



**Service Delivery  
Committee**

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**Matter for  
Information and  
Decision**

**Title: Provisional Committee Outturn Report 2016/17**

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## **1. Introduction**

This report provides Members with details of the Committee's provisional outturn position for capital and revenue 2016/17 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 25 July 2017.

## **2. Recommendations**

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

## **3. Information**

The outturn position is still only provisional as, at the time of writing, the Council's Statement of Accounts although completed have not been scrutinised by the Council's external auditors. As a result of audit, some technical adjustments may be necessary.

## **4. General Fund (GF)**

- 4.1. In February 2016, the Council approved a 2015/16 General Fund budget for this Committee of £3.593 million. These estimates were later revised to £3.418 million which were approved at Council in February 2017. At the time officers were set ambitious savings targets within the budget in order for the Council to maintain a robust financial position.

The provisional outturn position for 2015/16 is £3.382 million which represents a £211,000 saving for the financial year as compared to the Original budget and £36,000 saving against the Revised Estimate reported to Committee in January 2017.

The GF variances for each service are detailed in ***Appendix 1***.

- 4.2. The provisional outturn position figures shown in the attached appendices have been adjusted to remove those technical accounting adjustments such as depreciation, impairment and the movement of unused grants into reserves that would normally be shown in the statutory year end Statement of Accounts and 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 performed above expected levels making a considerable contribution to reducing net expenditure;
- The review of staffing structure and the movement of agency to permanent posts has shown significant savings;
- Transport costs have been kept under control throughout the year; and
- Car park enforcement charges have once again been reduced.

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

## 5. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

In February 2017, the revised forecast for the HRA was that a contribution would be required from balances of £1.046m leaving a balance of £0.300m at 31 March 2017. However, the provisional outturn position shows a deficit of £0.913m for the year with a closing balance of £0.433m. This represents a £0.133m under spend against the revised budget.

The headline variances are explained below:

- Although there has been a significant reduction in hired staff the service did incur significant agency costs in the first half of the year. This has been partly offset by a reduction in salaries;
- Part of the programme of planned revenue maintenance has been deferred to 2017/18. The funding for this has been returned to the HRA reserve; and
- 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.

The HRA Provisional Outturn 2016/17 is attached as **Appendix 3** of this report.

## 6. **Capital Programme (CP)**

The revised capital programme for this Committee included Housing schemes with a budgeted cost of £4.260m and General Fund schemes of £1.181m. The total budgeted programme is £5.441m. The provisional outturn for Housing is £3.796m an under spend of £0.463m, and for the General Fund £0.604 which represents an under spend of £0.577. The total under spend on the programme is £1.040m. This funding is requested to be carried forward to 2017/18 and a full list of these schemes will be taken to the Policy, Finance and Delivery Committee on 25 July.

The programme in 2016/17 saw a continuation of major investment in the Council's housing stock and this will continue into 2017/18. The Council's General fund saw major investment across all Committee services, however replacement of the Council's refuse fleet has been deferred while the nature of the service provided is reviewed.

The CP Provisional Outturn 2016/17 is attached as **Appendix 4** of this report.

## 7. **Carry Forwards**

Any Capital schemes which have not been completed at 31 March will be carried forward at Policy Finance and Development Committee into 2017/18.

Revenue budget requests for this Committee are as follows:

- Housing Division - Orchard (Management System) Development £8,500.

**Background Documents:-**

None.

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<b>Implications</b>	
<b>Financial</b> (CR)	As set out within the report and appendices.
<b>Legal</b> (AC)	No significant implications.
<b>Risk</b> (CR)	CR1 – Decreasing Financial Resources CR9 – Economy
<b>Corporate Priorities</b> (CR)	CP2 – Effective Service Provision CP3 – Balanced Economic Development
<b>Vision and Values</b> (CR)	Not applicable.
<b>Equalities</b> (AC)	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment:-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable