

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT December 2020

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Directorate	End of Year Position					Comment on major areas of estimated over / (underspend) excluding impact from Covid 19
	Current Approved Budget	BAU Forecast (i.e. excluding Covid Impact)	Excl. Covid Net over / (under) spend	Covid Forecast	Incl. Covid Net over / (under) spend	
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	
Resources and Assets	679	679	0	3,809	3,809	Pressures in relation to reduction of shared service income from RBWM in operational property service have been met through winning of work through Housing Companies. Some income pressures in relation to shared legal services currently offset from additional income from Solar investments. £3.8m Covid pressures include costs pressures of c£2.4m relating to our Leisure Services, c£900k relating to our property portfolio including commercial, operational and regeneration. Other costs include c£200k on additional temporary accommodation provided during covid, a £113k contribution to a Berkshire wide temporary place of rest and smaller costs relating to additional cleaning, staff support, etc.
Chief Executive	9,213	9,213	0	0	0	No BAU material variances identified.
Children's Services 91	35,947	35,867	(80)	1,361	1,281	A small BAU underspend for Children's Services is now forecast for the year of £80k. Pressures within Social Care Placements, the SEND service and Home to School Transport remain, however are being off-set by in-year managed underspends and non-recurring opportunities in other areas of the Directorate. Placement forecasts assume a prudent level of additional activity in the remaining 3 months of the financial year, and this will be kept under close review. The underspend demonstrates the ongoing significant good work across the Directorate, focussing on close control of spend aligned to strategic priorities, while delivering service improvements. The £1.3m covid pressure reflects the impact on the service in supporting and safeguarding vulnerable children and families during the ongoing pandemic. Figures have been revised down slightly from that reported previously, and assume that schools remain open for the spring term and that staff levels are not impacted by further spread of covid.
Adult Social Care & Health	53,312	52,207	(1,105)	1,472	367	Underspend of £1.105m. As a result of the expert determination there is a reduction in the central management costs to the Council from Optalis of c£300k in 20/21. This efficiency has been achieved earlier than anticipated as this is built into the savings assumptions for 21/22 and beyond. Negotiations surrounding any further changes to central management costs in Optalis is ongoing. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on Adult Social Care services. There continue to be many variables to understand as we work through potential impacts of phase 2 specifically relating to hospital discharges and supporting the vulnerable in our community. The increase in underspend from £450k of £805k in relation the BAU budgets relates to good work from the staff in Adult Social Care in achieving higher than previously forecast delivery against the services savings targets and a reduction in the number of people receiving care in older people's services.
Place and Growth	38,292	38,842	550	1,846	2,396	Pressures on the Revenue Drainage Budget £100k & £620k on the Highways Reactive Maintenance budget due to increase in schedule of rates prices in the new highways contract. Offset by savings (£170k) from Winter maintenance reserve. £1.8m Covid pressures consists mainly of lost income across car parking, licensing, planning, street works and country park income which will be compensated for in part from income claims to government showing in line called "Other".
Communities, Insight & Change	8,827	8,827	0	626	626	No BAU material variances identified. Covid pressures include costs of £626k relate to lost income of £214k across some facilities and land charges. Other cost pressures include support service costs such as IT, HR and benefit assessments.
Other (Direct covid spend + Impact on Ctax base)	0	0	0	996	996	Includes direct covid costs + impact of Council Tax base growth. Also includes income from compensation scheme for lost sales, fees and charges.
Emergency grant funding from Government	0	0	0	(9,356)	(9,356)	4 tranches of unringfenced grant funding confirmed.
Revenue Expenditure Total	146,269	145,635	(635)	754	119	

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