

## Medium Term Financial Plan

Finance, Resources, Property & Assets Portfolio

Budget Scrutiny 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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#### Overview of the Portfolio

#### **Cabinet Members: John Chilver and Tim Butcher (Deputy)**

The Resources Portfolio helps to deliver the Corporate Plan commitments in relation to:

- Delivering excellent customer service
- Ensuring the Council is financially fit, efficient and responsive to change,
- Retention, recruitment and development of talented and committed staff to provide the best services for our local residents and businesses
- Managing our assets to create long term benefits and additional income, reducing our dependency on the taxpayer.

#### Overview of the Portfolio

The Resources Portfolio is aligned to the following services:

|  | Resources DCE<br>Sarah Murphy Brookman Sarah Ashmead  |   |   |  |  | Sarah Ashmead  |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| Corporate<br>Finance<br>Service Director<br>Richard Ambrose  | Service Finance Service Director David Skinner  | HR&OD<br>Service Director<br>John McMillan  | IT Services Service Director Tony Ellis   | Business Ops<br>Service Director<br>Lloyd Jeffries   | Service Improvement Assistant Service Director Matt Everitt  | Legal and Dem<br>Services<br>Service Director<br>Nick Graham   | Property & Assets Service Director John Reed  |  |
| Treasury Management  Procurement  Pensions Administration and Investments  Strategic Insurance  Business Assurance (Internal Audit, Risk Management, Fraud)  Finance Systems  Statutory Financial Reporting  Capital Programme | Finance Operations including Accounts Receivable and Payable  Direct Payments and Financial Assessments for Social Care  Revenue and Benefits (Council Tax, Business Rates, Housing Benefits) | Payroll  HR Operations  Employee Relations  Resourcing and Social Media Campaigns  Safeguarding in employment  HR Systems  HR Data and Workplace Planning  Pensions Employer Responsibilities  Learning and Development  Organisation Development | IT Strategy  IT Service Desk and Deskside Support  Cyber Security  Applications Management and System Integrations  Network Management  Hosting and Infrastructure Management  Telephony and Collaboration  Information Assets and Digital Development  Joint working with partners e.g. BHCT and NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group. | Customer Service Council Access Points.  Business Support.  Business Development  Blue Badge Service.  Independent Mobility assessments.  Blue Badge enforcement.  Welfare Benefits Service.  Customer Improvement.  Customer insight and customer analysts. | Better Buckinghamshire  Business Intelligence  Policy & Communications Service Director Roger Goodes  Website and Digital Strategy | Legal Services:  Property, Contracts and procurement, Planning & Highways, Child Protection, Adult Social Care, Education, Litigation, Member Conduct and Corporate Governance.  Democratic Services: Elections, Scrutiny, Committee Support, Members Support and Allowances . | Property Services  Strategic Asset Management & Investment  Agricultural Estate  Facilities Management  Property Maintenance (inc. Schools)  Capital Projects inc. School Builds & Regeneration Projects  Health & Safety  Corporate Landlord for the Council |  |

#### Overview of the Portfolio



Support for **147** councillors



**539,454** customer contacts received



**500,000** calls answered into the Customer Service Centre (CSC)



**600,000** web page views of the Buckinghamshire Council home page



**691** individual pages on the Buckinghamshire Council website



4,962 open legal cases



1,763 Council properties



**284** committee meetings supported



**6,707** full Land Charge Searches and **7,449** Personal Searches



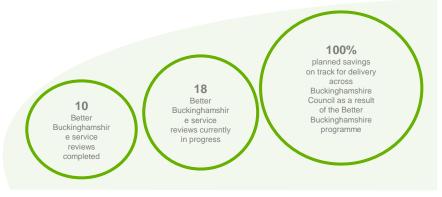
**3rd** largest tax base in Country (**238,000** properties)



**523,000** Council Tax, **36,000** Business Rate bills and reminders, issued each year



17,000 Housing Benefit recipients



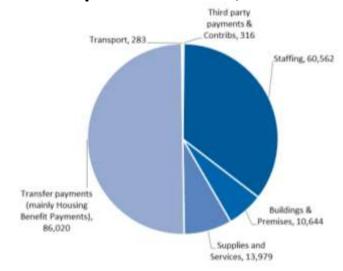
\*Statistics from internal monitoring systems (data from 2021)

#### **Portfolio Priorities**

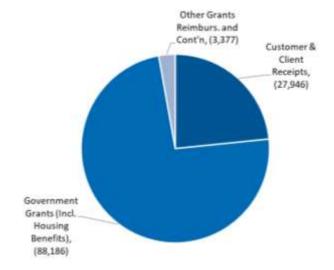
- Driving Portfolio efficiencies from the new council structure including reduce overheads and back office
  costs through the delivery of the Better Buckinghamshire programme
- Deliver improvements to the external website, including migrating all the content from the legacy websites
- Save £13M in the coming year across the Council, including through regular monitoring, go-live of the new Network and new Revs and Bens System, and delivery of the Better Buckinghamshire Programme
- Increase income to protect front line services, including through the annual review of fees & charges across all council services as part of the MTFP process, review of property income projections and opportunities, and review of Traded Services as part of the Service Reviews
- **Develop and implement a 'Customer First' approach to Customer Experience**, including delivery of a clear set of Customer Service Standards and Customer Promise, Customer First training & development across the organisation, embedding the principles of the Customer Experience framework through the service reviews, and reviewing all Council Access Points

