

Cabinet

Meeting to be held on 14 July 2016

Report of the Director of Financial Resources

Electoral Divisions affected: All

The County Council's Financial Position - 2015/16 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 2015/16.

The County Council's final revenue outturn position is an underspend of £0.601m against an agreed cash limit budget of £726.675m.

The County Council's 2015/16 capital spending (excluding City Deal and non LCC funded schemes) in the year was £150.877m, which equates to 58.1% of the approved programme. The remaining balance reflects slippage due to a number of different factors detailed in Appendix A.

Although this overall position is favourable, it must be balanced by consideration of the significant pressures facing the Council in 2016/17 and beyond.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Approve the transfer of the 2015/16 underspend to reserves; and
- (ii) Approve that the Capital Programme for 2016/17 and onwards be increased by £108.778m to reflect the slippage in 2015/16.

Background and Advice

The detailed report at Appendix 'A' presents the County Council's financial position as at the 31st March 2016.

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
Money Matters – The Financial Strategy for 2016/17 to 2020/21	21 st January 2016	Neil Kissock x34715

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A