

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 10 August 2017

Report of the Director of Financial Resources

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected: All

The County Council's Financial Position - 2016/17 Outturn (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides a summary of the County Council's financial position at the end of 2016/17.

The County Council's final revenue outturn position is an underspend of £23.101m against an agreed cash limit budget of £713.020m.

The County Council's capital spending in year totalled £144.653m, which equates to c90% of the agreed 2016/17 forecast expenditure for the programme.

Although this overall position is favourable, it is important to note that the outturn position is supported by c£83m from reserves and includes an extraordinary surplus of £23m as a result of Treasury Management activities. Without these items contributing to outturn the budget would be significantly overspent and in future financial years there continues to be an underlying pressure within service budgets, particularly in demand led areas such as Children's Social Care, Adults Social Care and Waste Services.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Note the Council's final revenue and capital outturn position for 2016/17,
- (ii) Approve the transfer of the 2016/17 underspend to the transitional reserve.

Background and Advice

The detailed report at Appendix 'A' presents the County Council's financial position as at 31st March 2017.

Overall, despite a range of pressures, the County Council's financial strategy has developed further over the course of the year in preparation for the challenging times ahead. The report includes the Director of Financial Resources conclusion on the County Council's financial standing at the end of the year.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The County Council's overall approach to managing financial risks continues to be to identify and acknowledge risks early and build their impact into financial plans while continuing to develop strategies which will minimise their impact. This approach operates in parallel with the identification and setting aside of sufficient resources to manage the financial impact of the change risks facing the organisation.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
The County Council's Budget	9 th February 2017	Neil Kisson/x36154
Money Matters – The Financial Strategy	19 th January 2017	Neil Kisson/x36154

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A