

Report To:	Cabinet	Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	
Heading:	2020/21 Forecast Outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at January 2021			
Portfolio Holder:	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources – Councillor Rachel Madden			
Ward/s:	ALL			
Key Decision:	Yes			
Subject to Call-In:	Yes			

## **Purpose of Report**

To summarise the Council's forecast financial outturn position to 31 March 2021 compared to the latest approved budgets for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme. The forecast financial outturn is based on the actual financial activity to the 31 January 2021 and forecast costs and income from 1 February 2021 to 31 March 2021.

### Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is requested:

- (1) To note the current forecast outturn for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme 2020/21.
- (2) To approve the budget adjustments outlined in section 3.1, Table 3.

### Reasons for Recommendation(s)

In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations to report to those charged with Governance, the financial position.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

None

### **Detailed Information**

1.1 Table 1 below shows the current revised budget based on original budget approved by Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and Council approved budget adjustments to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. It sets out the 2020/21 net revenue forecast outturn position based on actual income and expenditure

to 31st January 2021 and forecast income and expenditure for the remainder of the year to 31 March 2021.

1.2 The current General Fund forecast is £576k underspend after a forecast £1.659m income is transferred to earmarked reserves, this represents a decrease in the underspend of £1.026m, since the previously reported underspend of £1.602m, which excluded any unbudgeted transfer to earmarked reserve. Details of the significant movement in variances are detailed in the commentaries below the table.

Table 1 - Net Revenue Forecast to 31 March 2021 by Directorate

General Fund	Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Current Forecast Variance	Previous Forecast Variance	Change
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Directorate					
Chief Executive Officer	540	545	5	(11)	16
Legal and Governance	1,809	1,804	(5)	34	(39)
Resources and Business Transformation	762	(122)	(884)	1,031	(1,915)
Place and Communities	10,338	9,621	(717)	8	(725)
Housing and Assets	2,277	2,303	26	163	(137)
Total Net Directorate Expenditure	15,726	14,151	(1,575)	1,225	(2,800)
Net Recharges	(2,781)	(2,781)	0	0	0
Capital Financing	2,454	2,252	(202)	(202)	0
Net Interest Payable	216	25	(191)	(191)	0
Net Revenue Expenditure	15,615	13,647	(1,968)	832	(2,800)
Funding	(15,213)	(15,856)	(643)	(2,434)	1,791
Net Revenue Expenditure before transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	402	(2,209)	(2,611)	(1,602)	(1,009)
Transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	(376)	1,659	2,035	0	(2,035)
Net Revenue Expenditure after transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	26	(550)	(576)	(1,602)	1,026

Since the previous report as at 30 September 2020, the budget adjustments to recognise the Covid-19 income of £2.327m has been actioned. Revising the funding budget and creating expenditure budgets in the Directorates. This accounts for the significant change in the previous and current forecast, the change in net directorate expenditure excluding the impact of the increase in budget of £2.327m, is a £473k reduction in overspend.

### 1.3 Legal and Governance (£5k forecast underspend)

The main forecast variance in Legal and Governance are:

• Directorate wide salary costs - £54k forecast underspend due to vacant posts. This also includes an increase of £26k to the budget for the part-year impact of the Political Assistant post since previously reported.

- Legal Services £41k forecast under achieved income due to reduced charges to MDC for shared legal services, as a result of reduced salaries costs.
- Democratic Services £8k forecast overspend due to a planned upgrade to mod.gov. system software.

### 1.4 Resources and Business Transformation (£884k forecast underspend)

The main forecast variances within the Resources and Business Transformation Directorate are:

