

REPORT TO:		Cabinet	
DATE:		13 November 2019	
PORTFOLIO:		Cllr Joyce Plummer - Resources	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Joe McIntyre Deputy Chief Executive	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Financial Position September 2019 Report for the Year Ending 31 st March 2020	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	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 September 2019 and the financial forecast outturn position for the Accounting Year 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Cabinet notes the report and asks CMT to continue to reduce costs and increase income over the remaining months of the financial year.

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 first 6 months of the financial year to the end of September 2019 is £5,663,000 compared to a Budget of £5,744,000 giving a positive variance of £81,000 over the first 6 months of the year.

- 3.3.** The current forecast spend to the end of the financial year in March 2020 is £10,913,000 compared to a Budget of £10,993,000. This forecast produces a positive variance of £80,000 by the end of the financial year. There are small adverse forecasts for Planning & Transportation, Policy & Corporate Governance, Regenerations and Property Services and Environmental Services, with positive variances elsewhere producing an overall surplus.

Detail

Environmental Services

- 3.4.** Environmental Services are predicting a year end adverse variance of £75,000. This stems from salary savings of £11,000 on Food Safety, Waste Services income down £9,000 and £1,000 of additional miscellaneous costs offset by £103,000 of positive variance against Budgets on Recycling and £15,000 of salary savings. Parks & Cemeteries are predicting an adverse variance of £15,000 due to a predicted shortfall in income of £36,000 less £13,000 saved on salary costs and £6,000 of other savings while the Cemetery and Crematorium Service are forecasting £5,000 more income and £3,000 net additional spend by the year end. The Town Centre and Market Halls Budget is indicating an overall adverse variance of £177,000, comprising £190,000 reduced income at the Market Hall and income from CCTV down by £10,000 less £12,000 of salary savings and £11,000 of miscellaneous cost savings.

Culture & Leisure Services

- 3.5.** Culture and Leisure Services are indicating a positive variance of £25,000 due to £30,000 of savings on leisure budgets less £5,000 additional net expenditure at the Haworth Art Gallery.

Planning & Transportation

- 3.6.** Planning & Transportation are predicting an adverse variance for the year of £38,000. This is due to a predicted shortfall in income compared to budget on Building Control of £65,000 and additional salary expenditure in this area of £21,000. Elsewhere on the Budget there are £23,000 of staff saving and £46,000 of additional income less £21,000 of miscellaneous additional expenditure.

Regeneration & Property Services

- 3.7.** Regeneration & Property Services are predicting an adverse variance of £89,000 at year-end with salary costs up by £63,000 over the year compared to budget and expected additional costs of £56,000, less £30,000 of additional income.

Policy & Corporate Governance

- 3.8.** Policy & Corporate Governance are predicting an adverse variance of £134,000. This stems from salary savings of £78,000 less the Corporate Savings Target for the year of £165,000, predicted increases of £100,000 on Housing Benefit Costs, along with £10,000 of additional miscellaneous costs less £63,000 of additional income.

Non Service Items

3.9. The current estimate for the year is a positive variance of £389,000.

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

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	As outlined in the report.
Legal and human rights implications	Not applicable
Assessment of risk	Not applicable
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	Not applicable

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985: List of Background Papers

Council Meeting 21st February 2019

General Revenue Budget 2019/20

The report can be found by clicking on this link

[Budget 2019/20](#)

And downloading the relevant PDF from that page.

Budget Monitoring 2019/20

Period 6 to 30 September Summary - GF Revenue

Description	Y-T-D Period 6			Month 6			Year		
	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Environmental Services	2,289	2,248	41	130	139	(9)	5,226	5,299	(73)
Culture & Leisure	446	434	12	74	68	6	893	868	25
Planning & Transportation	394	413	(19)	63	72	(9)	788	826	(38)
Regeneration & Property Services	520	587	(68)	(172)	(150)	(22)	1,039	1,128	(89)
Policy & Corporate Governance	1,521	1,620	(99)	276	276	-	3,041	3,175	(134)
TOTAL General Fund Services	5,169	5,302	(133)	371	405	(34)	10,987	11,296	(309)
Non Service Items	575	361	214	832	959	(128)	6	(383)	389
TOTAL Net Expenditure	5,744	5,663	81	1,203	1,364	(161)	10,993	10,913	80
Contribution (from) / to GF Reserves							-	80	
TOTAL Net Requirement							10,993	10,993	-