

Meeting of:	Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 16 December 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Revenue and Capital Monitoring for the Period 1st April to 30th September 2021 and Revised Revenue Budget for 2021/22
Purpose of Report:	To advise Scrutiny Committee of the progress relating to revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April to 30th September 2021 and the revised budget for 2021/22
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Carolyn Michael Deputy S151 Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a monitoring report on their respective areas. This report does not require Ward Member consultation
Policy Framework:	This report is for executive decision by the Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revenue position for 2021/22 will be challenging with the continuing pressure for the service both operationally and financially as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This will impact both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income. Funding has been provided by Welsh Government to cover some of the issues. • A savings target for the year has been set at £6k. • The capital budget for this Committee has been set at £33.215m. • The 2021/22 budget has been amended for internal transfers and technical adjustments 	

Recommendations

1. That Scrutiny Committee consider the position with regard to the 2021/22 revenue and capital budgets.
2. That Scrutiny Committee note the revised budget for 2021/22.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. That Members are aware of the projected revenue and capital outturn for 2021/22.
2. That Members are aware of the revised budget for 2021/22

1. Background

- 1.1 Cabinet on 22nd November 2021 approved the revenue revised budget for 2021/22.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Revenue

- 2.1 At this time of the year the original budget is usually reviewed for any required adjustments and an amended budget is calculated. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the amended budget for 2021/22 relating to this Committee, together with the necessary adjustments to be made. These adjustments reflect charges for the use of capital assets, changes to inter-service recharges and transfers and pensions adjustments to comply with accounting standards. They have no overall effect on the net budget of the Committee and are accounting adjustments largely outside the control of services.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that services within this Committee's remit will outturn within budget at year end. A breakdown of this year's budget is shown in the table below.

Directorate/Service	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	Variance
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Projected	(+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Youth Offending Service	707	707	707	0
Regulatory Services	1,825	1,825	1,825	0
Council Fund Housing	1,420	1,439	1,439	0
Private Housing	980	1,044	1,044	0
Total	4,932	5,015	5,015	0

- 2.3** Youth Offending Service - It currently anticipated that this service will outturn on target.
- 2.4** Regulatory Services - The allocation represents the Vale of Glamorgan's budget for its share of the Shared Regulatory Service (SRS). A separate set of accounts is maintained for the SRS and periodically reported to the Shared Regulatory Service Joint Committee. Income, particularly Licensing income, has been affected by the pandemic however as with other services, WG has funded such losses.
- 2.5** Council Fund Housing - The position with regards the housing of the Vale's homeless during the pandemic remains unchanged, ie. as well as the provision at Ty lolo hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation and council, leased and shared properties in the private rented sector, 3 local hotels have been block booked through to March 2022 in order to accommodate the on-going need. Costs of these block bookings are being funded by WG until March 2022 but, to date, we have received no notification of funding beyond that point. The team are looking at a longer term strategy to deal with this situation should this funding cease or reduce beyond March 2022. The main pressure on the Council Fund Housing budget this year remains the CCTV budget in Community Safety where a previous savings target cannot be achieved due to on-going negotiations with the police service and the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the future monitoring of CCTV output. Capital funding set aside by this Council for upgrading its CCTV equipment remains available, though progress has been held up, pending an outcome of the negotiations. As such, it is anticipated that unless this saving can be covered by underspends elsewhere within the service, the funding for CCTV shall be drawn down from reserves to cover this shortfall.
- 2.6** Private Housing - Disabled Facility Grants fee income is showing signs of recovery since the restrictions have eased, but it still remains behind profile and it is anticipated that any shortfall in fees to the end of the financial year will again be claimed back from the WG.

2021/22 Efficiency Targets

- 2.7 As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2021/22 an efficiency target of £6k has been set for services under this Committee and a breakdown is shown in Appendix 2. It is anticipated that this target will be achieved this year.

Capital

- 2.8 Appendix 3 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th September 2021. The following changes have been made to the Capital Programme since the last report to Committee.
- 2.9 Penarth Food Pod - The Council has received an award of funding of £26,365 in relation to Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity. The funding relates to the period 1 September 2021 to 31 March 2022. The purpose of the funding is to reduce food poverty and food waste to benefit the tenants and residents of Penarth, in particular the local community who don't have any immediate access to Foodbanks. The aim is to provide a facility that will act as an interest for social welfare with the objective of improving the health of tenants and residents living in the area. This is a capital grant and therefore emergency powers have been used to include this scheme with a budget of £26,365 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The revenue budget has been set in order to support services in the delivery of the Council's Well-being objectives. It is therefore important for expenditure to be monitored to ensure that these objectives are being delivered.
- 3.2 The revenue budget has been set and is monitored to reflect the 5 ways of working.
- 3.3 **Looking to the long term** - The setting of the revenue budget requires planning for the future and takes a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable and that future need and demand for services is understood.
- 3.4 **Taking an integrated approach** - The revenue budgets include services which work with partners to deliver services e.g. Health via ICF.
- 3.5 **Involving the population in decisions** – As part of the revenue budget setting process there has been engagement with residents, customers and partners.