- ICT £25k forecast overspend on salaries due to the vacancy factor not being achievable and Honoria being paid. £4k forecast underspend on printing costs due to agile working. £3k of unbudgeted grant income
- Revenues and Benefits £36k forecast underspend on salaries due to vacancies partially
  off-set by £22k forecast overspend in agency charges due to Covid-19, £25k underspend
  on postages and £3k underspend on car mileage as the visiting officer as doing less due
  to Covid-19 restrictions and £11k overspend on fees and charges. Net uncommitted new
  burdens grant monies of £132k.
- £138k overspend forecast on Housing Benefits due to reflecting the outcome of the 2019/20 final claim in the forecast for 2020/21 as previously reported.
- £289k forecast loss of income as Housing Benefits Overpayments invoices have reduced due to Covid-19, which means the overpayments are being collected through benefits rather than invoicing as previously reported. Although this appears as a budget pressure there is a corresponding receipt outside of budgeting arrangements to compensate for this.
- £18k increase in income for NNDR cost of collection allowance and £8k forecast underspend on court fees.
- Investment Properties Forecast loss of income of £398k plus £132k forecast costs, associated with one tenant going onto administration and a new tenant and lease agreement being secured. £39k forecast costs for a re-gear on the Wishaw lease not previously reported. This is being partially off-set by £250k additional rental income for the new investment property purchased in year, this has been increased by £10k due to capitalising purchase costs previously netted off.
- Commercial Properties Forecast loss of income of £18k due to a rent free period being agreed to secure a 5 year extension to a lease as previously reported.
- Commercial Development £31k forecast underspend on salaries due to vacancy.
- Director £5k forecast overspend on salaries as the vacancy factor will not be achieved.
- Finance £35k forecast overspend on salaries due to the vacancy factor not being achieved, £3k forecast overspend on application software
- Corporate Support £65k forecast underspend for the Customer Services Manager post and £20k underspend over a variety of codes involving DST.
- £1.392m unutilised Covid-19 provision this is the net of the initial £2.327m expenditure budget to match the un-ringfenced Covid-19 grant received in year, the £62k grant received in 19/20 moved into 20/21, less the allocation of £997k to specific budgets as detailed in Table 2.

## Place and Communities (£717k forecast underspend)

The main forecast variances within the Place and Communities Directorate are:

- Community Protection £183k forecast underspend due to vacancies across the service area.
- Environmental Maintenance £32k forecast underspend.
   Employee costs are forecast to be £32k above budget, largely due to covering the vacancy for the Service Lead post. Transport costs are expected to be £55k lower than budget, due

to reduced expenditure on vehicle repairs £39k, lower fuel costs £27k, partly offset by further spending on other transport costs £11k. Expenditure on Supplies & Services is forecast to be £45k over budget, largely due to spending in areas where there have been new Developments, such as Papplewick and Annesley, however, Income is expected to be £63k better than budget, largely as a result of increased Developer Contributions to cover these costs. Premises costs across the Service Area are expected to be £9k above budget, due to NNDR costs for a new pavilion in Papplewick.

- Twin Bin Scheme £21k forecast net overspend on purchases of new bins to meet service demand.
- Waste Services £105k forecast overspend on pay due to implementation of pay award and overtime, and continued Agency costs as a result of Covid-19, offset by savings on Transport costs as a result of reduced repairs £73k, and lower fuel costs £44k.
- Trade Waste £19k forecast underspend on cost of disposals due to lower tonnage also reducing forecast income from collections and disposal £9k.
- Reduced income from Garden Waste collections £17k is offset by higher income from Bulky Waste (£19k) and Glass recycling credits £60k.
- Transport and Depot £27k forecast overspend, largely due to £17k overspend on pay due to Agency costs to cover vacancies, and reduced income from lower MOTs £12k.
- Place & Wellbeing Employee costs £15k forecast underspend due to staff vacancies. Supplies & Services are forecast to be £35k underspent, mainly as a result of lower than anticipated additional support payments to SLM during Covid-19 lockdown. Income – £13k forecast underachieved income due to effects of Covid-19 on use of outdoor sports facilities.
- Markets £39k forecast overspend due to reduced income as a result of Covid-19 £37k, and other net over spends totalling £2k.
- Planning and Regulatory Services £230k forecast increased income due to higher than
  anticipated Planning fees and £127k forecast underspend on staffing as a result of staff
  vacancies, both in Planning and Environmental Health. In addition, payments to contractors
  are forecast to be £21k lower than budget, mainly due to lower payments in respect of dog
  control.
- Regeneration £56k forecast underspend due to late implementation of service, after bringing it back 'in house'.
- Directorate wide Forecast £34k underspend being net of other over and under spends.

