



## **ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**29 JULY 2021**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Revenue Budget Monitoring Month 2 (April-May) 2021-22
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Director of Care and Health

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report sets out the financial monitoring information for the Adult Social Care and Health Committee. The report provides Members with an overview of budget performance for this area of activity. The financial information details the revenue outturn position, as reported at month 2 (April-May) 2021/22.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is requested to;

1. Note the revenue outturn position of £0.35m favourable as reported at month 2 (April-May) of 2021/22.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 Regular monitoring and reporting of the Revenue Budgets, savings achievements and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) position enables decisions to be taken faster, which may produce revenue benefits and will improve financial control of Wirral Council.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 No other options have been considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Work on quarter 1 reporting for financial year 2021-22 commences on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and so it has not been possible to provide a full quarter 1 update at this point. As at month 2 (May) the financial outturn for 2021-22 is a small favourable position of £0.35m against a total net budget of £113.1m. This represents minor movement on some budget lines but no significant variances. The forecast anticipates continued uptake by providers of the Real Living Wage fee rates agreed at Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, and full achievement of the £4.5m saving target against community care. A full quarter 1 report will be presented to Committee in September.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 – 5 provide breakdown of the revenue budget for the Adult Care and Health Directorate for 2021/22.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This is the revenue budget monitoring report that provides information on the forecast outturn for the Adult Care and Health Directorate for 2021/22. The Council has robust methods for reporting and forecasting budgets in place and alongside formal Quarterly reporting to the Policy & Resources Committee, the financial position is routinely reported at Directorate Management Team meetings and corporately at the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT). In the event of any early warning highlighting pressures and potential overspends, the SLT take collective responsibility to identify solutions to resolve these to ensure a balanced budget can be reported at the end of the year.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The provisions of section 25, Local Government Act 2003 require that, when the Council is making the calculation of its budget requirement, it must have regard to the report of the chief finance (s.151) officer as to the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. This is in addition to the personal duty on the Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer to make a report, if it appears to them 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.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 The possible failure to deliver the Revenue Budget is being mitigated by:

- a) Senior Leadership / Directorate Teams regularly reviewing the financial position.
- b) Availability of General Fund Balances.
- c) Review of existing services and service provision.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 The priorities in the Council Plan 2025 were informed by stakeholder engagement carried out in 2019.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity.

9.2 There are no equality implications arising specifically from this report.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The Wirral Plan 2025 includes a set of goals and objectives to create a sustainable environment which urgently tackles the environment emergency. These are based on developing and delivering plans that improve the environment for Wirral residents. The performance report will include information on key areas where environment and climate related outcomes are delivered.

10.2 No direct implications. The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of Greenhouse Gases.

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## **APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 - Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee 2021-22 Budget Book
- Appendix 2 - Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee 2020-21 Activity Profile
- Appendix 3 - Achievement of 2021/22 approved savings
- Appendix 4 - Committee Reserves
- Appendix 5 - Future years savings proposals and Growth/Pressures

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Revenue Budget 2021/22

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>