

Corporate Financial Monitoring 2018/19 – Quarter 3
12 February 2019
Report of the Interim Financial Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To provide an overview of the Council's financial position for Quarter 3 of the 2018/19 monitoring cycle, and the supporting actions underway.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral from Cabinet Member
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision		N/A	
This report is public.			

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That Cabinet notes the report and endorses the supporting actions as set out in Appendix A.

1. Overview

- 1.1. The corporate financial monitoring report for Quarter 3 is attached at **Appendix A**. The headline messages are as follows:

- Quarter 3 monitoring is against the original budget as approved by Council 28th February 2018 and not a revised position as has been the case in previously
- As at 31st December a slight net overspend of **£17K** existed. Should spending progress as currently forecast, a net overspend in the region of **£13K** could be experienced by year-end, once agreed funding from the Council's reserves is applied. Although officers are currently taking action to address each area of overspending, an amount of **£13K** would equate to approximately **0.08%** of the Council's Net Revenue Budget for 2018/19... However, should a net overspending still be forecast then General Fund unallocated balances would need to be used to fund it
- The Housing Revenue Account is currently underspent by **£87K**, and this is expected to increase to **£143K** by the year-end. The key message relates to the significant improvement in void property turnaround times, which has led to forecast additional rental income of **£100K**.

- 1.2. Lower level analysis to support the values above is included at **Appendix B**.

- 1.3. An update and supporting commentary on Salt Ayre financial and non-financial performance is included at **Appendix C**
- 1.4. Details of the Councils General Fund and HRA Capital Programme, expenditure to date and forecast year-end outturn is included at **Appendix D** and **Appendix E**.
- 1.5. A full list of General Fund reserves and current forecast year-end balances are included at **Appendix F**.
- 1.6. Progress against the savings measures approved as part of the 2018/19 budget is detailed within **Appendix G**. Progress is allowed for in the overall headline figures quoted above.
- 1.7. To support corporate financial monitoring, the latest Treasury Management update report is included at **Appendix H**.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

This report is in support of the delivery of the Council's overall policy framework, and more specifically its Corporate Plan.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None directly arising from this report. Any additional implications linked to or arising from the various financial matters raised will be addressed in taking any relevant actions forward.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this report. Any additional implications linked to or arising from the various financial matters raised will be addressed in taking any relevant actions forward.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the attached.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources / Information Services / Property / Open Spaces:

References and any related implications are contained within the report and related appendices.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

This report is in the name of the s151 Officer, albeit in the capacity as Interim Financial Services Manager

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comment

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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