

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT – MAY 2019

To: **Communities and Partnership Committee**

Meeting Date: **4th July 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 May 2019-20 Finance 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 May 2019.

Recommendations: **Committee are asked to:**

- a) Review and comment on the report; and**
- b) Approve the changes to the capital programme budgets from the Business Plan as shown in Section 2.2 of this 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:

Directorate	Budget 2019/20 £000	Actual May 2019 £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000
Strategic Management - Communities & Safety	15	23	0
Safer Communities Partnership	880	317	0
Strengthening Communities	495	146	0
Adult Learning and Skills	2,438	-13	0
Total Community & Safety	3,828	437	0
Strategic Management – Cultural & Community Services	163	20	0
Public Library Services	3,409	491	0
Cultural Services	107	-50	0
Archives	440	69	0
Registration & Citizenship Services	-516	-90	0
Coroners	1,117	140	0
Total Cultural & Community Services	4,721	581	0
Total Expenditure	8,549	1,055	0
Grant Funding	-2,334	-515	0
Total	6,214	540	0

From 1st April 2019 Cultural & Community services fall under the responsibility of C&P Committee.

1.4 Financial Context

The major savings agenda continues with £75m of savings required across the Council between 2019 and 2024.

Although significant savings have been made across P&C in recent years, 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 MAY 2019 P&C FINANCE & PERFORMANCE REPORT

2.1 Revenue

At the end of May, People and Communities is forecast to overspend by £3.7m (1.4 % of budget), with a balanced position anticipated in the areas within C&P committee's responsibility.

Due to the cross-cutting nature of C&P Committee a brief summary of the key variances forecast within P&C is provided below:

- Budgets relating to care provision for Adults and Older People are anticipated to overspend by £2.4m due to increases in both unit costs and demand. This pressure is inclusive of grant funding mitigating the position in line with the condition of the grant.
- Budgets relating to Children's Services are forecasting an overspend of £700k with pressures on the LAC Placements budget (£350k) and Children in Care (£350k).
- The core funded budgets relating to Education Services are forecasting an overspend of £600k, with a £300k overspend expected on the Home to School Transport budget due to increasing demand, and a further £300k overspend forecast on SEND Specialist Services.
- While not currently included in the figures, a significant pressure is expected on the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

Further details of these variances will be reported to the relevant service committees (CYP and Adults) and can be found in the main Finance and Performance Report (**Appendix 1**)

2.2 Capital

The transfer of Cultural and Community Services into P&C includes the transfer of capital schemes totalling £5.2m in 2019/20. This consists of £3.1m expenditure as per the Business Plan, with £2.1m carried forward from 2018/19 due to slippage on the projects. A more detailed breakdown of these schemes is given below, and Members are asked to approve the £2.1m roll forwards from 2018/19, prior to approval being requested from GPC.

Original 2019/20 Budget as per BP (£000)	Scheme	Budget B/forward (£000)	Revised Budget for 2019/20 (£000)
957	Cambridgeshire Archives	397	1,354
0	New Community Hub / Library Provision Cambourne	190	190
0	New Community Hub / Library Provision Clay Farm	42	42
0	New Community Hub / Library Provision Darwin Green	0	0
0	Milton Road Library	431	431
0	Cambridge Central BIPC	51	51
0	Replace two existing Mobile Libraries	275	275
914	Community Hubs - Sawston	689	1,603
567	Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities (hub libraries)	0	567
74	Library Service - Card payments in Libraries	0	74
605	Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities - further 22 Libraries	0	605
3,117	Total C&CS Spending	2,075	5,192

2.3 Performance

2.3.1 Key performance information is in Appendix 7 of the main report.

3.0 ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

3.1.1 There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

3.2.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

3.3.1 There are no significant implications for this priority

4.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

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

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

4.2.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

4.3.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.4.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

4.5.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

4.6.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

4.7.1 There are no significant implications within this category.

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