

**FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – OUTTURN 2018-19**

*To:* **Communities and Partnership Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **30th May 2019**

*From:* **Executive Director: People and Communities  
Chief Finance Officer**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **Not applicable**      *Key decision:*      **No**

*Purpose:* **To provide the Committee with the 2018-19 Outturn and Performance report for People And Communities Services (P&C).**

**The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial and performance position as at the end of the 2018-19 financial year.**

*Recommendations:* **The Committee is asked to:**

**Review and comment on the report.**

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A Finance & Performance Report for People and Communities (P&C) is produced monthly and the most recent available report is presented to the Committee when it meets.
- 1.2 The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial and performance position of the services for which the Committee has responsibility.
- 1.3 This report is for the whole of the P&C Service, and as such, not all of the budgets contained within it are the responsibility of this Committee. Members are requested to restrict their attention to the budget lines for which this Committee is responsible, the table below provides a summary of the budget totals relating to C&P Committee:

<b>Forecast Variance Outturn (January) £000</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Budget 2018/19 £000</b>	<b>Actual £000</b>	<b>Outturn Variance £000</b>
-90	Strategic Management - Communities & Safety	161	67	-94
0	Safer Communities Partnership	912	912	-1
-26	Strengthening Communities	498	494	-4
0	Adult Learning and Skills	2,540	2,541	0
<b>-116</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>-98</b>
0	Grant Funding	-4,091	-4,091	0
<b>-116</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-98</b>

### 1.4 Financial Context

The major savings agenda continues with £99.2m of savings required across the Council between 2017 and 2022. The planned savings for P&C in the 2018/19 financial year total £21,287k, and while none of these are within the remit of C&P committee, those services have a key enabling role.

Although significant savings have been made across P&C, the directorate continues to face demand pressures, particularly:

- In Children's Services related to the rising number of looked after children
- Those related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- In Older People's services where prices have risen well above inflation for residential and nursing care
- In Learning Disability services, where the needs of a relatively static number of service-users have continued to increase

## 2.0 MAIN ISSUES IN THE 2018-19 OUTTURN P&C FINANCE & PERFORMANCE REPORT

2.1 The 2018-19 Outturn Finance and Performance report is attached at **Appendix 1**. At the end of the year, the overall P&C position is an overspend of £4,756k (2%). This is a slightly improved position from the previous forecast reported to C&P Committee in March (to the end of January) when the predicted outturn was £4,830k.

### 2.2 Revenue

At the end of the 2018/19 financial year the only key variance within C&P Committee's areas of responsibility is:

- Strategic Management - Communities & Safety ended the year with a -£94k underspend due to vacancy saving exceeding the £55k target.

As previously reported, significant savings have been made across budgets within P&C, but services have continued to face increasing demand pressures resulting in the following key variances at the end of 2018/19:

- Budgets related to Children's Social Care (LAC Placements, Children in Care and Adoption) overspent by a total of £4.5m, reflecting an ongoing increase in demand for these services.
- Home to School Transport – Special ended the year with an overspend of £1.5m. This is largely due to a 20% increase in pupils attending special schools between September 2017 and September 2018 and a 13% increase in pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) over the same period, linked to an increase in complexity of need.
- The underspend on the Central Financing policy line reflects the allocation of the £3.4m smoothing fund reserve to support Children's Services pressures, as recommended by CYP Committee and approved by General Purposes Committee.
- Budgets relating to care provision for Adults and Older People overspent by around £3.1m (3%), offset by mitigations including use of grant funding and over-delivery of some savings lines. In particular, elements of the Improved Better Care fund and 2018/19 Social Care Support Grant have been used to mitigate pressures in year, in line with their intended purposes.
- The ongoing increase in pupils with EHCPs, together with an increase in complexity of need has resulted in pressures on all elements of the SEND Specialist Service budget, which ended the year with an overspend of £9.9m. £8.7m of this relates to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and this will be combined with underspends on other areas of the DSG and carried forward as a £7.2m deficit balance into 2019/20. Work is ongoing with Schools Forum to address these ongoing pressures.

Further details of these variances will be reported to the relevant service committees (CYP and Adults)

## 2.3 Performance

There are four new C&P Performance Indicators, these have no target and are therefore not RAG-rated. The new performance indicators being reported are;

- Number of young first time entrants into the criminal justice system, per 10,000 of population compared to statistical neighbours
- Victim-based crime per 1,000 of population compared to statistical neighbours (hate crime)
- Proportion of new apprentices per 1,000 of population, compared to national figures
- Engagement with learners from deprived wards as a proportion of the total learners engaged

## 3.0 2018-19 SAVINGS TRACKER

- 3.1 As previously reported the “tracker” report – a tool for summarising delivery of savings – will be made available for Members on a quarterly basis. The savings tracker to the end of the year is included as **Appendix 2**. It shows that, of £21.3m planned savings in P&C included in 2018/19’s business plan, £18.6m was delivered. This was £2.7m less than the target.

However, in addition to the delivery of these savings there was a further £2.8m of savings delivered within the ‘funnel’ – a pipeline of additional savings plans drawn up in year to mitigate the risk of non- or delayed-delivery of planned savings

### 4.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

- 4.1.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

### 4.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

- 4.2.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

### 4.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

- 4.3.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

## 5.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Resource Implications

- 5.1.1 This report sets out details of the overall financial position of the P&C Service.

### 5.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

- 5.2.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

- 5.3.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

### 5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.4.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **5.5 Engagement and Communications Implications**

5.5.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **5.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement**

5.6.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

## **5.7 Public Health Implications**

6.7.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
As well as presentation of the F&PR to the Committee when it meets, the report is made available online each month.	<a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/finance-and-budget/finance-&amp;-performance-reports/">https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/finance-and-budget/finance-&amp;-performance-reports/</a>