

Finance Monitoring Report – October 2021

To: Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee

Meeting Date: 2 December 2021

From: Service Director for People and Communities, Adrian Chapman
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Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To provide the Committee with the October 2021 Finance Monitoring Report for People and Communities and Public Health.

The report is presented to provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the financial position as at the end of October 2021.

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 detailed FMR for People and Communities (P&C) and Public Health (PH) is attached at Appendix 2. This report covers the whole of the P&C, and PH 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, which are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 1.4 The table below provides a summary of the budget totals relating to the Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee:

Forecast Outturn Variance (Previous) £000	Directorate	Budget 2021/22 £000	Actual Oct 21 £000	Forecast Outturn Variance £000
487	Communities and Partnerships	11,213	5,338	488
487	Total Expenditure	11,213	5,338	488
0	Grant Funding (including Adult Education Budget etc.)	-4,019	-3,149	0
487	Total	7,194	2,189	488

A more detailed breakdown may be found on page 16 of Appendix 2. Please note that the Youth and Community budgets are excluded from the above as they report into the Children and Young People Committee.

2. Main Issues - Revenue

- 2.1 At the end of October 2021, the overall P&C position shows a forecast underspend of £4,693k; around -1.6% of budget. The budgets within the remit of CS&I are currently forecasting an overspend of £488k.

- 2.2 The significant issues as highlighted in the main FMR are:
- (a) Public Library Services, which continue to report a pressure of £333k as a result of a reduction in income related to the Covid-19 pandemic. See note number 8, starting on page 24 of Appendix 2 for more detail.
 - (b) The Coroners Service, which is reporting a revised pressure of £155k, mainly as a result of additional costs related to Covid-19. See note number 9, on page 25 of Appendix 2 for more detail.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

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

4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 Resource Implications
This report above sets out details of the overall financial position of the P&C and PH Services
- 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications
There are no significant implications within this category.
- 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement
There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8 Environment and Climate Change Implications on Priority Areas:

There are no significant implications within this category.

5. Source Documents

- 5.1 As well as presentation of the FMR to Committees, reports are made available online each month: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/finance-and-budget/finance-performance-reports>