

Finance Monitoring Report – January 2023

To: Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 23 March 2023

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Sue Grace
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Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the January 2023 financial position for the services within its remit, so that it may comment on the financial position as at the end of January 2023.

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

Note and comment on the report.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Finance Monitoring Reports (FMRs) are produced monthly, except for in 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 the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee were previously reported as part of People and Communities (now People Services). Following the organisational restructure which created the new service areas of People Services, Place and Sustainability, Strategy and Partnerships and Finance and Resources, effective from 1 September 2022, the service areas falling within the remit of the 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 the 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 Committee due to the varied reporting lines for the services within its 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 Paragraph 5.2).

2. Main Issues - Revenue

- 2.1 At the end of January 2023, the budgets within the remit of the Committee are currently forecasting an overspend of £11k.

Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee Summary Table				
Forecast Variance Outturn (Previous)	Directorate	Budget 2022/23	Actual January 2023	Forecast Outturn Variance
£000		£000	£000	£000
0	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Service	2,562	983	0
0	Registration & Citizenship Services	-751	-492	0
50	Coroners	1,988	1,811	36
0	Trading Standards	748	704	0

0	Public Library Services	4,089	3,305	0
0	Cambridgeshire Skills	2,163	799	-0
0	Archives	402	297	-0
0	Cultural Services	325	175	-5
0	Think Communities	13,709	2,580	-20
0	Youth and Community Services	395	48	0
50	Total Expenditure	25,630	10,211	11
0	Grant Funding	-16,386	-10,858	0
50	Total	9,245	-647	11

2.2 The Coroner service is reporting a forecast overspend of £36k, a decrease from the previous month (£50k), due to current vacancies and additional grant. The overspend is due to a higher than budgeted inflationary uplift in the mortuary and body removal costs following the retender of these contracts.

2.3 Offsetting this, there are small underspends in both Think Communities (-£20k) and Cultural Services (-£5k).

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 £1.9m

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	763	800	(1,629)
113	-	Histon Library Rebuild	36	12	18	(18)
1,172	300	Libraries - Open access & touchdown facilities	614	196	414	(200)
85	85	Library Minor Works	85	15	30	(55)
389	72	EverySpace - Library Improvement Fund	72	(107)	65	(7)
6,759	1,400		3,236	879	1,327	(1,909)

3.2 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. This means an estimated £1.6m of the original allocation will be rephased into the 2023/24 financial year. The Committee has determined that returned and

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

- 3.3 Libraries Open Access and Minor Works budgets have been delayed due to resource availability, 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.
- 4.5 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 Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion 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.

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:

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](#)