## Revenue Budget 2021-22

#### **Gross Expenditure £171,805k**



#### Gross Income £119,511k



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This slide sets out the Portfolio's Budgets, Service Areas, Expenditure and Income – see Appendix 3 for details

| Directorate      | Service Area           | Total       | Total     | NET TOTAL |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Birectorate      | Service Area           | Expenditure | Income    | £000      |
|                  |                        | £000        | £000      | 2000      |
|                  |                        |             |           |           |
|                  | Composato Finance      | 0.610       | (2.247)   | C 271     |
|                  | Corporate Finance      | 9,619       | (3,247)   | 6,371     |
|                  | Service Finance - core | 4,850       | (164)     | 4,686     |
|                  |                        | +,030       | (104)     | 7,000     |
|                  | Service Fin            |             |           |           |
|                  | Revenue & Benefits     | 92,363      | (91,511)  | 852       |
| _                |                        |             |           |           |
| Resources        | HR/OD                  | 5,076       | (395)     | 4,681     |
|                  |                        |             |           |           |
|                  | ICT                    | 12,405      | (176)     | 12,229    |
|                  |                        |             |           |           |
|                  | Business Operations    | 12,143      | (385)     | 11,758    |
|                  | Management &           |             |           |           |
|                  | Better                 |             |           |           |
|                  | Buckinghamshire        | 169         | -         | 169       |
| 51               |                        |             |           |           |
| Planning, Growth |                        |             |           |           |
| & Sustainability | Property & Assets      | 19,445      | (22,215)  | (2,770)   |
|                  |                        |             | (4.000)   |           |
|                  | Legal Services         | 6,760       | (1,309)   | 5,451     |
| Deputy Chief     | Democratic Services    | 4,923       | (49)      | 4,874     |
| Executive        | Service Improvement    | 3,387       | (61)      | 3,326     |
|                  | Service improvement    | 3,307       | (01)      | 3,320     |
|                  | Website & Digital      | 665         | -         | 665       |
| Portfolio Total  |                        | 171,805     | (119,511) | 52,294    |

#### Revenue Forecast Qtr. 2 (1 of 2)

| Q2 Revenue monitoring | Budget<br>£000 | Y/E outturn<br>£000 | Variance<br>£000 | Change in Variance<br>£000 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Expenditure           | 172,600        | 175,500             | 2,900            | 3,600                      |
| Income                | (119,600)      | (121,700)           | (2,100)          | (3,500)                    |
| Total for Portfolio   | 53,000         | 53,800              | 800              | 100                        |

- a) At Q2 the Portfolio is forecasting an adverse variance of £800k of which +£562k is COVID related and +£238k is BAU. The main variances are described below:
- b) COVID +£562k adverse variance comprises:
- +£500k adverse variance is an income shortfall in the recovery of Council Tax/Business Rates court costs. The number of cases processed in Q1 was lower than the budgeted activity level because of the backlog of Court case following on from COVID related Court closures. This is a timing/profiling issue with the Council eventually recovering the budgeted court costs from Q2 onwards. The Q1 shortfall will be claimed for via the Government's income protection scheme and accounted for corporately below the line.
- £62k net income loss on sports pitch lettings and Waterside North Car Park weighted in Q1 to reflect lockdown impacts. Movement favourable (£140k)
- HR income favourable movement of (£100k) however re categorised as BAU (see next slide).

#### Revenue Forecast Qtr. 2 (2 of 2)

- c) Business As Usual (BAU) +£238k adverse variance is made up of the following:
- +£489k variance in Legal Services being additional staff costs of agency and interims to fill vacant posts and to address increased demand. Movement +£489k on Q1
- (£353k) net favourable variance in Service Finance mainly from additional R&B Government grant income for Council tax administration support and New Burdens grants. Movement from Q1 (£153k) being additional new burdens grants.
- £170k adverse variance relating to additional ICT cost of cyber security to bring the Council up to a suitable level of protection against cyber-attack. Movement +£20k from Q1 based on revised costs.
- +£150k HR income shortfall to schools. Movement +£100k from variances previously reported as COVID related losses, (see previous slide).
- (150k) favourable variance in Service Improvement being underspend on staffing because of several vacancies in the Business Intelligence Team in the first 6 months. Movement favourable variance of (£150k) on Q1 as the budget was previously forecasted to breakeven.
- Note: the net 2021/22 Revenue budget reported in Q2 monitoring is higher than the MTFP base budget because of the inclusion of one-off budgets e.g. increases for pay awards.

### Revenue Budget - Savings since April 2020

|                            | Savings  | 2020/21<br>£000                                | 2021/22<br>£000                                      |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| MTFP                       | <ul> <li>ICT digital programme</li> <li>Customer Services</li> <li>Resources Directorate - Staffing review</li> <li>Resources Directorate - Home working savings</li> <li>Deputy Chief Executive - Home working savings</li> <li>Democratic Services</li> <li>Property Services - additional income achieved</li> </ul>  | (132)<br>(125)<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>(55)<br>(734) | 0<br>(125)<br>(107)<br>(84)<br>(13)<br>(25)<br>(394) |
| Contract<br>Harmonisation  | <ul><li>Resources Directorate</li><li>Deputy Chief Exec.</li></ul>   | (280)<br>(30)                                  | 0<br>(40)  |
| Better<br>Buckinghamshire  | <ul> <li>Legal &amp; democratic Services</li> <li>Revenue and Benefits - single system. Go live 16th December 2021, savings to be realised in 2022/23+</li> <li>Customer services - 2021/22 insourcing of legacy Capita staff/contract (Wycombe District Council), savings of £266k to be realised in 2022/23</li> </ul> | (170)<br>0<br>0                                | (333)<br>0<br>0                                      |
| Non cashable savings/ Cost | HR & OD: Voluntary Redundancy exercise in 2020/21 to bring costs within budgets (full year costs realised in 2021/22)  | 0  | (400)  |
| pressures<br>absorbed      | <ul> <li>Business Operations – cost pressures absorbed         (staffing/contracts/income targets)</li> <li>ICT Cyber protection – costs absorbed</li> <li>Service Now (Customer interface system) - development costs</li> </ul>  | (500)<br>(135)<br>0                            | 0<br>(170)<br>(78)                                   |
| Total                      |  | (2,161)  | (1,769)  |

## Revenue Budget - Proposed Changes (1 of 3)

The following 3 slides show the proposed changes to the current 2021/22 budget shown in slide 5.

| Service Area               | Description of Proposed Change  | Change<br>2022-23<br>£000 | Change<br>2023-24<br>£000 | Change<br>2024-25<br>£000 |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | Proposed Change in Income   |                           |                           |                           |
| Property & Assets          |   |                           |                           |                           |
| Commercial Property &      | New Rental Income Opportunities - for details see Appendix 1                | (1,337)                   | (3,190)                   | (5,253)                   |
| Agricultural Estate        | Re-based existing rental income, for COVID impacts & rent reviews           | (352)                     | (662)                     | (960)                     |
| Property Maintenance &     | Recovery of income from schools Health & Safety training post-COVID-19      | (50)                      | (50)                      | (50)                      |
| Strategic Asset Management | Staff parking income reduction  | 20                        | 20                        | 20                        |
|                            | Total Change in Income  | (1,719)                   | (3,882)                   | (6,243)                   |
|                            | Proposed Growth   |                           |                           |                           |
| ICT                        | ICT - Microsoft licence/Cyber protection                                    | 170                       | 170                       | 170                       |
|                            | ICT - Inflation on contracts  | 28                        | 28                        | 28                        |
| Democratic & Electoral     | Members Allowances - annual increase  | 23                        | 23                        | 23                        |
| Services                   |   |                           |                           |                           |
| Legal services             | Legal Services - Children's Services Caseloads                              | 250                       | 250                       | 250                       |
| Property & Assets          |   |                           |                           |                           |
| Property Maintenance &     | Inflation (Other Contracts)   | 89                        | 89                        | 89                        |
| Strategic Asset Management | Inflation Energy (Electricity)  | 20                        | 65                        | 102                       |
|                            | Inflation Energy (Gas)  | 46                        | 67                        | 98                        |
|                            | Reduction in Loan Interest from Consilio                                    | -                         | 30                        | 30                        |
|                            | Property Maintenance Revenue Budget increase                                | 500                       | 500                       | 500                       |
|                            | Creation of Sinking Fund for Strategic Assets - 2.5% of income target - for | 566                       | 605                       | 628                       |
|                            | details see Appendix 1  |                           |                           |                           |
|                            | Total Growth  | 1,692                     | 1,826                     | 1,917                     |

### Revenue Budget - Proposed Changes (2 of 3)

|   |  | Change<br>2022-23 | Change<br>2023-24 | Change 2024-25 |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Service Area  | Description of Proposed Change   | £000              | £000              | £000           |
|   | Proposed Savings   |                   |                   |                |
| Service Improvement   | Better Buckinghamshire savings - for details see Appendix 2  | -                 | (150)             | (333)          |
| Resources   |  |                   |                   |                |
| Finance, HR/OD, ICT, Business<br>Operations, Management and<br>Better Buckinghamshire | Better Buckinghamshire - Service Transformation activity - for details see Appendix 2  | (627)             | (991)             | (4,729)        |
| Finance, HR/OD, ICT, Business<br>Operations, Management and<br>Better Buckinghamshire | Contract harmonisation - work is now underway to consolidate suppliers e.g. a single ICT Network supplier. For details see Appendix 2. | (250)             | (660)             | (894)          |
| Property & Assets   |  | 1                 |                   |                |
|   | Contract harmonisation savings for PG&S Directorate - Reduction of savings target. For details see Appendix 2                          | 200               | 200               | 139            |
| Property Maintenance &  | Property rationalisation   | -                 | -                 | (580)          |
| Strategic Asset Management  | Better Buckinghamshire savings - Property Service Review. For details see<br>Appendix 2  | (125)             | (215)             | (285)          |
|   | Reduction in cleaning costs post-Covid   | -                 | -                 | (250)          |
|   | Total Savings  | (802)             | (1,816)           | (6,932)        |

### Revenue Budget - Proposed Changes (3 of 3)

| Service Area                                 | Description of Proposed Change   | Change<br>2022-23<br>£000 | Change<br>2023-24<br>£000 | Change<br>2024-25<br>£000 |  |
|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|  | Special Items - Reversal of one-off budgets from 2020-21 One Year MTFP   |                           |                           |                           |  |
| Business Operations                          | Reversal of one year COVID budget to cover income shortfall - Share of commercial waste income allocated to Customer Services team | (35)                      | (35)                      | (35)                      |  |
| Customer Services                            | Reversal of one year COVID budget to meet pressures - External costs for development of COVID related forms and website resources  | (9)                       | (9)                       | (9)                       |  |
| Revenue & Benefits                           | Reduction in budget - review of Council Tax discount scheme  | (25)                      | (25)                      | (25)                      |  |
| Human Resources & Organisational Development | Reversal of one year COVID funding for Occupational Health & Employee Assistance in response to Covid-19                           | (50)                      | (50)                      | (50)                      |  |
| (HROD)                                       | Reversal of 2 year funding for Social Care Recruitment post from previous MTFP.  | (51)                      | (51)                      | (51)                      |  |
| ICT  | Reversal of one year COVID budget for Home working Mobile data charges (cost per year).  | (60)                      | (60)                      | (60)                      |  |
| Resources                                    |  |                           |                           |                           |  |
| Management and Better Buckinghamshire        | Reversal of one year savings item by reinstating the budget - Staffing review / vacancy factor                                     | 107                       | 107                       | 107                       |  |
|  | Total Special Items - Reversal of one-off budgets  |                           |                           |                           |  |
|  | Portfolio - Total All Changes  | (951)                     | (3,994)                   | (11,380)                  |  |

#### Proposed Revenue Budget 2022 to 2025

The table shows the effect of the proposed budget changes over the MTFP period (see slides 9 - 11)

|  |             | 2021-22      |          |           |         | 022-23 | 1              |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|----------------|
|  |             |              | Net      |           | Expense |        |                |
|  | Income £000 | Expense £000 | Budget   | £000      | £000    |        | Budget         |
| Susiness Operations                                | (312)       | 7,173        | 6,861    | (347)     | 7,173   |        | 6,826          |
| Customer Services                                  | (8)         | 4,422        | 4,414    | (8)       | 4,413   |        | 4,405          |
| Business Development                               | (65)        | 548          | 483      | (65)      | 548     |        | 483            |
| Business Operations Total                          | (385)       | 12,143       | 11,758   | (420)     | 12,134  |        | 11,714         |
|  | -           | -            | -        | -         | -       |        | -              |
| Finance  | (3,411)     | 14,469       | 11,058   | (3,411)   | 14,419  |        | 11,008         |
| Revenues & Benefits                                | (91,511)    | 92,363       | 852      | (82,962)  | 83,839  |        | 877            |
| Finance & Revenues Total                           | (94,922)    | 106,832      | 11,910   | (86,373)  | 98,258  | 11     | L <b>,</b> 886 |
|  | -           | =            | -        | -         | -       |        | -              |
| Human Resources & Organisational Development Total | (395)       | 5,076        | 4,681    | (395)     | 4,975   | 4,!    | 580            |
| ICT Total  | (176)       | 12,405       | 12,229   | (176)     | 12,542  | 12     | 2,367          |
| ici iotai  | (170)       | 12,403       | 12,229   | (170)     | 12,342  | 12     | ,307           |
| Democratic Services & Elected Members              | (49)        | 4,923        | 4,874    | (49)      | 4,946   | 4      | ,897           |
| Legal Services                                     | (1,309)     | 6,760        | 5,451    | (1,309)   | 7,010   |        | ,701           |
| Legal & Democratic Services Total                  | (1,358)     | 11,683       | 10,325   | (1,358)   | 11,956  | 10,    |                |
|  | -           | -            | -        | -         | -       |        | -              |
| Property Maintenance & Strategic Asset Management  | (883)       | 17,777       | 16,894   | (914)     | 18,507  | 17,    | 593            |
| Commercial Property & Agricultural Estate          | (21,331)    | 1,668        | (19,663) | (22,453)  | 1,668   | (20,7  | 85)            |
| Property & Assets Total                            | (22,215)    | 19,445       | (2,770)  | (23,367)  | 20,175  | (3,19  |                |
| Digital Total                                      | _           | 665          | 665      |           | 665     | 6      | 65             |
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| Management & Better Buckinghamshire Total          | -           | 169          | 169      | -         | (601)   | (60    | )1)            |
| Service Improvement Total                          | (61)        | 3,387        | 3,326    | (61)      | 3,387   | 3,32   | 06             |
| Service improvement rotal                          | (61)        | 3,367        | 3,320    | (61)      | 3,367   | 3,32   | .0             |
| Grand Total  | (119,511)   | 171,805      | 52,294   | (112,149) | 163,492 | 51,34  | 13             |
|  |             |              |          | 7.060     | (0.242) | /0=    | - 1            |
| Year on year change £000                           | -           | -            | -        | 7,362     | (8,313) |        | 51)            |
| Year on year change % Cumulative Change            | 0%          | 0%           | 0%       | -6%       | -5%     |        | 2%             |
|  |             |              |          |           |         |        | 51)            |

