

# Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting 20 Sept 2021

By Director of Corporate Resources

## INFORMATION REPORT

Not exempt



**Horsham  
District  
Council**

### REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2021/22

#### 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.

The financial performance is forecast at Month 4 of the 2021/22 financial year. Officers currently forecast an operational surplus of £0.825m. £0.6m of the forecast underspend is on leisure facilities with current performance and activities ahead of Place's Leisure (cautious) budget estimate. The remainder is the net of £0.6m underspends; mostly across investment income, Housing and Waste and £0.4m overspend mostly from parking income and property expenses. Debt over 90 days is aging and the risk associated is building, albeit being closely monitored by Property and Facilities.

Capital expenditure at Month 4 was £1.3m (16%) of the £8.3m capital programme. By comparison, spend on capital was £1.3m (15%) of the £8.5m programme at same period in 2020/21. An outturn of £7m or 84% is forecast by officers. In 2020/21, the outturn was £5.4m (60%). Officers are generally over-optimistic on delivery of the capital programme during the year. The impact of Covid-19 continues to subdue some capital expenditure.

An analysis of performance indicators shows 4 outside of the target, relating to the impact of Covid-19 such as attendance at recreational facilities. In all areas where targets have not been met, work is underway to make improvements and the monthly data is showing signs of improvements between April and June.

Work on the Corporate Plan actions continued through quarter one of 2021. There are eight completed actions that include the adoption of the local cycling and walking plan and the Horsham Realm Strategy agreed. There are currently five Corporate Plan actions on hold but with plans put in place for work to be picked up or adapted for working post-Covid-19. There are sixty-five Corporate Plan actions progressing including work to increase the number of electric car charging points, beginning the work to renew the Horsham Park skate park, supporting local business to re-open after lockdown and the successful launch of kerbside collections of WEEE, textiles and batteries and the setting up of the Re-use Hub.

#### 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.

**Wards affected:** All

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**Background Papers:**

Appendix A: Key Performance Indicators Q1

Appendix B: Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outturn summary April 2021 to July 2021

Appendix C: Capital Budget monitoring and forecast outturn at M4

Appendix D: Revenue Budget monitoring and forecast outturn at M4

Appendix E: Corporate Plan Update Q1