

Resources and Performance Select Committee

16 December 2019



CABINET MEMBER UPDATE

Purpose of report:

To share details of the Cabinet Member's priority areas of work including strategy and policy developments and provide an overview of the budget position and performance of services within his/her portfolio.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. PERIOD 6 RESULTS:

1. The latest forecast at period 6 for the year-end is for a Revenue deficit of £1.9m. This is broadly due to planned savings not being achieved and new pressures emerging.
2. These pressures are in the normal areas of SEND and the growing pressures on Adult Social Care (ASC)
 - 2.1 Although ASC are forecasting meeting their budget envelope for the year, increasing pressures are beginning to appear in the number and costs of placements.
3. The decision to capitalise certain highway costs resulted in the Highways results reflecting a favourable outlook to the budget.

B. CAPITAL:

4. The council set a capital budget for 2019/20 of £129.2m in February 2019. Following the approval of additional schemes in-year and the re-profiling of some capital projects to reflect current expectations of programme delivery, the Capital Budget for 2019/20 has been revised to £128m.
5. Efforts are in place to speed up the process which should lead to the majority of projects being completed within this financial year.
6. The restructuring of the Finance function is on track and will be completed by end of November.

C. PROPERTY:

7. Patricia Barry has been in post since early October as the service's new Director.
8. The transformation of the service is currently being scoped with specifications for a number of Assistant Directors being finalised.
9. The council has agreed to proceed with the initial four sites for development with PFP under the joint venture agreement. In addition, following Cabinet approval three sites for ASC extra care facilities have also been awarded to PFP.
10. Progress is being made in establishing a "Corporate landlord" model within the County which when implemented will provide for the responsibility to be fully centralised and sit with Land & Property and not with the individual services
11. Capital expenditure process is being revised to ensure that all capital projects are lined up with the respective revenue budgets and that the impact on the overall Council are considered.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee reviews the information contained in this update and offers feedback to the Cabinet Member.
2. The Select Committee considers where it may add value to the Cabinet Member's work through scrutiny and scopes topics as required.

Next steps:

The Cabinet Member(s) to return with a further update at the next formal meeting of the Committee.

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Sources/background papers: Cabinet Papers for Tuesday 26th November 2019;

<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=120&MId=6331&Ver=4>