#### Portfolio Challenges and Risks

#### Cyber Security

 Prevention, monitoring and response to actual or potential Cyber attacks may lead to significant financial risks, lack of access to key systems and inability to deliver to front line services

#### Delivery of Budgeted Targets - Savings, Investment income and Capital Receipts

- Resources Directorate staff capacity is now stretched we are delivering BAU; supporting all Council Service Reviews and improvement programmes plus delivering our own service reviews and the associated savings. To manage this we review our work programme on a monthly basis to prioritise key deliverables.
- The Property and Assets team will need to maintain the skills and capacity to deliver significant savings and income in future years, and the upcoming Service Review will be an important part of ensuring the team is set up to deliver these priorities. The timely realisation of capital receipts will also be reliant on the support of the Planning and Legal services to deliver at pace.
- The outcome of the Resources Directorate Service Reviews will see new ways of working e.g. more self service and digitisation of processes. The procurement and deployment of applications and systems will take time. There is a risk that to meet savings targets, savings are taken from budgets before process and technology changes are fully bedded down.

#### COVID

- Payment of COVID related grants to residents and/or businesses will impact on Revenue and Benefits staff's capacity to implement the new systems and transformation changes within the agreed savings prolife.
- Longer-term uncertainty of economic impacts of COVID on our asset portfolio and development opportunities -Budget provision in the MTFP is for known COVID impacts (e.g. loss of turnover rent from Eden Shopping Centre), and an estimate of where it might result in increased property voids, (e.g. For tenants exercising lease break clauses, especially on office accommodation) However, if there were to be a deeper, longer economic impact we may see further Company Voluntary Arrangements /bankruptcies of tenants, and it may also have a detrimental impact on the level of rental income, or value of capital receipt, which we can achieve from new deals.

#### Reactive and Planned Maintenance Budget Management

 Property & Assets continue to rationalise their approach to reactive and planned maintenance across the Unitary council, and are awaiting the outcome of revised condition surveys across the Corporate Estate to inform the maintenance budget setting process beyond next year.

## **Top 5 Portfolio Contracts**

| Supplier Name                        | Details  | Start Date | <b>End Date</b> | Service Area           |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Pertemps Recruitment Partnership Ltd | Temporary Staffing Contract (Pertemps) Pay as Used - costs charged out to Directorates   | 03/09/2018 | 03/09/2022      | HR/OD                  |
| Bytes Software Services              | Microsoft Licensing & Cloud Hosting  | 01/12/2019 | 31/11/2022      | ICT                    |
|                                      | Network Contract (Walton Street)   | 24/09/2012 | 30/06/2022      | ICT                    |
| Updata                               | Due to revised timelines for 'go live' on the Council's new ICT Network, this contract will be extended and then replaced with the single ICT Network contract — the cutover date is 30th June 2022. |            |                 |                        |
| Ameo Professional Services           | Support for Service Improvement and Organisational Design  | 01/06/2021 | 31/05/2023      | Service<br>Improvement |
| Busy Bees Cleaning                   | Cleaning contract covering majority of offices & corporate estate (inc. Adult Learning Centres).   | 01/08/2020 | 31/07/2023      | Property and<br>Assets |

#### Fees and Charges

Each year, as part of the MTFP, we review the schedule of Fees and Charges. The majority of Fees & Charges are amended by an inflationary increase – For 2022/23 this will be a 3% increase on 2021/22 rates. Services include:

- Business Services to Academies, Schools and Other:
- HR &OD e.g. payroll, recruitment, Employees Relations Advice,
   Safeguarding/DBS, Occupational Health.
- ICT Networking, Technical Support, Additional Remote Backup Service.
- Schools Information Management System (SIMS).
- Schools Admin and Bursar services.
- Schools Health & Safety and Schools Property Maintenance.
- Local Land Charges.
- Business Insight for Schools (e.g. Comparative data on Exam results, bench marking, demographic/deprivation data, Free Schools meals eligibility checker).
- Electoral Register (e.g. copies of registers).

