

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Cabinet	
<b>DATE:</b>		12 February 2020	
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>		Cllr Joyce Plummer - Resources	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>		Joe McIntyre Deputy Chief Executive	
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		Financial Position December 2019 Report for the Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	
<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 December 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 9 months of the financial year to the end of December 2019 is £8,756,000 compared to a Budget of £8,887,000 giving a positive variance of £131,000 over the first 9 months of the year.
- 3.3. The current forecast spend to the end of the financial year in March 2020 is £10,776,000 compared to a Budget of £10,994,000. This forecast produces a positive variance of £218,000 by the end of the financial year. There are small adverse forecasts for Planning & Transportation, and Environmental Services. Regeneration and Property Services have a larger adverse variance of 16% of

Budget. Elsewhere positive variances are sufficient to produce an overall surplus for the year.

## **Detail**

### **Environmental Services**

- 3.4. Environmental Services are predicting a year end adverse variance of £21,000. This stems from salary savings of £24,000 and £1,000 of other savings on Food Safety. Waste Services' income is up £48,000, along with £22,000 of salary savings and £103,000 positive variance on recycling, less £50,000 of additional miscellaneous expenditure for an overall £123,000 surplus on their budget. Parks and Cemeteries are predicting a positive variance of £31,000 with the Parks Service indicating savings of £19,000 on salaries and £5,000 on miscellaneous costs offset by £36,000 of reduced income. Cemeteries are predicting an additional £36,000 income this year and salary savings of £8,000 less £1,000 of additional extra miscellaneous spend. The Town Centre and Market Hall Budget is indicating an overall adverse variance of £200,000, comprising £190,000 reduced income at the Market Hall and income from CCTV down by £10,000, less £27,000 of salary savings reduced by £27,000 of additional expenditure.

### **Culture & Leisure Services**

- 3.5. Culture and Leisure Services are indicating a positive variance of £24,000 due to £30,000 of savings on leisure budgets less £6,000 additional net expenditure at the Haworth Art Gallery.

### **Planning & Transportation**

- 3.6. Planning & Transportation are predicting an adverse variance for the year of £32,000. 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 £26,000. Elsewhere on the Budget there are £27,000 of staff saving and £46,000 of additional income less £14,000 of miscellaneous additional expenditure.

### **Regeneration & Property Services**

- 3.7. Regeneration & Property Services are predicting an adverse variance of £169,000 at year-end with salary costs up by £74,000 over the year compared to budget and expected additional costs of £138,000, less £43,000 of additional income.

### **Policy & Corporate Governance**

- 3.8. Policy & Corporate Governance are predicting an positive variance of £21,000. This stems from salary savings of £281,000 less the Corporate Savings Target for the year of £165,000, predicted increases of £100,000 on Housing Benefit Costs, along with £82,000 of additional miscellaneous costs less £87,000 of additional income.

## Non Service Items

3.9. The current estimate for the year is a positive variance of £395,000.

## 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> <i>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.</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 9 to 31 December Summary - GF Revenue**

Description	Y-T-D Period 9			Month 9			Year		
	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000	Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
<b>Environmental Services</b>	3,683	3,655	28	480	485	(5)	5,226	5,247	(21)
<b>Culture &amp; Leisure</b>	690	672	18	95	101	(6)	893	869	24
<b>Planning &amp; Transportation</b>	591	615	(24)	66	70	(4)	788	820	(32)
<b>Regeneration &amp; Property Services</b>	780	902	(122)	87	157	(70)	1,040	1,209	(169)
<b>Policy &amp; Corporate Governance</b>	2,281	2,350	(69)	308	334	(26)	3,041	3,020	21
<b>TOTAL General Fund Services</b>	8,025	8,194	(169)	1,036	1,147	(111)	10,988	11,165	(177)
<b>Non Service Items</b>	862	562	300	96	67	29	6	(389)	395
<b>TOTAL Net Expenditure</b>	8,887	8,756	131	1,132	1,214	(82)	10,994	10,776	218
Contribution (from) / to GF Reserves							-	218	
<b>TOTAL Net Requirement</b>							10,994	10,994	-