

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting 23 September 2019

By Director of Corporate Resources

INFORMATION REPORT

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**Horsham
District
Council**

REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2019/20

Executive Summary

This report gives the Overview and Scrutiny Committee information to help it carry out its role of monitoring the internal and external delivery of services. The Council uses corporate performance indicators, financial reporting and review of progress against key corporate projects to show progress.

Projects the Council has completed or has made significant progress on over the first quarter include: the Horsham District Year of Culture; Piries Place redevelopment; the transfer of the Revenues and Benefits Service to the LGSS partnership and the Digital Transformation programme.

The financial performance is forecast at Month 4 of the 2019/20 financial year. Officers currently forecast a year-end revenue overspend of £291k.

Within the overspend, there are services spending more than their budget and others spending less or where the Council is collecting more money than budgeted. Officers are working through actions that can be taken to improve the position before the year-end, including revisiting expenditure and income items within the forecast.

For comparison purposes, a £140k overspend was forecast at Month 4 in 2018/19, which compared to an outturn surplus for 2018/19 of £828k. Officers are often quicker to forecast the fuller extent of the downside and slower in forecasting the fuller extent of any upside in case this should worsen.

Capital expenditure at Month 4 was £3.65m which was 17% of the approved £21.2m capital programme. An outturn of £15.8m or 74% is forecast by officers.

An analysis of performance indicators shows 65% within target and 29% (5KPIs) close to target, and 6% (1KPI) below target. In all areas where targets have not been met work is underway to make improvements.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Recommendations

To enable Overview and Scrutiny to carry out its Constitutional role of monitoring the delivery of internal and external services and scrutinise any part of the Council's work.

Consultation: Senior Leadership Team, Cabinet Members. Director of Corporate Resources

Wards affected: All

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Background Papers:

Appendix A: Key Performance Indicators Q1

Appendix B: Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outrun April to July 2019

Appendix C: Outturn Capital Budget monitoring

Appendix D: Outturn Revenue Budget monitoring