#### Capital Forecast Qtr. 2 2021/22

| Capital Q2 Monitoring | Actuals to Date £000 | Total<br>Budget<br>£000 | Forecast<br>Outturn<br>£000 | Forecast<br>Variance<br>£000 | %<br>Slippage | RAG<br>Rating |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Expenditure           | 638                  | 3,571                   | 3,838                       | 267                          | -7.5%         | Green         |

- At Q2 the Portfolio is forecasting a variance of +£267k. the main variances are described below:
- Projecting an overspend of +£347k on Corporate Maintenance budgets due to underbudgeting of maintenance requirements for council assets (to be rectified in MTFP).
- Delivery of Technology Strategy is forecasting slippage of (£402k) on unreleased budgets, core Council applications and systems are under review to identify future capital upgrade requirements.
- iCares Social Care Systems project is forecasting an overspend of +£321k against the current budget of £618k. The overspend will be funded from Capital contingency and will be included in the budgets after approvals have been received.
- Buckinghamshire Network project with BHT/CCG and the Device Refresh project are both forecasting a nil variance.

Note: any unspent capital project budgets in 21/22 ('slippage') will be reprofiled into future years as part of the annual year end process, and approved via the Corporate Capital Investment Board.

## **Current Capital Programme**

| Service Area  | Project Group / Project  | 2022/23<br>£000 | 2023/24<br>£000 | 2024/25<br>£000 | 2025/26<br>£000 | MTFP Total<br>£000 |
|---------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|               | Device Refresh & Windows 10  | 0               | 0               | 5,000           | 0               | 5,000              |
| ICT           | Members ICT Refresh  | 0               | 0               | 0               | 150             | 150                |
| ICT           | Technology Strategy (inc. Work Smart) - business critical Hardware | 1,500           | 250             | 250             | 250             | 2,250              |
|               | ICT Total  | 1,500           | 250             | 5,250           | 400             | 7,400              |
|               | Agricultural Estate  | 660             | 0               | 0               | 0               | 660                |
|               | Corporate Investment Portfolio                                     | 2,450           | 4,458           | 1,449           | 0               | 8,357              |
|               | Council Own Sites - Housing Development                            | 750             | 750             | 750             | 750             | 3,000              |
| Property &    | Improvements to Capswood 1 & 2                                     | 215             | 0               | 0               | 0               | 215                |
| Assets        | King George V House  | 50              | 0               | 0               | 0               | 50                 |
|               | Property Management Programme                                      | 1,335           | 1,015           | 1,015           | 1,015           | 4,380              |
|               | Rowley Farm  | 364             | 0               | 0               | 0               | 364                |
|               | Property & Assets Total  |                 | 6,223           | 3,214           | 1,765           | 17,026             |
| Total Portfol | io Programme   | 7,324           | 6,473           | 8,464           | 2,165           | 24,426             |



# Questions



## **Appendix 1 Property Rental Income Projections**

- The pre-COVID baseline Property Rental Income budget was £22m. For 21-22 this was reduced to £20m to give a £2m allowance for COVID income losses.
- There were also pre-existing, stretch new income targets built into the MTFP from last year's budget setting process. To determine what the ongoing long term COVID impacts would be on the rental income, and test whether these pre-exiting income targets are still achievable, we have conducted detailed modelling of the rental income 'rent roll' for the next 4 years, and looked at all the income generation opportunities we have in the pipeline.
- The rebase of the existing rent roll includes the following assumptions:
  - Continued COVID-related income losses on turnover rents, including Eden, with an assumption that these will
    partially recover by 23/24 but not fully recovered in the medium term due to retail sector downturn.
  - Nearly £1m of expected voids, particularly on office accommodation, where we expect tenants are likely to serve notice (both COVID/non-COVID related; it is starting to become difficult to separate out COVID and BAU on voids).
  - An allowance for a 20% drop off in income from Friars' Square from 23/24 onwards, after the end of the rent guarantee period, as per the business case for the acquisition.
  - Absorption of the ongoing income losses from Gateway Conference Centre (£220k per year).
  - Increases in rent for known rent reviews and increases in rent to 'full-year effect' where, in 21-22, we have had new tenants part-way through the year
- Separately we have created a £0.6m growth line to increase the provision for sinking fund for voids & dilapidations and developments, to create sustainability in the value of our strategic assets. This will then create a consistent approach to budgeting for voids and dilapidations in the new council (legacy district councils would manage void cashflows and fund dilapidation costs corporately; legacy County had a sinking fund approach to enable the Property service to manage its own cash limit budgets).
- The new income projection includes all projects (deals & acquisitions) currently in the pipeline & an assumption that we will make £1.3m of additional deals and acquisitions, not currently in the pipeline, over the next 2 years.

