



Report to: Cabinet, 21st March 2017

Report of: Councillor Joy Squires, Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

Subject: QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT – 2016/17

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 Cabinet are asked to note the attached financial monitoring report and variances highlighted for the third quarter ended 31st December 2016; and**
- 1.2 Cabinet are asked to make any recommendations of action they wish to take as a result of that information.**

2. Background

- 2.1 This report covers the 3rd quarter financial performance for 2016/17, which is for the period 1st October to 31st December 2016. Other background issues are covered in the attached PMBS Committee report.

3. Information

- 3.1 The performance at the end of Q3 shows expenditure to be well controlled and income ahead of budget. At the end of Q3, against a budget which is profiled mainly on a straight line basis, there is a surplus of £297k. The forecast surplus for the year-end is £323k. The main reasons for the surplus year-end position is extra income over budget, particularly on car parking and trade and garden waste collections.
- 3.2 At summary level by type, the variances for the year-end forecast variances are:
- Income – in surplus by £185k against a budget of £11.2m
 - Expenditure - overspend by £38k on a budget of £20.8m
 - Interest payments and MRP – in surplus £176k
- 3.3 The 'MTFP' savings plan is budgeted to deliver £768k of savings items. At the end of Q3 the position is £348k actioned and achieved, £30k actioned awaiting results, £138k actions in progress and £252k at risk. The two largest financial risks are the 'Business Improvement' savings plan.
- 3.4 The Council continues to pay suppliers invoices promptly. The target for paying invoices within terms is 100%. At the end of Q3 performance was 97.0% paid on time (96.0% Q3, 2015/16).

- 3.5 The collection of Council Tax and Business Rates has remained at broadly the same level as last year. The Council is in the top quartile of all local authorities for collection performance.
- 3.6 The amount of write-offs of Council Tax and Business Rates during Q3 is lower than the same quarter last year with some £31k put forward for write-off compared to £71k at Q3 last year. The £31k comprises 47 cases that have been approved by the Revenues & Benefits Shared Service management.
- 3.7 The year-end forecast is for a surplus of £323k, however there are still 3 months of the year remaining at the end of Q3. There are a number of risks and opportunities that could impact this and these are detailed in para 10 of the attached report.

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Background Papers: None