

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Cabinet	
<b>DATE:</b>		17 July 2019	
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>		Cllr Joyce Plummer - Resources	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>		Joe McIntyre Deputy Chief Executive	
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		Financial Position March 2019 Report for the Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	
<b>EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)</b>	<b>No</b>	Not applicable	
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>No</b>	If yes, date of publication:	

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The report informs Cabinet of the financial spending of the Council up to the end of March 2019 and the financial outturn position for the Accounting Year 2018/19.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Cabinet notes the report.

## 3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background

### Summary

- 3.1. The financial detail of the report is shown as a table at the end of this document.
- 3.2. The spend for the financial year to the end of March 2019 is £10,593,544 compared to a Budget of £11,074,538 giving a positive variance of £481,000 over the year.
- 3.3. Positive variances were achieved in most of the Council's significant budget areas with only the Town Centre & Markets Budget and Regeneration & Property Services recording adverse variances of any notable size.

## Detail

### **Environmental Services**

- 3.4. Food Safety reports that net expenditure will be £80,000 less than Budget by the year end. This is due to salary savings of £30,000, £27,000 of miscellaneous cost savings and additional extra income of £23,000.
- 3.5. Waste Services reports a positive variance for the financial year of £270,000. This is due to salary savings of £50,000, income up compared to Budget by £33,000 and miscellaneous savings of £84,000 plus other savings against budget of £103,000.
- 3.6. The Parks & Cemeteries Service reports an adverse variance of £10,000. This is due to a predicted shortfall on the Parks Budget of £49,000, stemming from £6,000 of increased staff costs, as well as £22,000 of lost income on football pitch hire over the year, £4,000 of reduced income from Lancashire County Council as well as £10,000 less income from tree work, along with £7,000 of additional miscellaneous costs. Our Cemetery Service is predicting a net increase of income this year of £25,000 and £24,000 of savings on miscellaneous costs, less £10,000 of increased salary costs.
- 3.7. The Town Centre & Market Budget shows an overall adverse variance of £130,000. This is attributable to the continuing economic pressures limiting the generation of funds from the Market Hall in Accrington by £182,000 compared to Budget and other income down £10,000, offset by £13,000 of salary savings and £49,000 of miscellaneous additional savings.

### **Culture & Leisure Services**

- 3.8. Culture and Leisure Services are indicating a positive variance of £47,000, stemming from savings across operational budgets.

### **Planning & Transportation**

- 3.9. Planning & Transportation are predicting an adverse variance for the year of £3,000. This is due to a predicted shortfall in income compared to budget on Building Control of £65,000, additional staff cost in this area of £16,000 and £7,000 of additional miscellaneous cost. Elsewhere on the Budget there are £39,000 of staff saving and £41,000 of additional income and £5,000 of miscellaneous additional savings.

## Regeneration & Property Services

- 3.10. Regeneration & Property Services reports a negative variance position for the year of £137,000, with income up by £93,000, offset by an extra £40,000 of salary costs and £95,000 of miscellaneous costs, plus £95,000 of additional emergency repairs and maintenance expenditure.

## Policy & Corporate Governance

- 3.11. Policy & Corporate Governance reports a positive variance of £217,000. This is due to £303,000 of salary savings predicted for the year, less £107,000 of corporate savings, increased income above budget of £279,000, savings on pension expenditure of £79,000, less £155,000 of additional Housing Benefit spend<sup>1</sup> and £182,000 of increased miscellaneous expenditure.

## Non Service Items

- 3.12. The current estimate for the year is a positive variance of £148,000.

## 4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1. Not applicable. This report is for information purposes.

## 5. Consultations

- 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. Implications

<b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b>	As outlined in the report.
<b>Legal and human rights implications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Assessment of risk</b>	Not applicable
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b>	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> The overall expenditure in this area is around £25m per year and therefore small predicted variances can have a large impact on our overall budget position –this adverse variance is a less than 2% variance from budget.

<p>A <a href="#">Customer First Analysis</a> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</p>	
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## **7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985: List of Background Papers**

Council Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

General Revenue Budget 2018/19

The report can be found by clicking on this link

[Budget 2018/19](#)

And downloading the relevant PDF from that page.

**Budget Monitoring 2018/19**  
**Period 12 Summary GF Revenue**

Description	Month 12			Year End		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Environmental Services</b>						
Food Safety	53,435	34,090	19,345	436,084	356,255	79,829
Waste Services	429,320	348,083	81,236	3,562,754	3,292,769	269,984
Parks & Cemeteries	134,089	121,719	12,370	1,071,570	1,082,118	-10,548
Town Centre & Markets	9,668	-20,555	30,223	189,766	319,829	-130,063
<b>Sub-Total Environmental Services</b>	<b>626,512</b>	<b>483,338</b>	<b>143,174</b>	<b>5,260,174</b>	<b>5,050,972</b>	<b>209,202</b>
<b>Culture &amp; Leisure</b>	<b>140,138</b>	<b>121,751</b>	<b>18,387</b>	<b>960,790</b>	<b>913,915</b>	<b>46,875</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Transportation</b>	<b>67,261</b>	<b>56,222</b>	<b>11,039</b>	<b>803,214</b>	<b>806,316</b>	<b>-3,102</b>
<b>Regeneration &amp; Property Services</b>	<b>-99,005</b>	<b>-31,444</b>	<b>-67,561</b>	<b>1,462,013</b>	<b>1,599,209</b>	<b>-137,196</b>
<b>Policy &amp; Corporate Governance</b>	<b>272,014</b>	<b>90,362</b>	<b>181,652</b>	<b>3,264,164</b>	<b>3,047,587</b>	<b>216,577</b>
<b>TOTAL General Fund Services</b>	<b>1,006,919</b>	<b>720,228</b>	<b>286,690</b>	<b>11,750,354</b>	<b>11,417,998</b>	<b>332,355</b>
<b>Non Service Items</b>	<b>-22,899</b>	<b>72,937</b>	<b>-95,836</b>	<b>-575,816</b>	<b>-724,455</b>	<b>148,639</b>
<b>TOTAL Net Expenditure</b>	<b>984,020</b>	<b>793,165</b>	<b>190,854</b>	<b>11,174,538</b>	<b>10,693,543</b>	<b>480,994</b>
Contribution (from) / to GF Reserves				-100,000	-100,000	480,994
<b>TOTAL Net Requirement</b>				<b>11,074,538</b>	<b>10,593,543</b>	<b>480,994</b>