### 1.6 Housing and Assets (£26k forecast overspend)

The main forecast variances within the Housing and Assets Directorate are:

- Car parking £76k forecast loss of income due to free parking under Covid-19.
- GF Community Centres £4k forecast loss of income whilst closed under lockdown 3 of Covid-19.
- Asset Management £9k forecast overspend on central office costs associated with changes required for safe working due to Covid-19
- Full establishment, pay award and agency costs anticipated to overspend by the year end by £14k
- Asset Maintenance £47k forecast underspend due to the impact Covid-19 has had on completing repairs this year.
- Supported Housing Service £30k forecast underspend while reviewing analogue to digital equipment switchover this will go forward to a reserve at the year end.
- Homelessness Bed & Breakfast £8k forecast overspend due to providing accommodation under Covid-19 regulation introduced by the Government

### 1.7 Capital Financing (£202k forecast underspend)

This is the revenue charges that are a consequence of the historic and existing capital programme. The forecast underspend is £130k on the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) charges due to slippage on the capital programme in 2019/20, and £72k underspend on interest due to borrowing being undertaken at the end of the previous year being at lower interest rates than budgeted, both previously reported.

## 1.8 Net Interest payable (£191k forecast underspend)

This is the net position of the interest earnt on investment balances and the interest paid on third party balances that are managed and utilised by the general fund in managing its cash flow, mainly HRA balances, S106 balances and insurance balances. The overall underspend is due to the reduction in interest rates due to Covid-19 pandemic.

## 1.9 Funding (£643k forecast over achievement)

The revised funding budget now includes the un-ringfenced grants received in year from central government to cover costs and loss of income associated with Covid-19 of £2.327m, as approved by cabinet at the September 2020 report. £197k overachievement of funding against the revised budget is due to funding being expected in relation the sales fees and charges compensation scheme, £107k has been received for the April to July claim and £90k is due to be received shortly for the claim covering August to November. There will also be a further claim for the remainder of the year.

The funding forecast also includes £446k forecast returned surplus from the Nottinghamshire Business Rates pool for 2020/21. This amount is subject to change and it is impacted on by the actual 2020/21 outturn for NNDR for all authorities in the Nottinghamshire Business Rates pool. The position will be finalised as part of the outturn position.

### 1.10 Transfer to (from) earmarked reserves - (net transfer to reserves £2.035m)

This is the current estimate of unallocated Covid-19 funding to be moved to Covid-19 reserve for use in future years (£1.589m to reserves, see section 2) and the forecast returned surplus from the Nottinghamshire Business Rates pool for 2020/21 to the NNDR equalisation reserve (£446k to reserves).

The actual amount moved to these reserves and/or to other earmarked reserves or the general fund balance will be determined as part of the outturn position. Appendix 1 details the approved and forecast earmarked reserves movements for 2020/21 to date and the impact on earmarked reserve balances.

### 2. Covid-19 Grant Funding

2.1 The Directorate revised budget in Table 1 includes budget allocations for increased costs and reduced income targets as detailed in Table 2, these allocations are met from the unringfenced Covid-19 grant and the sales fees and charges compensation. These allocations are prior to the current lockdown, so further additional costs and losses of income relating to Covid-19 are now reflected in the forecast outturn position in Table 1.

Table 2 – Covid 19 expenditure pressures and use of grant income

Additional Costs	Description	Amount £'000
Resources and Business Transformation	Digital Services costs to support additional work to expedite work to meet Covid-19 response	90
	Communications - Letters, banners and posters	6
	Additional telephones, IT equipment and support	75

Transformation subtotal		171
Communities and Place	ASBO Case Officers - PPE	3
	Cemetery Grounds Maintenance - Additional	
	Staffing Resource	1
	Community Safety - Additional Vehicles	6
	Environmental Services - Additional Vehicles	28
	Garage Workshop - PPE, hand gel	1
	Leisure Centre support	240
	Markets - Additional staffing resources and PPE	35
	NCC Grass Cutting - Additional staffing resource	5
	Neighbourhood Response - banners and cleaning Planning - Revisiting strategy and recovery	1
	strategy	12
<del> </del>	Waste Collection - Additional Vehicles	61
Communities and Place sub total		393
Housing and Assets	Homelessness Assistance	18
	Asset Management - Acrylic screens, signage	14
	Tenancy Services - Letters to vulnerable and	0
Housing and Assets sub	elderly	2
total		34
Total Additional Costs		598
Loss of Income		
Resources and Business		
Transformation	NNDR Court Costs	10
	Reduced Council Tax recovery	180
Resources and Business Transformation sub total		190
Communities and Place	Bulky Collections	2
	Licencing	27
	Markets	21
	Park Cafes	3
	Pest Control	6
	Pitch fees	19
	Trade waste	24
Communities and Place sub total		102
Housing and Assets	Community Centre loss of income	22
	Reduction in car parking income due to no charging in lockdown and reduced usage	85
Housing and Assets sub total		107
Loss of Income Total		399
Total use of grant		997