- 3.6 Working in a collaborative way** – The revenue budgets include services which operate on a collaborative basis e.g. Shared Regulatory Service, Vale Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Service.
- 3.7 Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – Monitoring the revenue budget is a proactive way of understanding the financial position of services in order to tackle issue at the source as soon as they arise.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** As detailed in the body of the report.

Employment

- 4.2** There are no employment implications.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** There are no legal implications.

5. Background Papers

None

REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

APPENDIX 1

	Original Budget 2021/22 £000	Rechgs/ Transfs £'000	Budget Adjustment £'000	Revised Estimate 2021/22 £'000
Youth Offending Services	707	0	0	707
Regulatory Services	1,825	0	0	1,825
Council Fund Housing	1,420	19	0	1,439
Private Housing	1,043	1	0	1,044
TOTAL	4,995	21	0	5,015

PROGRESS ON APPROVED EFFICIENCIES 2021/22

Service	Total Efficiency £000	Projected Efficiency £000	RAG Status	Update Comments, Issues & Actions	Relevant Scrutiny Committee	Project Manager
General Fund Housing						
Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22	4	4	Green	Savings achieved	Homes & Safe Communities	Mike Ingram
Private Housing						
Corporate Recovery and Efficiency Savings 21/22	2	2	Green	Savings achieved	Homes & Safe Communities	Marcus Goldsworthy
COMMITTEE TOTAL	6	6	100%	Green		

Green = on target to achieve in full

Amber = forecast within 20% of target

Red = forecast less than 80% of target

PROFILE TO DATE	ACTUAL SPEND 2021/22		APPROVED PROGRAMME 2021/22	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2021/22	VARIANCE AT OUTTURN 2021/22	PROJECT SPONSOR	COMMENTS
£000	£000		£000	£000	£000		
		Youth Offending Service					
0	0	Salisbury Road No. 91 (YOS) External Repairs Phase 2	15	15	0	R Evans	Drainage survey to be procured.
0	0		15	15	0		
		Housing Improvement Programme					
82	86	HRA Internal Works	1,467	1,467	0	M Punter	Maintenance of WHQS e.g. Kitchens, bathrooms, rewires and heating systems.
384	353	HRA External Works	3,014	3,014	0	M Punter	Continuation of installation of windows & doors, roof replacements, wall repairs, sewage treatment works and Airey properties refurbishment.
0	0	Individual Schemes	3,634	3,634	0	M Punter	Delivery of individual schemes and External Wall insulation on 17 Leaseholder blocks.
242	244	Energy Efficiency	5,206	5,206	0	M Punter	Continuation of External Wall Insulation and Energy efficiency.
159	174	Emergency Works	497	497	0	M Punter	Emergency works schemes i.e. Building works to resolve property structural and damp issues.
105	106	Aids and Adaptations	350	350	0	M Punter	Delivery of major adaptations.
0	1	Common Parts	3,001	3,001	0	M Punter	Delivery of the fire safety management upgrade works and communal area improvements.
108	202	Environmental Improvements	4,311	4,311	0	M Punter	On-going works to the Buttrills Estate, Williams/Irving and Owen scheme and Highway Maintenance Schemes.
2,255	2,034	New Build	8,937	8,937	0	M Punter	Continuation of Holm View, Court Road former amenity site, Haywood Lane and new schemes Holm View Phase 2, Cwrt St Cyres, Maes Y Ffynon, Hayes Wood Road and Colcot clinic. Also includes feasibility works for new schemes and acquisition of properties/land.
133	77	IHP- Heating retrofit	695	695	0	M Punter	Continuation of heating retrofit scheme
0	0	ICF - Penarth Older Persons Village	300	300	0	M Punter	Continuation of previous years scheme.
0	0	Penarth Food Pod	26	26	0	M Punter	Emergency powers detailed as part of this report.
5	6	Everyone Garden Education Centre	5	6	-1	M Punter	Scheme complete. Overspend to be funded from revenue.
3,473	3,283		31,443	31,444	-1		
		Community Safety					
3	3	Upgrade of CCTV system	348	348	0	M Punter	The Council are in on-going discussions with the Police regarding this scheme.
0	0	Target Hardening Grant	21	21	0	M Punter	Welsh Government grant to purchase target hardening equipment.
3	3		369	369	0		
		Private Housing					
287	287	Disabled Facilities Grant	1,196	1,196	0	P Chappell	In the process of issuing grants.
0	0	Penarth Renewal Area	5	5	0	P Chappell	Carried forward from 2020/21 Capital Programme
0	10	Barry Island and Cosmeston Toilets	10	10	0	P Chappell	Scheme complete.
25	25	ENABLE Grant	177	177	0	P Chappell	WG grant funded scheme, scheme progressing.
312	322		1,388	1,388	0		
3,788	3,608	COMMITTEE TOTAL	33,215	33,216	-1		