

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	1 st February 2017	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring, Cash Limits and Virements – April 2016 to December 2016	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
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Appendix 1: Revenue & Capital Monitoring Commentary		
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Appendices 5(i) & 5(ii): Capital Virements & Capital Programme by Portfolio 2016/17		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report presents the financial monitoring information for the Authority as a whole for the financial year 2016/17 to the end of December 2016.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 Strategic Directors need to work towards managing within budget in the current year for their respective service areas, using action plans to achieve this, including not committing any unnecessary expenditure and stringent budgetary control.
- 2.2 This year's revenue budget position as shown in Appendix 2 is noted.
- 2.3 The capital expenditure position for the Council in the financial year to the end of September and the year end projections detailed in Appendix 3 are noted.
- 2.4 The revenue virements listed for approval in Appendix 4(i) are agreed, and those listed for information are noted.
- 2.5 The changes in the capital programme listed in Appendix 5(i) are noted.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 The annual medium term financial planning process allocates resources across services with alignment of these resources towards the Council's corporate priorities. This report monitors how the Council is performing against the financial targets set in February 2016 through the Budget setting process.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Budget Management Scheme requires that the Cabinet consider the revenue and capital monitoring position four times per year.

5.2 For revenue budgets which are forecast to be overspent, the Divisional Directors are expected to seek compensating savings to try and bring budgets back to balance.

5.3 Appendix 1 highlights any significant areas of forecast over and under spends in revenue budgets. Appendix 2 outlines the Council's current revenue financial position for the 2016/17 financial year to the end of December 2016 by Cabinet Portfolio. The current forecast outturn position is for an overspend of £1,039,000 which equates to 0.37% of gross budgeted spend (excluding Schools).

5.4 The forecast outturn position includes the requirement for the delivery of £12.644m savings as part of the approved budget for 2016/17, a significant element of which was been confirmed as delivered.

5.5 The Council's financial position, along with its financial management arrangements and controls, are fundamental to continuing to plan and provide services in a managed way, particularly in light of the medium term financial challenge. Close monitoring of the financial situation provides information on new risks and pressures in service areas, and appropriate management actions are then identified and agreed to manage and mitigate those risks.

5.6 Revenue budget virements which require Cabinet approval are listed in Appendix 4(i). Technical budget adjustments are also shown in Appendix 4(i) for information purposes as required by the Budget Management Scheme.

5.7 Appendix 3 outlines the current position for the 2016/17 Capital budget of £94.147m, with a current forecast spend of £74.049m, which is £20.098m less than the budget. Not all investment opportunities have yet crystallised, and some schemes have seen an element of slippage.

5.8 Previously approved budget adjustments are also shown in Appendix 5(i) for information purposes as required by the Budget Management Scheme, while Appendix 5(ii) provides the updated capital programme allocated by Portfolio.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The report is presented as part of the reporting of financial management and budgetary control required by the Council.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None

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.

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>Budget Management Scheme</i>
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