

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 11 November 2020

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring as at 18 September 2020

1. Summary of Financial Position

- 1.1. The projected Revenue outturn at 31 March 2021 for Finance, Resources and Customer Services is an underspend position of £0.814m (0.9%) against the revised budget for the year. This position results from the fact that additional government funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic is currently held within central Miscellaneous budgets and has not been allocated to departments.
- 1.2. The projected Capital outturn at 31 March 2021 for Finance, Resources and Customer Services is a break-even position.
- 1.3. This is summarised over the relevant services in the table below and further analysis is provided in the Appendices.
- 1.4. For the financial year 2020/21, the projected outturn position is split into Core (or business as usual) and COVID-19 related variances to help readers understand the impact of the pandemic on service finances.

Table 1: Revenue							
Division	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core	Projected Outturn COVID- 19	Total Projected Outturn	Budget Variance (Adv)/Fav	Budget Variance	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	
Finance and Resources	35.898	35.595	1.574	37.169	(1.271)	3.5%	
Environment and Infrastructure	15.882	14.426	4.213	18.639	(2.757)	17.4%	
Miscellaneous	42.907	42.907	(4.842)	38.065	4.842	(11.3%)	
Total	94.687	92.928	0.945	93.873	0.814	0.9%	

Table 2: Capital						
Division	Revised Annual Budget £000	Projected Outturn Core £000	Projected Outturn COVID-19 £000	Total Projected Outturn £000	Budget Variance £000	Budget Variance %
Finance, Resources and Customer Services, including Environment and Infrastructure	£6,611	£6,611	£0	£6,611	£0	0.0%

2. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- 2.1. Note the projected Revenue outturn position detailed in Table 1 above, considering that the forecast position is based on best estimates and confirmed government support at this point in time; forecasts are likely to be subject to considerable fluctuation as the full service implications and associated costs of the pandemic become clear;
- 2.2. Note the projected Capital outturn position detailed in Table 2 above; and
- 2.3. Note the budget adjustments detailed at sections 4 and 6.

3. Revenue

- 3.1. The Revenue Budget Monitoring report at Appendix 1 identifies a projected annual underspend of £0.814m (0.9% of total budget) for services reporting to the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board. This position results from the fact that all additional government funding related to the Covid19 pandemic is currently held within central Miscellaneous budgets and has not been allocated to departments. Detailed division service reports can be also be found here, along with an explanation of each significant projected variance.
- 3.2. The projected outturn is based on information currently available and assumptions made by service budget holders. Any changes to these projections will be detailed in future reports to this Board.
- 3.3. The main reason for the projected outturn position are indicated below the tables showing both the subjective analysis (what the budget is spent on) and the objective analysis (which division is spending the budget).

4. Revenue Budget Adjustments

4.1. Members are requested to note from Appendix 1 that budget adjustments totalling £1.883m have been processed since the last report. These related mainly to:

Finance and Resources:

- £1.778m Housing Benefits net costs transferred from Communities,
 Housing and Planning Services for budget monitoring within Finance and
 Resources:
- £0.258m of Early Years support staff costs transferred from Children's Services into Finance and Resources;
- (£0.800m) transferred from Finance and Resources into Miscellaneous Services towards the Right for Renfrewshire savings target for Customer Transactions;
- (£0.473m) of Local Partnership budgets transferred from Finance and Resources into Chief Executive Services.

Environment and Infrastructure:

 £0.046m of School Maintenance costs transferred from Children Services for Flooring. Fencing and Safety work.

Miscellaneous:

- £0.646m transferred into Miscellaneous Services from Council Tax funding to realign the Council Tax Reduction budget;
- £0.800m staff costs transferred from Finance and Resources towards the Right for Renfrewshire savings target for Customer Transactions;
- (£0.192m) of funding transferred from Miscellaneous Services to Children's Services for Modern Languages and Pupil Equity Fund;
- (£0.112m) of funding transferred from Miscellaneous Services to Communities, Housing and Planning Services for Rapid Rehousing Transition planning.

5. Capital

- 5.1. The Capital Investment Programme 2020/21 to 2024/25 was approved by the Council on 9th March 2020.
- 5.2. The Capital Monitoring report at Appendix 2 indicates a reduction in the approved capital programme for Finance, Resources and Customer Services for the year of £2.682m.
- 5.3. Further detail, including reasons for significant variances, can be found at Appendix 2.

6. Capital Budget Adjustments

- 6.1. Since the last report, budget changes in totalling £2.682m have arisen which reflect the following:
 - Budget reprofiled from 2020/21 to 2021/22 (£1.855m):
 - ICT Infrastructure & Renewal (£0.175m) due to timing of expected Info@Work upgrade expected to take place between May and June 2021.
 - Lifecycle Capital Maintenance & Energy Efficiency (£1.680m) due to delays in capital work resulting from the Covid-19 emergency.
 - Budget Transfers 2020/21 (£0.827m):
 - Lifecycle Capital Maintenance & Energy Efficiency (£0.827m) to Early Years 1,140 Expansion project as a contribution to Lifecycle work incorporated into the Extension and Refurbishment projects, primarily Kilbarchan Extension and Hollybush Refurbishment.

Implications of this report

1. Financial – The projected budget outturn position for Finance, Resources and Customer Services' Revenue budget is an underspend of £0.814m. Income and expenditure will continue to be monitored closely for the rest of the financial year and, as far as possible, steps will be taken to mitigate any overspend.

The projected outturn position for Finance, Resources and Customer Services' Capital budget is break-even. The Capital programme will continue to be monitored closely for the rest of the financial year and, where necessary, steps will be taken to mitigate any overspend.

Any changes to current projections in either Revenue or Capital budgets will be reported to the board as early as possible, along with an explanation for the movement.

- 2. HR and Organisational Development None directly arising from this report.
- 3. Community/Council Planning
 None directly arising from this report.
- Legal
 None directly arising from this report.

5. Property/Assets

The Capital expenditure in this board will result in lifecycle maintenance improvements to existing properties and replacement of ICT assets and infrastructure.

6. Information Technology

None directly arising from this report.

7. Equality and Human Rights

The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety

None directly arising from this report.

9. Procurement

None directly arising from this report.

10. Risk

The potential risk that the Council will overspend its approved budgets for the year will be managed at a Council-wide level by the Chief Executive and Directors.

11. Privacy Impact

None directly arising from this report.

12. Cosla Policy Position

N/a.

13. Climate Risk

None directly arising from this report.

List of Background Papers

Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2020/21. Council, 9th March 2020.

Non-housing Capital Investment Programme, Prudential Framework and Treasury Management Strategy, and Capital Strategy 2020/21 – 24/25. Council, 9th March 2020.

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring as at 26 June 2020 - Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 2 September 2020

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POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES

Objective Summary	Revised Annual Budget at Period 3	New Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core Business	Projected Outturn COVID-19	Total Projected Outturn	Budget ((Adverse) /	Variance Favourable	Previous Projected Outturn Variance	Movement (Adverse) / Favourable
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Finance and Resources	35,221	677	35,898	35,595	1,574	37,169	(1,271)	(3.5%)	(1,130)	(141)
Environment and Infrastructure	15,836	46	15,882	14,426	4,213	18,639	(2,757)	(17.4%)	(2,068)	(689)
Miscellaneous	41,747	1,160	42,907	42,907	(4,842)	38,065	4,842	11.3%	4,742	100
NET EXPENDITURE	92,804	1,883	94,687	92,928	945	93,873	814	0.9%	1,544	(730)

Subjective Summary	Revised Annual Budget	New Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core	Projected Outturn	Total Projected	Budget \ (Adverse) /		Previous Projected	Movement (Adverse) /
Subjective Summary	at Period 3			Business	COVID-19	Outturn			Outturn Variance	Favourable
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Employees	80,680				1,635		(520)		(28)	(492)
Premises Related	9,730	(571)	9,159	9,331	0	9,331	(172)	(1.9%)	64	(236)
Transport Related	1,238	(422)	816	1,154	79	1,233	(417)	(51.1%)	(20)	(396)
Supplies and Services	28,016	(3,093)	24,923	24,948	(3,720)	21,228	3,695	14.8%	4,025	(330)
Third Party Payments	1,892	110	2,002	2,004	0	2,004	(2)	(0.1%)	(8)	6
Transfer Payments	72	63,701	63,773	55,694	0	55,694	8,079	12.7%	(94)	8,173
Support Services	2,861	(381)	2,480	2,673	0	2,673	(193)	(7.8%)	94	(287)
Depreciation and Impairment Losses	13,190	6	13,196	13,196	0	13,196	0	0.0%	0	0
GROSS EXPENDITURE	137,679	56,428	194,107	185,642	(2,006)	183,637	10,470	5.4%	4,033	6,437
Income	(44,875)	(54,545)	(99,420)	(92,714)	2,951	(89,763)	(9,657)	(9.7%)	(2,490)	(7,167)
NET EXPENDITURE	92,804	1,883	94,687	92,928	945	93,873	814	0.9%	1,544	(730)

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES

	Revised	New Budget	Revised	Projected	Projected	Total	Budget \	/ariance	Previous	Movement
Objective Summary	Annual Budget	Adjustments	Annual Budget	Outturn Core	Outturn	Projected	(Adverse) /	Favourable	Projected	(Adverse) /
Objective Summary	at Period 3			Business	COVID-19	Outturn			Outturn	Favourable
									Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Finance and Resources Directorate	(449)	(336)	(785)	-807	0	(807)	22	2.8%	0	22
Corporate Governance	3,440	(458)	2,982	2,963	203	3,166	(184)	(6.2%)	(129)	(55)
Finance Services	3,411	(8)	3,403	3,425	0	3,425	(22)	(0.6%)	30	(52)
ICT Services	8,826	528	9,354	9,695	84	9,779	(425)	(4.5%)	(330)	(95)
HR, OD and Workforce Strategy	2,516	(1)	2,515	2,776	0	2,776	(261)	(10.4%)	(231)	(30)
Customer and Business Services	15,493	(839)	14,654	14,104	828	14,932	(278)	(1.9%)	(319)	41
Housing Benefits	0	1,778	1,778	1,774	0	1,774	4	0.2%	0	4
Property Services	620	29	649	404	401	805	(156)	(24.0%)	(164)	8
Social care (non-delegated)	743	0	743	741	0	741	2	0.3%	(26)	28
Change Fund	19	0	19	(39)	58	19	0	0.0%	0	0
Finance projects	(1)	0	(1)	(1)	0	(1)	0	0.0%	0	0
Audit Services	603	(16)	587	560	0	560	27	4.6%	39	(12)
NET EXPENDITURE	35,221	677	35,898	35,595	1,574	37,169	(1,271)	(3.5%)	(1,130)	(141)

Objective Heading	Key Reasons for Significant Projected Variances
Corporate Governance	COVID-19 overspend arises from loss of income within Licensing and Registration services; the projection for this has increased since Period 3
	Anticipated overspend within Business World team owing to overlap of software contract re-tender exercise this year; COVID-19 overspend arises from
ICT Services	increased kit and data requirements over the period of lockdown. Projected overspend has increased as anticipated staff cost savings cannot be achieved
	given service pressures
HR, OD and Workforce Strategy	Projected overspend largely relates to temporary staff costs in the Project Management Unit
Customer and Business Services	COVID-19 overspend arises from loss of income from statutory additions and Water Direct, mitigated by savings in postage and printing costs
	COVID-19 overspend arises from loss of income within the Technical Unit (fees from capital projects) and from commercial rents, mitigated by savings in
Property Services	external consultant costs

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES - FINANCE & RESOURCES

	Revised Annual	New Budget	Revised Annual	Projected	Projected	Total Projected	Budget '	Variance	Previous	Movement
Subjective Summary	Budget at	Adjustments	Budget	Outturn Core	Outturn COVID-	Outturn	(Adverse) o	r Favourable	Projected	
	Period 3			Business	19				Outturn	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Employees	33,267	(289)	32,978	33,389	45	33,434	(456)	(1.4%)	(197)	(259)
Premises Related	2,456	(371)	2,085	2,148	0	2,148	(63)	(3.0%)	65	(128)
Transport Related	79	2	81	80	0	80	1	1.2%	(20)	21
Supplies and Services	8,287	(68)	8,219	8,505	122	8,627	(408)	(5.0%)	(389)	(19)
Third Party Payments	1,640	(3)	1,637	1,639	0	1,639	(2)	(0.1%)	(8)	6
Transfer Payments	671	62,934	63,605	55,456	0	55,456	8,149	12.8%	(59)	8,208
Support Services	620	7	627	529	0	529	98	15.6%	95	3
GROSS EXPENDITURE	47,020	62,212	109,232	101,746	167	101,913	7,319	20.1%	(513)	7,832
Income	(11,799)	(61,535)	(73,334)	(66,151)	1,407	(64,744)	(8,590)	(11.7%)	(617)	(7,973)
NET EXPENDITURE	35,221	677	35,898	35,595	1,574	37,169	(1,271)	(3.5%)	(1,130)	(141)

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES - ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective Summary	Revised Annual Budget at Period 3	New Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core Business	Projected Outturn COVID-19	Total Projected Outturn	Budget Variance (Adverse) / Favourable		Previous Projected Outturn Variance	Movement (Adverse) / Favourable
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Building Services	(342)	4	-338	-338	501	163	(501)	148.4%	(367)	(134)
Street Lighting Maintenance Work	373	0	373	523	0	523	(150)	(40.3%)	0	(150)
Public Building Repairs	3,419	77	3,496	3,496	0	3,496	0	0.0%	0	0
Cleaning And Janitorial Services	7,117	9	7,126	6,335	822	7,157	(31)	(0.4%)	20	(51)
Catering	4,607	(44)	4,563	3,817	2,890	6,707	(2,144)	(47.0%)	(1,729)	(415)
School Crossing Patrols	662	0	662	592		592	70	10.5%	8	62
NET EXPENDITURE	15,836	46	15,882	14,426	4,213	18,639	(2,757)	(17.4%)	(2,068)	(689)

Objective Heading	Key Reasons for Significant Projected Variances
Building Services	Increased employee costs due to the delivery of the food insecurity packages across Renfrewshire. Due to restrictions on construction work there is a loss of productivity and therefore lower income. Measures are being put in place to try and minimise the effect of this for the remainder of the year.
Street Lighting Maintenance	This revised projected overspend is due to essential contractor repairs and maintenance being required to electrical boxes, and cable repairs, following an internal inspection of this infrastructure.
Cleaning And Janitorial Services	There is a significant spend related to the service response to the pandemic, including significant additional cleaning in schools, and additional hours required to cover for absence related to staff shielding.
Catering	The pressure due to the pandemic includes, a loss of income from school meals and Renfrewshire House café. Also includes food costs of the food insecurity packages delivered to residents across Renfrewshire. These are partially offset by savings in food purchases. Projected employee costs for the provision of school catering service have increased due to additional hours required for service delivery and to cover for absence related to staff shielding.

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES - ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Subjective Summary	Revised Annual Budget at Period 3	New Budget Adjustments	Revised Annual Budget	Projected Outturn Core Business	Projected Outturn COVID-19	Total Projected Outturn	Budget \ (Adverse) /		Previous Projected Outturn Variance	Movement (Adverse) / Favourable
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Employees	21,733	(3,053)	18,680	17,152	1,590	18,742	(62)	(0.3%)	168	(230)
Premises Related	3,406	(186)	3,220	3,329	0	3,329	(109)	(3.4%)	0	(109)
Transport Related	1,154	(420)	734	1,074	79	1,153	(419)	(57.1%)	1	(419)
Supplies and Services	8,371	(2,904)	5,467	5,206	1,000	6,206	(739)	(13.5%)	(328)	(411)
Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
Transfer Payments	1	0	1	72	0	72	(71)	(7134.5%)	(35)	(36)
Support Services	934	(388)	546	837	0	837	(291)	(53.3%)	(1)	(290)
Depreciation and Impairment Losses	(6)	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
GROSS EXPENDITURE	35,593	(6,945)	28,648	27,669	2,669	30,339	(1,691)	(5.9%)	(195)	(1,496)
Income	(19,757)	6,991	(12,766)	(13,243)	1,544	(11,699)	(1,067)	(8.4%)	(1,874)	807
NET EXPENDITURE	15,836	46	15,882	14,426	4,213	18,639	(2,757)	(17.4%)	(2,068)	(689)

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES - MISCELLANEOUS

	Approved	Budget	Revised	Projected	Projected	Total	Budget \	/ariance	Previous	Movement
Subjective Summary	Annual Budget	Adjustments	Annual Budget	Outturn Core	Outturn	Projected	(Adverse) / Favourable		Projected	(Adverse) /
Subjective Summary				Business	COVID-19	Outturn			Outturn	Favourable
									Variance	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Employees	25,679	423	26,102	26,102	0	26,102	0	0.0%	0	0
Premises Related	3,869	(15)	3,854	3,854	0	3,854	0	0.0%	0	0
Transport Related	6	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0
Supplies and Services	11,358	(121)	11,237	11,237	(4,842)	6,395	4,842	43.1%	4,742	100
Third Party Payments	252	113	365	365	0	365	0	0.0%	0	0
Transfer Payments	(600)	766	166	166	0	166	0	0.0%	0	0
Support Services	1,307	0	1,307	1,307	0	1,307	0	0.0%	0	0
Depreciation and Impairment Losses	13,196	0	13,196	13,196	0	13,196	0	0.0%	0	0
GROSS EXPENDITURE	55,067	1,160	56,227	56,227	(4,842)	51,385	4,842	8.6%	4,742	100
Income	(13,320)	0	(13,320)	(13,320)	0	(13,320)	0	0.0%	0	0
NET EXPENDITURE	41,747	1,160	42,907	42,907	(4,842)	38,065	4,842	11.3%	4,742	100

Subjective Heading	Key Reasons for Significant Projected Variances
Employee Costs	Budget adjustment relates to realignment of Council Tax Reduction budgets to Council Tax
	COVID-19 projection relates to an overspend of £0.500m in Free School Meal and an under-recovery in savings of £0.850m due to the pause in R4R arising
Supplies and Services	from the pandemic. An under-recovery in investment income of £0.5m is also anticipated. These are offset by £6.7m of additional COVID-19 funding from
	the Scottish Government that has not been allocated to services.
Transfer Payments	Budget adjustment relates to R4R savings being transferred in from Finance and Resources

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY - NON-HOUSING SERVICES 1st April to 18th September 2020

POLICY BOARD: FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES

		Current Year 2020-21						Full Programme - All years			
	Prior Years	Approved	Budget	Revised	Projected						
	Expenditure	Budget	Adjustments	Budget	Outturn	Budget Variance (Adverse) or		Total Approved	Projected	Budget Variance (Adverse) or	
	to 31/03/2020*	2020-21	in 2020-21	2020-21	2020-21	Favourable		Budget	Outurn	Favourable	
Project Title								to 31-Mar-25	to 31-Mar-25		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			£000	£000		
CORPORATE PROJECTS											
ICT Infrastructure Maintenance & Renewal Programme	0	1,231	519	1,750	1,750	0	0%	3,525	3,525	0	0%
Strategic Asset Management Fund	0	645	(645)	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
Energy Efficiency Programme	0	402	(402)	0	0	0	0%	147	147	0	0%
Lifecycle Capital Maintenance (LCM) Fund	0	5,157	(2,221)	2,936	2,936	0	0%	9,290	9,290	0	0%
Digital Infrastructure Provision	435	1,200	0	1,200	1,200	0	0%	1,935	1,935	0	0%
Commnunity Empowerment Fund	74	351	(8)	343	343	0	0%	951	951	0	0%
Greenspaces and Parks	193	396	(14)	382	382	0	0%	1,016	1,016	0	0%
Villages Improvement Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
TOTAL FINANCE, RESOURCES & CUSTOMER SERVICES BOARD	702	9,382	-2,771	6,611	6,611	0	0%	17,014	17,014	0	0%

^{*}Rolling programmes have a prior year year expenditure of £0 as the expenditure is not directly linked from one year to the next as a singular project.