

Performance and Finance Select Committee
22 May 2019
Total Performance Monitor – Outturn 2018/19
Report by Director of Finance and Support Services

Executive Summary

The finance performance (revenue and capital), savings delivery and business performance are currently monitored through the Total Performance Monitor (TPM). This monitoring and reporting mechanism brings together all these elements of West Sussex County Council's operation in a way of reporting all aspects to stakeholders. The report is intended for the public, senior officers, all Members, Select Committee Members and Cabinet.

The attached TPM reflects the outturn as at the end of the 2018/19 financial year and has been reviewed by Cabinet Members and senior officers within the authority. The report contains information around the County Council's workforce and the Transformation Programme.

Overall the County Council's outturn is in line with the budget, however this achievement has required various mitigating actions to offset some significant pressures arising during the course of the year, with the implication that they may continue into the new year and beyond.

The formal financial statements are still in preparation for the external audit after which, they will be submitted for approval by the Regulation, Audit and Accounts Committee. The position is therefore provisional, although no material changes are anticipated.

Focus for Scrutiny

The focus for scrutiny is to examine the data and supporting commentary included in the Outturn 2018/19 TPM report in order to:

- make any relevant recommendations for action to the Cabinet Member;
- identify any issues for further scrutiny by this Committee;
- recommend any action/review by the relevant service select committee of any areas of concern arising from the information in the report; and
- consider any issues highlighted by the service select committees to be taken forward by this Committee's Business Planning Group.

Proposal**1. Background and Context**

1.1 The Council's finances (revenue and capital), savings programme, performance and workforce are currently monitored through the Total Performance Monitor (TPM). This monitoring and reporting mechanism brings together all these elements of the County Council's operation in a way

of reporting an integrated view to all stakeholders. This report is intended for senior officers, Cabinet, Select Committee members, all Members and the public.

Factors taken into account

2. Areas for consideration by the Select Committee

2.1 Members will note from the attached report that overall the outturn position has come in on budget and whilst this is a positive achievement, the considerable pressures emerging within the year should not be overlooked, and neither should the numerous mitigating actions that have been taken to help manage the position. To highlight this:

- The revenue spending for 2018/19 on portfolio budgets was £520.671m, representing an overspending of £5.397m. This was mitigated by an underspending of £2.119m on financing and non-portfolio budgets, giving a net overspending of £3.278m.
- The remaining contingency budget of £3.278m has been allocated to offset that overspending, resulting in an overall balanced position at the end of the financial year.

2.2 The result suggests a significant on-going pressure into the new financial year and beyond. This on-going pressure is set against a backdrop of continuing major uncertainties regarding the nature, timing and impact of future local government finance reforms, and looking forward, it is essential that the authority keeps all these aspects under review as part of its Medium Term Financial Strategy.

3. Equality Duty

3.1 An Equality Duty Review is not required as it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only.

4. Social Value

4.1 A Social Value Assessment is not required as it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only.

5. Crime and Disorder Implications

5.1 A Crime and Disorder Implications Review is not required as it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only.

6. Human Rights Implications

6.1 A Human Rights Implications Review is not required as it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only.

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Annex Total Performance Monitor Outturn 2018/19

Appendices

- 1 Main variation changes between December 2018 and March 2019
- 2 Summary of 2018/19 Pressures and Mitigations
- 3 Revenue Budget Outturn 2018/19
- 4 Maintained Schools Balances as at 31 March 2019
- 5 2018/19 Capital Monitor as at the end of March 2019
- 6 Performance Trend Analysis
- 7 West Sussex Plan targets not met at end March 2019
- 8 Workforce KPIs 2018 Q4
- 9 Transformation Programme - Performance

Background papers

None