

Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee



29 March 2021

Title	Draft Q3 Revenue Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2021
Purpose of the report	To note
Report Author	Anna Russell, Deputy 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 31 December 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 14 March 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 31 December, for the Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee which is showing a projected net underspend of (£225k) (September: £122k overspend).
- 1.2 The forecast underspend of expenditure amounted to (£6,705k), (£804k) *excluding HB Payments*, (September: (£6,658k), (£757k)) and the forecast under-recovery of income was £6,480k, £617k *excluding HB Payments*, (September: £6,780k, £916k). The major differences from Q2 are as follows (*see key at end of this paragraph*):
 - (a) A (£27k) increase in the Span (Spelthorne Alarm Network) net income forecast.
 - (b) A (£19k) net income increase in the Community Centres forecast.
 - (c) A (£45k) decrease in Spelthorne Family Support costs forecast.
 - (d) A (£22k) decrease in Community Development costs forecast
 - (e) A (£42k) net decrease in Housing Needs costs forecast.

- (f) A £22k net increase in Homelessness costs forecast.
- (g) A (£201k) increase in Homelessness income forecast.
- (h) A (£22k) decrease in Housing Benefits Admin net costs forecast.
- (i) A £10k increase in Leisure Administration net costs forecast.

where the (negative) and positive changes indicate:

(negative): a favourable change = increase in income or decrease in spend

positive: an adverse change = decrease in income or increase in spend

- 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 £239k (September: £408k).
 - (b) Non COVID-19 a projected net underspend of (£464k) (September: (£286k)).

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 Q2.
- 2.2 A projected net underspend of £129k (September: £122k), with significant net variances as follows:
- (a) SPAN (Spelthorne Alarm Network) - a projected (£25k) over recovery of income (September: (£5k)) following an influx of new clients earlier in the year due to COVID-19; numbers have since reduced
 - (b) Community Care Administration – a projected net underspend of (£21k) (September: (£27k)) mainly due to the following:
 - i) £25k overspend due to unbudgeted posts transferred from A2 Dominion during the year
 - ii) (£55k) over recovery due to additional Wellbeing Prescriber grant awarded
 - (c) Community Centres - a net projected overspend of £50k (September: £77k overspend), which was due to the following:
 - i) £233k under recovery of income (September: (£261k)) due to the pandemic, offset by
 - ii) (£121k) underspend (September: (£125k)) due to unfilled vacancies, caused by the pandemic; and

- iii) (£62k) underspend in costs (September: (£59k)) due to the pandemic
- (d) Spelthorne Family Support - a net projected underspend of (£50k) (September: (£5k) underspend), due to savings expected for a vacant post offset by temporary staff costs and to reimbursement for work relating to Afghan Refugees
- (e) Community Development – an underspend of (£49k) (September: (£27k)) which was due to an unfilled vacancy
- (f) Housing Needs – a net underspend of (£41k) (September: (£1k)) which was mainly due to periods of staff vacancies before posts were filled. All posts are now filled.
- (g) Homelessness – a net underspend and over recovery of income of (£183k) (September: (£2k)), with delays in the delivery of White House and Harper House contributing to the underspends offset by under-recovery of income.
- (h) Housing Benefit Admin – a net underspend and over recovery of income of (£122k) (September: (£100k)) mainly due to:
 - i) A projected underspend of (£75k) (September: (£59k)) for vacancies which are being recruited to.
 - ii) Minor change in the forecast (£49k) (September: (£47k)) over-recovery of income reported last quarter.
- (i) Housing Benefits Payments – No change in the forecast net underspend of (£37k) reported last quarter
- (j) Leisure Administration – a net underspend and over-recovery of (£64k) (September: (£75k) underspend) due to:
 - i) Minor change in the forecast underspend of (£45k) (September: (£52k)) reported last quarter.
 - ii) Minor change in the forecast over-recovery of (£20k) (September: (£24k)) reported last quarter.
- (k) 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 C2 – Community Wellbeing Housing Revenue Report 31Dec22