

# Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting 20 March 2023

By Director of Resources

## INFORMATION REPORT

Not exempt



### REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2022/23

#### 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 10 of the 2022/23 financial year. Officers currently forecast an operational deficit of £0.21m. There are rapidly rising costs resulting in forecast overspends of £0.54m in Waste from the increase in HVO fuel and prices and specialist medical collection costs, £0.55m in Housing overspend due to increased board and lodging costs and £0.35m increase in reactive maintenance costs due to both increased demand and cost of repairs in temporary accommodation and commercial properties. This is mostly offset by forecast surpluses of £1.23m from the impact of increased interest rates on our investment income and £0.63m in parking income as customers return to the town centre car parks, we have also received rate refunds due to changes in rateable values. Debt over 90 days is aging and the risk associated is building, albeit being closely monitored by the finance department and the planning team.

The capital expenditure at Month 11 is provided in Appendix C. Expenditure was £4.24m (35%) of the £12.1m capital programme. By comparison, spend on capital was £4.1m (49%) of the £8.3m programme at same period in 2021/22. An outturn of £5.6m or 46% is forecast by officers. An analysis of the causes of the delays in delivery has been undertaken, which will be used to improve programming in future years.

An analysis of performance indicators at Quarter 3 shows 56% at or above target, 22% close to target and 22% outside of the target. Eight indicators have not met target. This includes the total number of Community Triggers activations which have led to multi-agency reviews of case involvement. The number of households in temporary accommodation and Bed and Breakfast has remained at red though we are seeing the figures coming down through the provision now provided by Roffey Place, we have also secured four additional family sized properties secured through Saxon Weald. The number of missed bins has also increased this quarter and additional reporting has been put in place to identify if there are recurring issues in certain areas. Fly-tipping incidents remains in the red but incidents did decrease during December. There are three red indicators around Revenue and Benefits, collection of arrears for Council Tax and Business Rates, as well as quality assurance on Local Authority error.

Work on the Corporate Projects progressed through quarter 3 of 2022/23. The skate park in Horsham Park is now completed with positive feedback from users. Podback (the collection of coffee pods) has now launched and is proving popular with residents. A new Water Neutrality Project Manager has been appointed and is working on developing an implementation scheme.

## **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 Q3

Appendix B: Budget Monitoring and Forecast Outturn summary April 2022 to January 2023

Appendix C: Capital Budget monitoring and forecast outturn at M11

Appendix D: Revenue Budget monitoring and forecast outturn at M10

Appendix E: Corporate Projects Update Q3