

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The report presents the revenue and capital outturn for 2014/15, highlighting an underspend of £54,000. This represents a significant achievement in the context of the government's public sector deficit recovery plan which resulted in a revenue savings requirement of over £10 million for 2014/15.
- 1.2 The report refers to requests to carry forward specific revenue budget items to 2015/16 and to write-off revenue overspends where recovery in future years would have an adverse impact on continuing service delivery.
- 1.3 The report also refers to requests to re-phase specific capital budget items to 2015/16 and to remove net capital underspends.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 The revenue budget outturn underspend of £54,000 for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 2 is noted.

- 2.2 The revenue carry forward proposals and write-off requests listed in the tables in Appendix 4 are approved.
- 2.3 Transfers to Earmarked Reserves are agreed as set out in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.13.
- 2.4 The revenue virements for 2014/15 as listed in Appendix 6(i) are approved.
- 2.5 The resulting reserves position shown in Appendix 1 paragraph 1.12 is noted and that unearmarked reserves remain at the target level of £10.5m (excluding Invest to Save drawdowns).
- 2.6 The provisional outturn of the 2014/15 capital programme in Appendix 7, and the funding as laid out in the table in Appendix 1 Paragraph 1.22, is noted.
- 2.7 The capital rephasing and write-off of net underspends as listed in Appendix 8 are approved.
- 2.8 The adjustments to the 2014/15 to 2019/20 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 10, and the final capital programme for 2014/15 in Appendix 9 are noted.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 These are contained throughout the report and appendices.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Medium Term Finance & Planning process allocates scarce resources across services with alignment of these resources towards our priorities as set out in the Medium Term Service & Resource Plans. This report monitors how the Council has performed against the financial targets set in the budget as approved at the February 2014 budget setting meeting.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 This report provides information about the Council's financial performance against its revenue and capital budgets in 2014/15.
- 5.2 This report enables Cabinet to review:
 - Requests for write-off of overspends
 - Requests for carry forward of underspends
 - Suggested transfers to earmarked reserves
- 5.3 The report identifies that after carry forwards and transfers to reserves, the Council underspent by £54,000. This represents a significant achievement in the context of the government's public sector deficit recovery plan which resulted in a revenue savings requirement of over £10 million for 2014/15. The position reflects that the funding of some one-off costs relating to service transformation and the delivery of planned savings have been offset against underspends achieved during the year rather than using earmarked reserves.

5.4 The capital spend in 2014/15 was £62.56m against a budget of £83.37m giving a variance of £20.81m, primarily reflecting the delivery time to complete projects moving into future financial periods. Of this variance, £20.19m is requested for carry forward to 2015/16 to cover re-phased costs of capital projects.

5.5 Details of the outturn position for the revenue and capital budgets are provided in Appendices 1-10.

5.6 The Corporate Audit Committee will approve the audited statutory final accounts of the Council in September 2015. This report presents the 2014/15 outturn in the form that is routinely reported throughout the year as part of budget monitoring.

5.7 The Cabinet received financial reports throughout the year highlighting the known pressure areas, and identifying those actions that could be taken to reduce these to manageable proportions.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The recommendations made are based upon the Budget Management Scheme and a consideration of the Council's latest financial position and reserves strategy.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Appendix 4 lists all options that can be considered in making a decision on carry forwards and write offs relating to the revenue outturn position.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency, Strategic Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer.

8.2 The provisional outturn position has been discussed at Senior Management Team and Divisional Directors' Group during May.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

9.2 The substance of this report is part of the Council's risk management process. The key risks in the Council's budget are assessed annually by each Strategic Director, with these risks re-assessed on a monthly basis as part of the budget monitoring process.

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Background papers	<i>2014/15 Budget Monitoring reports to the Cabinet; Budget Management Scheme</i>

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