#### Appendix 2 - Better Buckinghamshire - Service Transformation Activity

| Review Areas          | Potential Activity  | to be developed as part of Better Buckinghamshire Service Review   | Area   | Target<br>£000 |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|----------------|
| Service Improvement   |   | Review of Service Improvement and Business Insight teams. (see slide 11)   |  | -333           |
|                       |   | Implement Service Catalogues and consequent team structures: - Review of Teams in HR/OD  | Human Resources & Organisational Development | -395           |
|                       |   | - Review of Teams in ICT   | ICT  | -600           |
|                       |   | - Review of Teams in Corporate Finance   | Corporate Finance                            | -215           |
|                       | Review and consolidation of   | - Review of Business Support Teams   | Business Operations                          | -450           |
|                       | staffing structures to align with Service   | Create a single Debt Management Team   | Service Finance/ Business Operations         | -300           |
| Resources Directorate | activity  | Create a single Accounts Payable team  | Service Finance                              | -300           |
|                       |   | Digital Post Room  | Business Operations                          | -100           |
|                       | Channel shift Resources service delivery to self serve through: automation, AI, knowledge bases | Customer Service Centre - Service Review implementation  | Business Operations                          | -266           |
| - Lines of Enquiry to |   | Revenue and Benefits - Service Review Phase 1 - implementation   | Service Finance                              | -725           |
| deliver savings       |   | Revenue and Benefits Service Review Phase 2  | Service Finance                              | -180           |
|                       |   | ERP review - Resources technology strategy to deliver lower cost, intuitive systems with flexible interface and reporting capability. This review includes staffing consolidation. | All  | -303           |
|                       |   | Systems approach: Customer Master Data Management - holistic customer view; increased automation for transactional customer services.  | All  | -300           |
|                       | etc   | ICT One Programme - system consolidation and automation  | ICT  | -400           |
|                       | Cost Recovery   | Traded Services Review - implement full cost recovery  | All  |                |
|                       | Cost Necovery   | Revenue and Benefits - Council Tax/Business Rates Court costs recovery to reflect actual cost  | Service Finance                              | -195           |
| Resources Direc       | torate Total  | See slide 11   |  | -4,729         |
| Property & Assets     |   | Property Services Efficiencies savings (see Slide 11)  |  | -285           |
|                       |   | Total for the Portfolio  |  | -5,347         |

## **Appendix 3- Contract Harmonisation Savings**

|                       | Contract Harmonisation Savings to be delivered  | Service Area                                 | £000 |
|-----------------------|---|--|------|
|                       | Single ICT Network  | ICT  | -500 |
|                       | Single Data centre  | ICT  | -164 |
|                       | Single finance systems  | ICT  | -188 |
| Resources Directorate | Single payroll Systems  | Human Resources & Organisational Development | -32  |
|                       | Single BACS Payment System  | Service Finance                              | -10  |
|                       | Total ( see slide 11)   |  | -894 |
| Property & Assets     | The £200k savings target in the 2021-22 budget has been removed as the saving is deemed unachievable. In 2024/25, only £139k of the target is reversed leaving a savings target of -£61k to be delivered via a review of Post Room contracts. |  | 139  |
|                       | Total ( see slide 11)   |  | 139  |
|                       | Total for the Portfolio   |  | -755 |