2.2 The table shows £997k has been allocated of the (£2.327m un-ringfenced Covid-19 grant received in year, the £62k grant received in 19/20 moved into 20/21 and the £197k compensation for loss of sales and fee income claimed to date). The forecast in Table 1

includes movement of the unutilised amount £1.589m to the Covid-19 earmarked reserve. As referred to above further Covid-19 spend and income losses have and will continue to materialise, so there will be changes to the amount of unutilised grant transferred to the Covid-19 reserve, and the underspend transferred to General Fund reserve.

There has now been specific central government support directed towards loss of income in relation to NNDR and Council Tax, which is to allow deficit spreading and a 75% compensation scheme on some of the collection fund losses. There will still be impact in the future years on NNDR and Council Tax that may need to be met from the unutilised grant. An allocation may be made to the HRA to contribute towards additional costs and loss of income associated with Covid-19.

## 3. General Fund Budget Adjustments

3.1 Approval is requested for the following budget adjustments to recognise further additional grant and contributions received in year, since the previous report to Cabinet, and to create the corresponding expenditure budgets:

Table 3 - Budget Adjustments 2020/21

Description	£'000
Covid-19 Hardship Fund	(1,384)
Covid-19 Hardship Fund expenditure	1,384
Covid-19 Fees and Charges Compensation	(197)
Fees and charges expenditure budgets	197
New burdens funding for the delivery of the Covid-19 business support grant schemes	(59)
New burdens expenditure budget for costs of delivery of the Covid-19 business support grant schemes	59
Winter pressure grant	(68)
Winter pressure payments	68
NCC – Covid-19 Contribution for Voluntary and Community Sector	(20)
NCC – Covid-19 Contribution for Voluntary and Community Sector	20
Community Protection Police and Crime Commissioner Contribution	(44)
Community Protection delivery	44
Nottinghamshire Emergency Assistance Fund Allocations	(24)
Nottinghamshire Emergency Assistance Payments	24
Homeless Rough Sleeper Initiative Contributions	(70)
Homeless Rough Sleeper Initiative expenditure	70

## 4. General Fund Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2020/21

- 4.1 The 2020/21 budget included the proposed savings and efficiencies as detailed in Table 3 below. The forecast achievement of these savings is identified, on the following basis:
  - saving has been achieved in full (green),
  - saving forecast to be achieved but not in full, revised forecast savings is detailed in the 'Forecast Saving' column (amber),
  - saving will not be achieved (red).

Table 4 - General Fund Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2020/21

Saving/Efficiency	Comments on achievement	Budgeted Saving £'000	Forecast Achieved Saving £'000	Forecast Saving Shortfall £'000
Base Budget Review		302	302	0
HRA - reviewed				
contribution		100	100	0
Increase Vacancy Factor by 0.5%		72	72	0
Cease Trade Waste arrangement with MDC	Some waste is being collected by a third party contractor, forecast saving reduced to £30k, to be keep under review.	35	30	5
Building Control – Outsource	Delay in transfer of service resulting in costs of service being incurred, which has been partially off offset by income generated. Saving forecast to be £66k	75	66	9
Regeneration Service (Updated Proposal)		90	90	0
Transport Review - Phase 1&2		40	40	0
Lifeline Service -		49	49	0
transfer to Notts City Homes		58	58	0
HR/Payroll structure review		35	35	0
Stationery (including paper) saving (20%)		10	10	0
Pest Control - additional income to break even	Income forecast to be slightly less due to Covid-19 impact – saving forecast to be £9k but needs to be monitored for recovery impact.	13	9	4
Depot Canteen - income target	The canteen has been closed due to Covid-19, therefore the income target will not be achieved. However reduced costs are contributing to wards the savings target.	5	2	3
Democratic Services restructure	man do ano danningo tangon	14	14	0
Environmental Health		14	14	U
restructure		37	37	0
Finance Review		9	9	0
Community			_	
Foundation – Grants Ashfield Business		5	5	0
Centre		33	33	0

