

Finance Monitoring Report – October 2022

To: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 8 November 2022

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Sue Grace

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the October 2022 financial position for the services within the remit of the Committee. The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial position as at the end of October 2022.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to:

Review and comment on the report.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMR) are produced monthly, except for April, by all services. They report on a range of financial information to enable a view of each service's financial position to be taken.
- 1.2 Budgets for services are agreed by Full Council in the business plan in February of each year and can be amended in-year by budget virements. In particular, the FMR provides a revenue budget forecast showing the current projection of whether services expect to be over or underspent at the end of the current financial year against those budgets.
- 1.3 The services within the remit of this Committee were previously reported as part of People and Communities (now Peoples Services). Following the organisational changes which created the new service areas of Peoples Services, Place and Sustainability, Strategy and Resources, and Finance and Resources, effective from 1st September 2022. The service areas falling within the remit of this Committee now span two separate service areas.
- 1.4 Domestic Violence and Regulatory Services (Registration, Coroners and Trading Standards) now sit within Place and Sustainability, whilst Communities, Employment and Skills (including Libraries) are now within Strategy and Partnerships.
- 1.5 Rather than presenting two full Finance Monitoring Reports (FMRs) to this Committee, the relevant revenue and capital lines from both the Place and Sustainability and Strategy and Partnerships FMR's are summarised below. This is exceptional for this meeting due to the varied reporting lines for the services within this Committee's remit and the officer reporting structure on which FMRs are based. The full reports for Place and Sustainability and Strategy and Partnerships will be presented to the Highways and Transport and Strategy and Resources Committees respectively and will also be published online (see 5.2).

2. Main Issues - Revenue

- 2.1 At the end of October 2022, the budgets within the remit of the Committee are currently forecasting an overspend of £50k.

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous)	Directorate	Budget 2022/23	Actual October 2022	Forecast Outturn Variance
£000		£000	£000	£000
0	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service	2,484	865	0
0	Registration & Citizenship Services	-817	-358	0
18	Coroners	1,901	965	50
0	Trading Standards	748	41	0
0	Public Library Services	3,803	2,147	0
0	Cambridgeshire Skills	2,163	697	0
0	Archives	376	200	0
0	Cultural Services	318	139	0
Forecast	Directorate	Budget	Actual	Forecast

Variance Outturn (Previous)		2022/23	October 2022	Outturn Variance
0	Think Communities	13,656	6,160	0
0	Youth and Community Services	390	-19	0
18	Total Expenditure	25,021	10,837	50
0	Grant Funding	-16,386	-10,858	0
18	Total	8,635	-21	50

2.2 The Coroners service is reporting a forecast overspend of £50k, an increase from the previous month (£18k) due to a higher than budgeted inflationary uplift in the mortuary and body removal costs following the retender of these contracts. Due to current vacancies and expected additional grant, we anticipate the service will be reporting a balanced position in future months.

2.3 The May 2022 report to this Committee highlighted the budget challenges being faced by Public Library Services in raising budgeted income as a result of ongoing impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and rising fuel prices in the mobile libraries service. Mitigations have been taken and joint working explored with other Council services, which has meant that the budget forecast remains balanced.

3. Main Issues - Capital

3.1 At the end of October 2022, the capital programmes within the remit of the Committee are currently forecasting an underspend of £2.0m

Capital Programme 2022/23						
Total Scheme Revised Budget £000	Original 2022/23 Budget as per BP £000	Scheme	Revised Budget for 2022/23 £000	Actual Spend 2022/23 £000	Forecast Spend - Outturn £000	Forecast Variance 2022/23 £000
		<u>Strategy & Partnerships Service</u>				
		<u>Policy and Communities</u>				
5,000	943	Community Fund	2,429	665	707	(1,722)
113	-	Histon Library Rebuild	36	8	18	(18)
1,172	300	Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities	614	177	414	(200)
85	85	Library Minor Works	85	0	30	(55)
389	72	EverySpace - Library Improvement Fund	72	(130)	65	(7)
6,759	1,400		3,236	720	1,234	(2,002)

3.2 From the original £5 million allocated to the Community Capital Fund, some elements remain unallocated, some projects have failed to go forward as planned, and some have been subject to delay. This means an estimated £1.7m of the original allocation will be rephased into financial year 2023/24. The Committee has determined that returned /

allocated money will be used to deliver a new fund (Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund).

Libraries Open Access and Minor Works budgets have been delayed due to resources available including long delays in sourcing material/expertise needed. Histon and EverySpace works were procured at less cost than anticipated.

4. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 4.1 Communities at the heart of everything we do
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.2 A good quality of life for everyone
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 Helping our children learn, develop and live life to the full
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.4 Cambridgeshire: a well-connected, safe, clean, green environment
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 5.5 Protecting and caring for those who need us
There are no significant implications for this priority.

5. Significant Implications

5.1 Resource Implications

This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the services within the remit of the Committee.

- 5.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.5 Engagement and Communications Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.7 Public Health Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 5.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:
There are no significant implications within this category.

- 5.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:
- 5.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.
Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral / N/A
Explanation:

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes
Name of Financial Officer: Martin Wade / Clare Andrews

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the Head of Procurement? N/A
Name of Officer:

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or Pathfinder Legal? N/A
Name of Legal Officer:

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your EqIA Super User?
N/A
Name of Officer:

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?
N/A
Name of Officer:

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? N/A
Name of Officer:

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health?

N/A

Name of Officer:

If a Key decision, have any Environment and Climate Change implications been cleared by the Climate Change Officer?

N/A

Name of Officer:

6. Source Documents

- 6.1 As well as presentation of the FMR to Committees, reports are made available online each month - [Finance monitoring reports - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)