

Finance Monitoring Report – Outturn 2022-23

To: Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 6 July 2023

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships
Service Director of Finance and Procurement

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the Outturn 2022-23 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 2022-23.

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended 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 the financial year 2022-23, the budgets within the remit of the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee showed an underspend of -£158k.

Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous)	Directorate	Budget 2022/23	Actual 2022-23	Forecast Outturn Variance
£000		£000	£000	£000
0	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service	2,466	2,459	-8
0	Registration & Citizenship Services	-751	-751	0
0	Coroners	1,988	2,089	102
0	Trading Standards	738	749	11
0	Community Safety & Regulatory Services subtotal	4,441	4,546	105

	Strategic Management - CES	392	285	-107
0	Public Library Services	4,102	4,089	-13
0	Cambridgeshire Skills	2,188	2,125	-64
0	Archives	379	372	-6
0	Cultural Services	333	324	-8
0	Think Communities	17,270	17,263	-8
0	Youth and Community Services	395	342	-52
0	Communities, Employment & Skills subtotal	25,058	24,800	-258
0	Local Assistance Scheme	300	295	-5
	Committee Total	29,799	29,641	-158

2.2 The final position across Community Safety and Regulatory Services was an overspend of £105k. The only significant variance (+/- £100k) was the Coroners budget, which overspent by £102k for a number of reasons, which included additional expert witness costs, inflation on the Addenbrookes contract and increased costs for body transportation. There was also a one-off pension cost that was not planned for.

2.3 The final position across Communities, Employment & Skills was an underspend of £258k. The only significant variance (+/- £100k) was on the Strategic Management - CES budget which showed an underspend of £107k. This is due to the quarter 3 and quarter 4 vacancy savings across the Community, Employment & Skills area being higher than previously anticipated. In addition, there was an underspend of -£5k on the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme budget.

3. Main Issues - Capital

3.1 At the end of 2022-23, the capital programmes within the remit of the committee showed an in year variance of -£2.114m

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
5,000	943	<u>Strategy & Partnerships Service</u>	2,429	787	(1,642)
113	-	Community Fund	36	15	(21)
1,172	300	Histon Library Rebuild	614	231	(383)
85	85	Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities	85	14	(71)
389	72	Library Minor Works	72	63	(9)
1,875		EverySpace - Library Improvement Fund	-	12	12
8,634	1,400	Community Hub - Sawston	3,236	1,122	(2,114)

The schemes with significant variances (+/- £250k) either due to changes in phasing or changes in overall scheme costs can be found below:

Community Fund

Revised Budget for 2022/23 £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance £'000	Breakdown of Variance: Underspend/ pressure £'000	Breakdown of Variance: Rephasing £'000
2,429	(1,642)	0	(1,642)

The Community Fund capital scheme has underspent by £1,642k in 2022/23. From the original £5m 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. The Committee has determined that returned/allocated money will be used to deliver a new fund (Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund).

This has reduced the borrowing requirement by £1,642k in this financial year.

Libraries - Open Access

Revised Budget for 2022/23 £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance £'000	Breakdown of Variance: Underspend/ pressure £'000	Breakdown of Variance: Rephasing £'000
614	(383)	0	(383)

The Libraries Open Access capital scheme has underspent by £383k. Project delays over construction and unexpected revenue pressures have delayed the rollout of project. Currently running through a pilot phase before going back to committee for a further steer and revision of the capital program that will reflect a new timeline and scope agreed. This has reduced the borrowing requirement by £383k in this financial year.

4. Alignment with ambitions

- 4.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 Health inequalities are reduced
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality
There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised
There are no significant implications for this priority.

4.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive
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 C,S&I 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](#)