



Report to Cabinet

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Title: **Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring Report 2021-22**

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Ward(s) affected: none specific

Recommendations: **Cabinet are asked to note the report and the risks and opportunities contained within it.**

Reason for decision: To understand the financial position of the Council in respect of 2021-22 Budgets.
Executive summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the Revenue and Capital position for Buckinghamshire Council for the financial year 2021/22.
- 1.2 In the first year of the new council, budgets were agreed on a Directorate basis and have been re-configured into Portfolios following the election and appointment of Cabinet Members.
- 1.3 The Appendix provides further detail for each Portfolio and information about performance relating to overdue debts and late payments of commercial debt.

2. Revenue

- 2.1 The forecast revenue budget outturn is summarised in Figure 1. The key Portfolio variances are explained in Appendix 1. The outturn variances are split between Business as Usual and those relating to the Covid-19 response.
- 2.2 Overall a £0.5m adverse variance is forecast after allowing for £4.9m of mitigations (see paragraph 11 in Appendix 1) of the overall pressures reported by Portfolio. This comprises:
 - £1.4m adverse variance on Covid related spend and;

- £0.9m favourable variation on BAU.

2.3 The £0.5m adverse variance broadly, therefore, comprises the proportion of Covid income losses not funded from the government's compensation scheme or BAU variances. The Council will continue to lobby Government for full recovery of income losses impacted by Covid. Furthermore, Portfolio's will seek to find mitigating actions in order to bring forecast spend back in line with the approved budget.

2.4 Figure 1: Revenue Budgets

	Budget	Forecast	Variance		Variance:	
			£000	£000	£000	%
	£000	£000	£000	%	£000	£000
Expenditure	7,173	7,233	59	1%	-	59
Income	(536)	(539)	(2)	0%	-	(2)
Leader	6,637	6,694	57	1%	-	57
Expenditure	37,772	39,976	2,204	6%	328	1,876
Income	(8,612)	(10,977)	(2,366)	27%	100	(2,466)
Climate Change and Environment	29,160	28,998	(162)	(1%)	428	(590)
Expenditure	10,271	10,360	88	1%	-	88
Income	(582)	(671)	(88)	15%	-	(88)
Communities	9,689	9,689	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	11,391	11,214	(177)	(2%)	30	(207)
Income	(4,719)	(1,896)	2,822	(60%)	2,677	145
Culture and Leisure	6,672	9,318	2,646	40%	2,707	(61)
Expenditure	618,431	606,924	(11,507)	(2%)	-	(11,507)
Income	(533,412)	(521,906)	11,507	(2%)	-	11,507
Education & Children's Services	85,018	85,018	(0)	(0%)	-	(0)
Expenditure	188,133	187,463	(670)	(0%)	-	(670)
Income	(136,290)	(134,881)	1,409	(1%)	1,102	307
Finance, Resources, Property & Asse	51,843	52,582	740	1%	1,102	(362)
Expenditure	219,256	219,802	546	0%	559	(13)
Income	(63,389)	(63,471)	(83)	0%	140	(223)
Health & Wellbeing	155,867	156,330	464	0%	699	(235)
Expenditure	15,600	14,102	(1,498)	(10%)	36	(1,534)
Income	(8,941)	(7,255)	1,687	(19%)	50	1,637
Housing & Homelessness & Regulatc	6,659	6,847	189	3%	86	103
Expenditure	15,439	15,802	363	2%	-	363
Income	(9,089)	(9,432)	(343)	4%	41	(384)
Planning and Regeneration	6,350	6,370	20	0%	41	(21)
Expenditure	67,111	70,076	2,965	4%	105	2,860
Income	(12,515)	(13,996)	(1,480)	12%	1,041	(2,521)
Transport	54,596	56,080	1,485	3%	1,146	339
Portfolios	412,491	417,928	5,437	1%	6,209	(772)
Expenditure	42,849	41,539	(1,310)	(3%)	(1,240)	(70)
Income	(455,340)	(458,973)	(3,633)	1%	(3,600)	(33)
Corporate & Funding	(412,491)	(417,434)	(4,943)	1%	(4,840)	(103)
Total			494	...	1,369	(875)

2.5 There is the potential for an additional opportunity saving of £1m from Disabled Facility Grants (DFG) which reflects a continuation of the position from 2020/21.

2.6 **Appendix 1** provides further detail on the revenue forecast outturn by Portfolio.

3. Capital Budget Outturn

3.1 Directorates' forecast for the Capital Programme reflects an expected £3.0m of slippage. Further details for each portfolio may be found in **Appendix 1**.

3.2 To reduce the amount of slippage in this financial year, budget profiles have been reviewed and slippage will be reviewed as part of the carry forward process.

Figure 2: Capital Budgets

Cabinet Portfolio	Actuals to Date £000	Total Budget £000's	Forecast Outturn £000's	Forecast Variance £000's	% Slippage	RAG Rating
Climate Change and Environment	-3,315	10,070	9,261	-809	8.0%	Green
Communities	83	133	133	0	0.0%	Green
Culture & Leisure	-1,653	17,361	17,361	0	0.0%	Green
Education & Children's Services	6,126	58,886	59,285	399	-0.7%	Green
Finance, Resources, Property & Assets	546	7,536	7,390	-147	1.9%	Green
Health & Wellbeing	0	436	436	0	0.0%	Green
Housing & Homelessness & Regulatory Servi	-488	14,058	13,085	-973	6.9%	Green
Leader	-47	1,153	1,153	0	0.0%	Green
Planning and Regeneration	985	22,711	22,873	163	-0.7%	Green
Transport	3,859	53,552	51,892	-1,660	3.1%	Green
Grand Total	6,096	185,895	182,869	-3,026	1.6%	Green

Note: negative actuals relate to accruals and retentions – where the value of work done completed has been charged to last year but invoices not yet paid.

4. Other options considered

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5. Legal and financial implications

5.1 This is a Finance report and all the financial implications are included in the report.

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

6. Corporate implications

6.1 Actions resulting from consideration of this report may influence future expenditure in areas of concern / interest.

7. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Communication, engagement & further consultation

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Next steps and review

9.1 A report on the position at the end of September will be brought to Cabinet on 9 November

9.2 The Councils financial systems are being updated to fully reflect the recently formed Portfolios.

10. Background papers

10.1 Appendix 1 – Directorate level summaries.

11. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

11.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone [01296 382343] or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk].