

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	08 March 2022
Title of Report:	Finance Monitoring Report January 2022
Lead Member:	Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the forecast revenue finance monitoring position of the Council to the end of the financial year 2021/22, as at the end of January 2022.

The overall savings plans for the year continue to be set out in detail in Appendix A. Of the total target savings of £13.845m, Directorates are reporting that £8.581m (over 61%) are already achieved, with a further £3.081m (over 22%) on track for delivery.

Recommendations and Reasons

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the current revenue monitoring position;

This is part of the monthly monitoring cycle to ensure good financial reporting in line with best accounting practices

2. Notes the setting aside of resources to the value of £2.845m.

This sum has been committed to balance the 2022/23 Budget as described in the Council Budget report, received by Full Council on the 28 February 2022.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – our Financial Regulations require us to produce regular monitoring of our finance resources.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The financial outturn report is fundamentally linked to delivering the priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan. Allocating limited resources to key priorities will maximise the benefits to the residents of Plymouth.

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Brendan Arnold (Service Director for Finance)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 18/02/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Nick Kelly (Leader)											
Date approved: 07/03/2022											

SECTION A: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Table 1: End of year revenue forecast

	Budget £m	Net Forecast Outturn £m	Variance £m
Total General Fund Budget	195.568	195.565	(0.003)

The forecast revenue outturn after the application of Covid grants and council mitigating actions is currently estimated to be balanced. This is an improved position of £0.529m from the last report (period 9). It should be noted that the financial position will fluctuate as we move through the year. Officers and Members will continue to work closely to hold a balanced position at the end of the year.

The pandemic continues to have a major impact on our financial resources, with a potential drawdown of £17.824m against the currently available grants. Accordingly there is a nil impact on the forecast variance.

SECTION B: Directorate Review

Table 2: End of year revenue forecast by Directorate

Directorate	Budget £m	Forecast £m	COVID offset £m	Forecast Net Variance £m	Status
Executive Office	5.429	5.655	(0.226)	0.000	on budget
Customer and Corporate Services	44.031	45.243	(1.212)	0.000	On budget
Children's Directorate	53.074	63.575	(9.378)	1.123	over
People Directorate	89.441	92.734	(3.293)	0.000	on budget
ODPH	(0.537)	(0.715)	(0.127)	(0.305)	under
Place Directorate	24.976	28.441	(3.588)	(0.123)	under
Corporate Items	(20.846)	(39.368)	17.824	(0.698)	under
Total	195.568	195.565	0.000	(0.003)	under

1. Executive Office

- 1.1 The Executive Office is continuing to report a balanced position. COVID-19 related pressures reflect additional costs associated with court activity and resourcing.

2. Customer and Corporate Services Directorate

- 2.1 The Directorate is forecasting a breakeven position. COVID-19 costs have remained unchanged.

3. Children's Directorate

- 3.1 The Directorate is forecasting an over spend of £1.123m. This is a further net pressure of £0.032m from the December forecast.

4. People Directorate

- 4.1 The People Directorate is continuing to forecast a breakeven position for the year.

5. Office of the Director of Public Health (ODPH)

- 5.1 Public Protection Service, within Public Health, is reporting an under spend of £0.305m due to staffing costs being offset to Covid grant and additional funding.

6. Place Directorate

- 6.1 The Directorate is reporting an under spend following receipt of insurance money covering the fire at Chelson Meadow RTS. COVID-19 related additional spend and income foregone totals £3.588m. The majority of this continues to relate to loss of car parking income.

7. Corporate Items

- 7.1 Corporate Items is reporting an under spend of £0.698m, this is a further improvement of £0.414m from month 9. This includes the transfer of uncommitted resources of £2.845m identified in the Budget report to Council (28 February 2022) in order to balance the 2022/23 Budget. In addition, COVID-19 financial support continues to be held here.

Appendix A 2021/22 Savings status (I) Summary

	Total	Achieved savings	on track for delivery	Working on for delivery	Planned, internal/external actions required to deliver
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Children's	4.001	3.127	0.066	0.000	0.808
People	3.160	3.160	0.000	0.000	0.000
ODPH	0.028	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.000
Customer & Corporate Place	4.571	1.136	2.845	0.019	0.571
Corporate Items	1.035	0.080	0.170	0.257	0.528
	1.050	1.050	0.000	0.000	0.000
2021/22 Savings	13.845	8.581	3.081	0.276	1.907

Appendix A 2021/22 Savings status (2) Detail

Directorate / Plans	Target Savings	Achieved savings	Plans on track for delivery	Plans worked on for delivery	Planned, internal/external actions required to deliver
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Children					
EPS step up	0.152	0.152			
Home to School Transport	0.179	0.179			
AST	0.500	0.293			0.207
Fostering	0.670	0.189			0.481
Troubled Families	0.650	0.650			
Placement Review	1.400	1.214	0.066		0.120
Management Actions	0.450	0.450			
Children - Savings	4.001	3.127	0.066	0.00	0.808
People					
Care Package Reviews (SC)	0.775	0.775			
Direct Payment Reviews (SC)	0.250	0.250			
Increased FCP Income (SC)	0.100	0.100			
Commissioned Contracts (SC)	0.250	0.250			
Grant Maximisation (CC)	0.200	0.200			
Management Actions (CC)	0.050	0.050			
Income Targets (CC)	0.050	0.050			
One Off Savings 2020/21 (SC)	1.485	1.485			
People - savings	3.160	3.160	0.000	0.000	0.000
ODPH					

Additional Income	0.008	0.008			
Additional Income #2	0.020	0.020			
ODPH - savings	0.028	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.000
Customer, Corporate Services and Executive Office					
Efficiency	0.949		0.949		
FM review	0.550				0.550
Business support	1.200	0.917	0.283		
ICT	1.000		1.000		
CEX; Legal services	0.100		0.100		
Coroner	0.040			0.019	0.021
Training	0.153	0.153			
Capitalise Capital Team	0.050	0.050			
Internal Audit	0.016	0.016			
Departmental	0.513		0.513		
Customer & Corporate Services and Executive Office savings	4.571	1.136	2.845	0.019	0.571
Place					
Regeneration Property Fund	0.500				0.500
Concessionary Fares	0.080	0.080			
Weston Mill, bulky & trade waste income	0.208			0.180	0.028
Resident Parking	0.060		0.060		
On/Off parking	0.065		0.065		
Fees and charges including Mt. Edgcumbe	0.122		0.045	0.077	
Place savings	1.035	0.080	0.170	0.257	0.528
Corporate					
Schools PFI - adjustments	1.015	1.015			
Income target not allocated	0.035	0.035			
Corporate savings	1.050	1.050	0.000	0.000	0.00
Overall Total savings	13.845	8.581	3.081	0.276	1.907