# Appendix 4 Detailed Breakdown of Revenue Budget 2021/22 (1 of 2)

|                                   | Expenditure £000   |   |   |  |   |  |  | Income £000   |  |  |  |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|                                   | payments &   |   | Buildings &   | Supplies<br>and  | (mainly<br>Housing<br>Benefit   |  | Expenditure  | Customer & Client   | Grants (Incl.<br>Housing   | Grants<br>Reimburs.  |  | NET TOTAL<br>£000   |  |
| Corporate Finance                 | 55   | 6,252   | 13  | 3,192  | -   | 106  | 9,619  | (367)   | _  | (2,879)  | (3,247)  | 6,371   |  |
| Service Finance - core            | -  | 5,124   | -   |  | -   | 16   | 4,850  |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| Service Fin<br>Revenue & Benefits | -  | 4,483   | _   | 1,845  | 86,014  | 22   | 92,363   | (3,354)   | (88,157)   | -  | (91,511)   | 852   |  |
| HR/OD                             | -  | 5,769   | 4   | (707)  | -   | 9  | 5,076  | (324)   | -  | (71)   | (395)  | 4,681   |  |
| ICT                               | 2  | 7,403   | 2   | 4,985  | -   | 12   | 12,405   | (169)   | -  | (7)  | (176)  | 12,229  |  |
| Business Operations               | -  | 13,627  | 3   | (1,527)  | 6   | 34   | 12,143   | (338)   | -  | (47)   | (385)  | 11,758  |  |
| Management & Better               |  | 200   |   | (120)  |   |  | 160  |   |  |  |  | 169   |  |
|                                   | Service Area  Corporate Finance  Service Finance - core  Service Fin Revenue & Benefits  HR/OD  ICT  Business Operations  Management & | Service Area Contribs  Corporate Finance 55  Service Finance - core - Service Fin Revenue & Benefits -  HR/OD -  ICT 2  Business Operations - Management & Better | payments & Contribs Staffing  Corporate Finance 55 6,252  Service Finance - core - 5,124  Service Fin Revenue & Benefits - 4,483  HR/OD - 5,769  ICT 2 7,403  Business Operations - 13,627  Management & Better | Third party payments & Staffing Premises  Corporate Finance 55 6,252 13  Service Finance - core - 5,124 - Service Fin Revenue & Benefits - 4,483 - HR/OD - 5,769 4  ICT 2 7,403 2  Business Operations - 13,627 3  Management & Better | Third party payments & Staffing Premises Buildings & and Services  Corporate Finance 55 6,252 13 3,192  Service Finance - core - 5,124 - (290)  Service Fin Revenue & Benefits - 4,483 - 1,845  HR/OD - 5,769 4 (707)  ICT 2 7,403 2 4,985  Business Operations - 13,627 3 (1,527)  Management & Better | Third party payments & Contribs Staffing Premises Service Area Service Finance 55 6,252 13 3,192 -  Service Finance - core - 5,124 - (290) -  Service Fin Revenue & Benefits - 4,483 - 1,845 86,014  HR/OD - 5,769 4 (707) -  ICT 2 7,403 2 4,985 -  Business Operations - 13,627 3 (1,527) 6  Management & Better | Third party payments & Contribs   Staffing   Buildings & Premises   Supplies and Services   Payments   Transport | Third party payments & Staffing Premises Supplies and Service Area Contribs Staffing Premises Services Payments) Transport Expenditure Expenditure Finance 55 6,252 13 3,192 - 106 9,619  Service Finance - core - 5,124 - (290) - 16 4,850  Service Fin Revenue & Benefits - 4,483 - 1,845 86,014 22 92,363  HR/OD - 5,769 4 (707) - 9 5,076  ICT 2 7,403 2 4,985 - 12 12,405  Business Operations - 13,627 3 (1,527) 6 34 12,143  Management & Better | Third party payments & Staffing   Supplies and payments   Contribs   Staffing   Premises   Services   Payments   Transport   Expenditure   Client Receipts | Third party payments & Contribs   Staffing   Staffing   Premises   Staffing   Premises   Service Area   Staffing   Premises   Prem | Transfer payments & Contribs   Staffing   Buildings & Premises   Supplies and Service   Payments   Transport   T | Third party payments & Contribs   Staffing   Staffing   Service   Service |  |

# Appendix 4 Detailed Breakdown of Revenue Budget 2021/22 (2 of 2)

|   | Expenditure £000                          |                                 |        |        |                 |   |           |                              | Income £000          |          |           |           |                   |  |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|---|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Directorate                             | Service Area                              | Third party payments & Contribs |        | J      | Supplies<br>and | Transfer payments (mainly Housing Benefit Payments) | Transport | Total<br>Expenditure<br>£000 | Customer &<br>Client | Housing  | Reimburs. |           | NET TOTAL<br>£000 |  |
| Planning,<br>Growth &<br>Sustainability | Property Leadership<br>& Portfolio Office | -                               | 859    | 150    | 308             | -   | 1         | 1,317                        | -                    | -        | -         | -         | 1,317             |  |
|   | Strategic Assets and<br>Estate Management | 9                               | 1,451  | 3,838  | 1,090           | _   | 5         | 6,393                        | (20,672)             | (0)      | (300)     | (20,973)  | (14,580)          |  |
|   | Surveying Hard FM<br>Health & Safety      | 23                              | 1,975  | 2,837  | (279)           | -   | 16        | 4,572                        | (58)                 | -        | _         | (58)      | 4,515             |  |
|   | Soft Facilities<br>Management             | 99                              | 1,774  | 3,788  | 1,163           | -   | 43        | 6,866                        | (1,183)              | -        | _         | (1,184)   | 5,682             |  |
|   | Strategic<br>Programmes                   | -                               | 591    | -      | (297)           |   | 1         | 296                          | -                    | -        | -         | -         | 296               |  |
| Deputy Chief<br>Executive               | Legal Services                            | 21                              | 5,185  | -      | 1,551           | -   | 3         | 6,760                        | (1,274)              | -        | (35)      | (1,309)   | 5,451             |  |
|   | Democratic Services                       | 107                             | 1,717  | 9      | 3,081           | -   | 9         | 4,923                        | (16)                 | (29)     | (4)       | (49)      | 4,874             |  |
|   | Service Improvement                       | -                               | 3,545  | _      | (163)           | _   | 5         | 3,387                        | (61)                 | _        | -         | (61)      | 3,326             |  |
|   | Website & Digital                         | -                               | 519    | -      | 146             | -   | 1         | 665                          | -                    | _        | -         | -         | 665               |  |
| Portfolio Total                         |   | 316                             | 60,562 | 10,644 | 13,979          | 86,020  | 283       | 171,805                      | (27,946)             | (88,186) | (3,377)   | (119,511) | 52,294            |  |