

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 June 2018

Report of the Interim Chief Executive and Director of Resources

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

The County Council's Financial Position - 2017/18 Outturn

(Appendix 'A' refers)

Contact for further information:

Angie Ridgwell, Tel: (01772) 536260, Interim Chief Executive and Director of Resources

Angie.Ridgwell@lancashire.gov.uk

Executive Summary

This report provides details for Cabinet on the county council's 2017/18 revenue and capital outturn position.

The 2017/18 revenue position at the end of the year is net expenditure of £703.924m, which represents an in year underspend of £20.896m which is 2.88% of the revenue budget.

It is important to note that the revenue position includes significant levels of support from reserves that have previously been agreed. In some cases this is specific expenditure taking place because reserve/grant funding has been provided, however some funding is structural and recurrently required to support the revenue budget. **In 2017/18 the structural reserve funding totalled £58.890m, primarily covering the funding gap, and if this support had not been available then expenditure would have exceeded income by £37.994m.**

The capital programme for 2017/18 totalled £171.908m with the programme delivering an outturn position of £121.434m, therefore resulting in a variance to budget of £50.474m.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Note the council's final revenue and capital outturn position for 2017/18.
- (ii) Approve the transfer of the 2017/18 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
-------	------	-------------

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A