

Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee



23 November 2021

Title	Q2 Revenue Monitoring Report as at 30 September 2021
Purpose of the report	To note
Report Author	Paul Taylor Chief Accountant
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Corporate Priority	Financial Sustainability
Recommendations	<p>The Committee is asked to note the draft forecast outturn for 2021/22 as at 30 September 2021 and the aggregate variances by cost centre reported in Appendix C2.</p> <p>(Please note that this is a draft report taken from the full report currently being prepared for the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 29 November and has been collated before the completion of a full review process and may be subject to change, and if this is the case the Committee will be notified.)</p>
Reason for Recommendation	Not applicable

1. Key issues

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the forecast outturn position for the financial year 2021-22 as at 30 September, for the Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee which is showing a projected net overspend of £122k (June: £271k).
- 1.2 The forecast underspend of expenditure amounted to (£6,658k), (£757k) *excluding HB Payments*, (June: £463k underspend) and the forecast under-recovery of income was £6,780k, £916k *excluding HB Payments*, (June: £734k). The major differences from Q1 are as follows:
 - (a) A forecast £22k decrease in Housing Needs costs.
 - (b) A forecast £242k decrease in Homelessness costs.
 - (c) A forecast £220k decrease in Homelessness income.
 - (d) A forecast £21k increase in Housing Benefits Admin costs.
 - (e) A forecast £5,901k decrease in Housing Benefits Payments costs.
 - (f) A forecast £5,864k decrease in Housing Benefits Payments income.
 - (g) A forecast £24k increase in Leisure Administration income.

- 1.3 The net under recovery of income is further broken down to show the impact of COVID-19 on the Council forecast outturn position
- (a) COVID-19 – a projected net under recovery of income of £408k (June: £399k).
 - (b) Non COVID-19 a projected net underspend of (£286k) (June: (£128k)).

The forecast outturn shows the projected impact of COVID-19 on Cost of Services is mainly an under recovery of fees, charges, and income for our Day Centres and Leisure Centres, together with significant underspends all shown below in section 2.

2. Significant Forecast Budget (under)/overspends at year end.

- 2.1 Noting that we are only providing commentary for those budget lines with £20k or more variance, and where there has been a change in variance since Q1.
- 2.2 A projected net under recovery of income of £122k and the significant net variances are as follows:
- (a) Community Care Administration – a projected net underspend of (£27k) (June: (£13k)) due to vacant posts, recruitment to which has been delayed by lockdown
 - (b) Community Centres - a net projected overspend of £77k (June: (£40k) underspend), which was due to the following
 - i) (£261k) under recovery of income (June: (£279k)) due to the pandemic, offset by
 - ii) (£59k) underspend in costs (June: (£76k)) due to the pandemic and
 - iii) (£125k) underspend (June: (£87k)) due to unfilled vacancies, caused by the pandemic.
 - (c) Community Development – an underspend of (£27k) which was due to an unfilled vacancy
 - (d) Housing Benefit Admin – a net underspend and over recovery of income of (£100k) (June: (£121k)) mainly due to:
 - i) A projected underspend of (£59k) (June: (£81k)) which is being recruited to.
 - ii) No change in the forecast (£47k) over-recovery of income reported last quarter.
 - (e) Housing Benefits Payments – a net underspend of (£37k) (June: (£nil)) due to a reduction in Housing Benefits caseload due to transfer of claims to Universal Credit.
 - (f) Leisure Administration – a net underspend and under-recovery of £75k (June: (£44k) underspend) due to:
 - i) A projected underspend of (£52k) (June: (£44k)) for unfilled vacancies and a new staffing structure being considered.
 - ii) A projected over-recovery of (£23k) (June: (£nil)) relating to Public Health funding of a COVID Outreach project.

- (g) Spelthorne Leisure Centre – No change in the forecast net overspend of £297k reported last quarter.

3. Other considerations

- 3.1 None.

4. Equality and Diversity

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Timetable for implementation

- 6.1 Not applicable

Background papers: There are none.

Appendices:

Appendix C3 – Community Wellbeing Housing Revenue Report 30-09-21