

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7th July 2015



Title	2014/15 Provisional Revenue Outturn Report		
Purpose of the report	To note		
Report Author	Adrian Flynn		
Cabinet Member	Councillor Tim Evans	Confidential	No
Corporate Priority	Value for money Council		
Cabinet Values	Accountability		
Recommendations	The Committee is asked to note the provisional revenue outturn for 2014/15.		

1. Key issues

- 1.1 The summary on appendix A shows that we have spent £13.491m against the full year revised budget of £13.621m (a 1% or £131k underspend). Taking into account the use of carry forwards, investment income and business rates retention the net underspend is approximately £250k
- 1.2 Appendix B summarises spend across portfolios by service areas broken down in employees, other expenditure and income.
- 1.3 Appendices C1 to C9 give a breakdown by service of spend against the revised budget plus comments on various variances. These appendices are attached.
- 1.4 There is an end of year accounting adjustment relating to the accounting requirements to replace cash pension transactions with notional accounting values in accordance with accounting standards. This has resulted in the historic pension deficit charge from the Surrey Pension fund on the central overheads cost centre being reversed out and incorporated in a recharge across all services. This has resulted in a favourable variance of £827k on the central overheads cost centre.

Investment Income

- 1.5 Interest earned on our investments amounted to £536k which was £201k better than the original budget. The main reason was better than expected performance from the pooled funds and confirms the benefits of the Council diversifying its investment strategy a couple of years ago.

Transfers to and from Reserves

- 1.6 There will be a transfer of £285k from the Business Improvement Reserve to cover a portion of the severance costs of a number of staff who are leaving the authority as part of the towards a sustainable future scheme.
- 1.7 Additional transfers to reserves are proposed relating to
Carry forward reserve: an amount of £217k- This can be accommodated within the under spend. It is proposed to transfer to reserves in relation to work underway but not completed in 2014-15 – these schemes are identified in appendix D.

As budgeted £384k will be transferred from reserves to help fund a number of projects including a spend to save project at Fordbridge bowls club, the car park ramp at Elmsleigh multi storey car park plus the Staines town redevelopment and enforcement projects. However, only £44k rather than £450k planned to be drawn from reserves to fund Staines Town Centre development work.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the provisional revenue outturn position and list of carry forwards provisionally approved by MAT.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no on-going financial implications in the report but variances which have occurred will be investigated to see if they are on-going and should be incorporated into future year budget deficit/surplus projection calculations

4. Other considerations

- 4.1 There are none.

5. Timetable for implementation

- 5.1 Quarterly reports with officer comments are provided to Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committee for investigation and comments.
- 5.2 Monthly system generated summary reports with drill down facilities are sent to MAT, heads of service and cabinet members.

Background papers: None

Appendices: A, B, C & D