nor scrutinised by the Council's external auditors. As a result of audit, some technical adjustments may be necessary.

3.2. General Fund

In February 2015, the Council approved a 2015/16 General Fund budget for this Committee of £3.584 million. These estimates were later revised to £3.797 million which were approved at Council in February 2016. The provisional outturn position for 2015/16 is £3.618 million which represents a £179,000 under spend for the financial year as compared to the revised estimate. The variances for each service are detailed in Appendix 1.

- 3.3. The provisional outturn position figures shown in the attached appendices have been adjusted to remove those technical accounting adjustments such as depreciation and impairment that would normally be shown in the statutory year end Statement of Accounts, which do not affect the balance on the General Fund. This makes the figures comparable to the approved budgets for the year.

The headline variances are explained below:

- Recycling disposal has once again been hit by market fluctuations which have seen a marked drop-off in income towards the end of the year.
- A reduction in the total cost of temporary accommodation in the Homelessness Service, principally due to the termination of the lease of Greytone House.
- The agreement with Leicestershire County Council to contribute Supporting Leicestershire Families, which came to an end, was not renewed as expected.
- Considerable savings have been made due to vacancies within the staffing

structure together with a more prudent use of hired staff within in the Operations Division.

Significant variances (Over £10,000) are shown in Appendix 2 of this report.

Officers are currently investigating the reasons for the under spend with the view of improving the accuracy of budgeting in the future and to improve the early identification of savings against budget.

3.4. Housing Revenue Account

In February 2016, the revised forecast for the HRA was that a contribution would be required from balances of £2.131m leaving a balance of £0.593m at 31 March 2016. However, the provisional outturn position shows a deficit of £1.392m for the year with a closing balance of £1.332m. This represents a £0.739m under spend against the revised budget.

The headline variances are explained below;

- A substantial part of the Housing Capital Programme has been deferred to 2016/17 which means that the revenue contribution from the Housing Revenue Account has not been required in full this year. This funding, totalling £0.721. will be retained in balances to be allocated once those projects have finished.
- Supervision and Management Costs have increased due to a re-evaluation of recharges to the Housing Revenue Account
- Improved debt collection has meant that the provision put in place for bad and written off debts has not been fully utilised.
- Overall rental income is down as a result of the length of time properties have remained void. This is principally due to the extensive refurbishment programme being undertaken.

3.5. Capital Programme

The revised capital programme for this Committee included Housing schemes with a budgeted cost of £3.829m and General Fund schemes of £8.398m. The total budgeted programme is £12,227m. The provisional outturn for Housing is £3.265m an under spend of £0.564m, and for the General Fund £8.082m which represents an under spend of £0.316. The total under spend on the programme is £0.88m

The programme 2015/16 saw a particularly large programme of works put in place most notable the continuation of the whole unit refurbishments within the Housing stock and the completion, and reopening, of the major leisure centre redevelopment.

3.6. Carry Forwards

Only one revenue item has been requested on the HRA.

- Stock Condition Survey £14,330

Any Capital schemes which have not been completed at 31 March will be carried forward at Policy Finance and Development Committee into 2016/17.

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Implications	
Financial [CR]	As set out within the report.
Legal [AC]	No significant implications.
Risk [CR]	CR1 Decreasing Financial Resources CR9 Economy
Equalities [AC]	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable