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HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MARCH 2024

REVENUE 2023-24 Q3 MONITORING

KEY HEADLINES

- Continuing to see a challenging Revenue position for the period to Q3 Monitoring.
- The overall position at Quarter 3 shows continued and sustained pressures across Social Care and continuation of pressures in respect of road maintenance and school transport which have been persistent in both 2022/23 and 2023/24 some of this pressure is addressed as part of the 2024/25 budget proposals on this agenda. Pressure is also reported in respect of unrealised savings and income across services. The overall position reflects in unplanned use of reserves of £6.9m in 2023/24 plus a further £6.7m of school balances.
- The report sets out a number of virements to reallocate provision for energy costs and realign budgets within Directorates.
- The report also sets out some steps that have been taken to mitigate the emerging overspends in year.

KEY HEADLINES

- Across Council have a significant emerging overspend position in Social Services across Adults and Childrens and Young People Sectors, this will be funded in year from Reserves.
- School Transport and highways maintenance also contribute to overspends.
- Some mitigation from Policy and Corporate Resources underspends against borrowing and additional Council Tax Surplus.

Directorate	Amended Budget 2023/24	Projected Outturn 2023/24	Variance	Unplanned Use of Reserves	Residual Variance 2023/24	Use of Reserves 2023/24
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Schools	114,239	115,089	850	-850	0	9,600
Learning and Skills	14,090	14,668	578	-578	0	1,292
Social Services	85,460	93,098	7,638	-5,052	2,586	9,051
Environment and Housing	32,009	33,359	1,350	-300	1,050	550
Corporate Resources	16,641	16,356	-285	0	-285	430
Place	3,401	3,503	102	-102	0	495
Policy	30,678	27,327	-3,351	0	-3,351	-42
Use of Reserves	-2,096	-2,096	0	0	0	2,096
Total	294,422	301,304	6,882	-6,882	0	23,472
Housing Revenue Account	15,538	15,538	0	0	0	0
Adjusted Total	309,960	316,842	6,882	-6,882	0	23,472

COMMITTEE SPECIFIC POSITION

Social Services

- The Social Services budget is expected to utilise some reserve funding as part of the budget plan and £2M of step in funding from the Social Services reserve
- The projected outturn for Social Services in 2023/24 is an adverse variance which will need to be mitigated by additional savings identified in year or the unplanned use of reserves
- The planned drawdown from reserves for 2023/24 is £3.999M with a further £5.052M required to offset the additional adverse variance this poses significant additional budgetary pressures that will need to be addressed as part of the 2024/25 budget proposals and will leave the balance in the Social Services reserve at £964k
- Following some additional provision in 2023/24 the reserve balance is expected to stand at £3.964m at 31-03-2024, this will help manage some of the volatility in the service in 2024/25.

COMMITTEE SPECIFIC POSITION

Social Services

Key pressures in addition to the reserves funding set out below within the directorate include the following;

- Rising cost associated with placements for Children and Young People.
- Additional legal costs associated with increased complexity and incidence of care proceedings.
- Increase in care hours required for adults which can in part be explained by a return to care following Covid, an increase in the incidence of double handed care and also Demographic pressures.
- The service is also reporting an increase in residential and nursing placements, an increase in direct care placements and respite.
- The cost of placements can sometimes peak in October and we have seen some reductions in the cost of Adult care at the latest monitoring position.

COMMITTEE SPECIFIC POSITION

Leisure

Energy pressures as reported by Parkwood under the terms of the contract and provision of £200k has been made as part of the budget virements requested in this report.

EFFICIENCIES

Description	Category	Target	Value Achieved/Expected to be achieved
Closer to Home Residential Care (C&YPs)	Invest to Save	200	75
Budget Programme Savings 2023-24	Invest to Save	81	81
Additional Income	Generating Income	400	400
		681	556

RESERVES

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As at	Balance 01/04/2023	Capital Funding	Planned Transfer (from) reserves	Planned Transfer to reserves	Unplanned Drawdown from Reserves	Estimated Balance 31/03/2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund	11,523	-	-496	0	-850	10,177
Insurance	4,877	-	0	0	0	4,877
Service Reserves	22,521	-154	-6,325	2,842	-6,031	12,853
Risk and Smoothing Reserves	29,802	-1,302	-3,780	-944	-	23,776
Capital	17,726	-10,825	443	-1,898	-	5,446
Schools	7,254	-	-174	0	-6,677	403
Housing Revenue Account	16,486	-15,537	0	0	0	949
Total	110,190	-27,818	-10,331	-0	-13,558	58,481

Significant planned use of reserves for Capital and HRA

The Council uses Reserves for three things....

1. To fund Council Priorities such as the Capital Programme
2. To manage known Risk
3. To manage ringfenced budgets such as HRA

CAPITAL PROGRAMME Q3 MONITORING

Q3 CAPITAL MONITORING

- Details progress of the Capital Programme from 1st April to 31st December 2023.
- Approved programme - £103.677M
- Revised forecast outturn projected - £96.763M.
- Spend to end of December 2023 - £48.317M

Actual Spend to December 2023	Directorate	Approved Programme 2023/24	Forecast Outturn 2023/24	Variance	Slippage Requested
£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
11,264	Learning & Skills	26,783	23,769	(3,014)	3,136
107	Social Services	1,058	594	(464)	434
24,644	Housing	44,997	44,997	0	0
7,436	Environment	22,242	18,014	(4,228)	2,739
1,227	Place	4,929	3,382	(1,547)	692
3,513	Corporate Resources	2,162	5,192	3,030	0
0	City Deal	301	0	(301)	301
126	Pipeline Schemes	1,205	815	(390)	390
48,317	Total	103,677	96,763	(6914)	7,692

Removals Additions, Virement and Re-profiling within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee

- There are two requests under the Capital Programme Review section of the report which asked to remove two budgets within Social Services for the Social Services Asset Renewal and under one of the residual schemes. **(summarised at paragraph 2.3 and in detail at paragraph 2.16 to 2.19)**
- There is one request under the Additions, Virement and Re-profiling section under the Social Services section of the report and asked to include a new scheme for Fire Alarm Improvements at Rondel House. **(summarised at paragraph 2.4 and in detail at paragraph 2.24)**

Slippage Requests within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee

- There are three requests under the Social Services slippage section of the report. The first relates to the Electrical Upgrade works being undertaken at the Flying Start – Family Centre. The second for the drainage repairs and underpinning of the building at Cartref Porthceri Residential Home and the third in relation to the Social Services Invest to Save scheme. **(summarised at paragraph 2.5 and in detail at paragraph 2.38 to 2.40)**
- There are three slippage requests under the Environment and Housing Section of the report. The first and second relate to schemes at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre for the improvements to the toilets and changing rooms and the Air Handling Unit. The third request for the high-level glazing scheme being undertaken at Penarth Leisure Centre. **(summarised at paragraph 2.6 and in detail at paragraph 2.49 to 2.51)**
- The final slippage request is under the Pipeline section of the report and related to the scheme for the changing rooms, ancillary facilities and replacement boxing club at the Buttrills Playing field. **(summarised at paragraph 2.7 and in detail at paragraph 2.61)**

Delegated Authority Requests within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee

- There is one Delegated Authority that has been approved which requested to increase the existing scheme on the 2023/24 Capital Programme in relation to works to replace the tennis court fencing and posts under the Grange Community Hub scheme, funded by S106 money. **(summarised at paragraph 2.8 and in detail at paragraph 2.63)**

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