

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

19 SEPTEMBER 2013

SUBJECT	FINANCIAL MONITORING 2013-14 MONTH 3
WARD/S AFFECTED	ALL
REPORT OF	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	COUNCILLOR PHIL DAVIES
KEY DECISION	YES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report details the Monitoring position for Month 3 (ending 30 June 2013). There are separate appendices for Revenue and Capital.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Revenue:

- a) that the monitoring position of a forecast underspend of £267,000 is noted;
- b) to aid continued good financial management that the spending freeze be continued until further notice; and note there were no rejected freeze items in the month;
- c) that the measures identified by the Strategic Directors to solve any budgetary issues highlighted in the previous monitor are agreed as per Annex 12 of the revenue monitoring appendix;
- d) that an amount of up to £1million is released from the Efficiency Investment Fund to fund the costs associated with the implementation of the 2013/14 Street Cleansing savings option. This is per the planned budget and will generate a permanent saving of £1m per annum with the Efficiency fund repaid over a four year period (i.e. £1m budget reduction in 2013/14 and a net £0.75m saving from 2014/15 for four years, rising to £1m per annum thereafter).

2.2 Capital

- a) that the monitoring position for capital of £3.784million spend is noted.
- b) that the revised capital programme of £49.057m as detailed in the capital monitoring appendix is agreed.
- c) the re-profiling of a number of schemes into 2014-15 totalling £2.371m is agreed
- d) The additional schemes for the redevelopment of West Kirby and Guinea Gap leisure centres £1.0m is agreed
- e) agree other minor variations of £0.031m;
- f) note the receipt of additional Regional Growth Fund grant of £0.433m and Education grant of £0.472m;

- g) Note a reduction in requirement on a number of schemes totalling £0.942m; and
- h) note the use of £0.039m from the deferred Cultural Services Assets scheme to part fund essential works for Arrowe Park Changing Pavilion.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Throughout the financial year Cabinet will receive monthly updates in respect of Revenue and Capital Monitoring. This is the first report for the 2013/14 financial year.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 The possible failure to deliver the Revenue Budget is a risk which will be mitigated by a number of actions including regular review and reporting, training for budget managers and use of a tracking system to monitor delivery of savings.
- 4.2 The possible failure to deliver the Capital Programme will be mitigated by the fortnightly review by a group of officers, charged with improving performance.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No other options were considered.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 No consultation has been undertaken relating to this report. .

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 There are none arising directly from this report. These would be considered when planning and implementing specific schemes or projects.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The financial implications are detailed within the Appendices.
- 8.2 There are no direct staffing, IT or asset implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Chief Finance Officer is under a personal duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 section 114A to make a report to the executive if it appears to him that the expenditure of the authority incurred (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in a financial year is likely to exceed the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report. These are included in reports to Cabinet on individual schemes and in the Carbon Budget report.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

13.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 To comply with legal requirements to ensure that expenditure is likely to be within the limit of resources available.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Revenue Monitoring 2013-14 Month 3 (June 2013)
Appendix B Capital Monitoring 2013-14 Month 3 (June 2013)

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Revenue Monitoring 2012/13	Monthly reports since
Cabinet – Capital Monitoring 2012/13	September 2012