Reduce revenue ICT budget (capitalisation)		40	40	0
Kingsmill Reservoir Car Parking income	Impacted on by free parking until September given across the district under Covid-19 – saving forecast to be £1.5k.	3	2	1
Additional rental income from Police		2	2	0
TOTAL		987	965	22

4.2 There has been an increase of £500 in savings achieved since previously reported, relating to the Kingsmill Reservoir Car Parking income. As outlined in the previous monitoring report the savings position has been included in the forecast outturn reported in section 1 of the report. Where deliverability of the savings have been impacted on by Covid-19, the loss on achieving the full savings is incorporated in the Covid-19 pressures at Table 2 and will be met from the Covid-19 grant funding.

## 5. Summary for Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- 5.1 Table 5 sets out the 2020/21 HRA forecast outturn position based on actual income and expenditure to January 2021, compared to the revised budget.
- 5.2 Details of any significant variances incorporated within the forecast outturn are detailed in the commentaries below the table.

Table 5 - Net Revenue Forecast to 31 March 2021 by Directorate

Description	2020/21 Revised Budget	2020/21 Forecast Outturn	Current Forecast Variance	Previous Forecast Variance	Change
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Rents, Charges and Contributions	(24,471)	(24,348)	123	36	87
Interest and investment income	(210)	(15)	195	150	45
Total Income	(24,681)	(24,363)	318	186	132
Expenditure					
Repairs and Maintenance	7,799	7,322	(477)	(282)	(195)
Supervision and Management	4,446	4,292	(154)	(13)	(141)
Interest payable and similar charges	3,548	3,548	0	0	0
Rents, Rates, Taxes and other charges	192	187	(5)	(5)	0
Depreciation and impairments of fixed assets	3,736	3,736	0	0	0
Debt Management Costs	45	45	0	0	0
Contribution to the Bad Debt Provision	240	240	0	0	0
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	22	0	(22)	0	(22)
Capital expenditure funded by the HRA	2,589	1,598	(991)	0	(991)

Total Expenditure	22,617	20,968	(1,649)	(300)	(1,349)
Net Cost of HRA Services	(2,064)	(3,395)	(1,331)	(114)	(1,217)

## 5.3 Rents, Charges and Contributions

Tenant rental & garage income is forecast to be £29k underachieved due to delayed property sign ups and property moves and community centre income is forecast to be underachieved by £32k, both due to the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions. Home Improvement and Garden Maintenance income has reduced due to the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions by £32k but this will be offset by a reduction in expenditure through the Repairs and Maintenance section. No Court cost income as no evictions under Covid-19, this will be offset by a reduction in expenditure in Supervision & Management of £25k.

### 5.4 Interest and Investment Income

Reduced Interest rates in the banking sector will reduce the average annual interest rate on the HRA balances. Currently forecasting a reduction of £195k but this is open to fluctuation dependant on the economy.

## 5.5 Repairs and Maintenance

Forecast underspend of £477k across several budget areas. This includes vacancy savings across the Housing Repair Operatives, Estate Services and the Responsive Maintenance management sections. A reduction in materials and subcontractors used in planned, responsive and void repairs due to Covid-19 lockdown. It is unlikely that subcontractors will be able catch up the lost time on planned works in the remainder of the current financial year as their capacity is limited. This is being reviewed each month taking into account the responsive element of the service.

### 5.6 Supervision and Management

Unable to recruit to Housing Officer posts throughout the year or through agency, vacancy and fixed term contract posts unfilled of £96k. Community Centre running costs expected to be under budget by £15k, Court expenses below budget by £25k as referred to above. Remaining variance made up of several other budget headings.

### 5.7 Transfer to the Major Repairs Reserve

Additional costs of £58k have been incurred due to Covid-19 in terms of a payments to the existing contractor to contribute towards on-going costs during the lockdown to ensure the contract remains live and ensure their ability to resume works upon the easing of lockdown; these cost are being off-set against the revised budget.

## 5.8. Capital Expenditure funded by the HRA

Delays due to the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions will lead to some schemes completing in the new financial year.

### 6. HRA Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2020/21

- 6.1 The 2020/21 HRA budget included the proposed savings and efficiencies as detailed in Table 4 below. The forecast achievement of these savings is identified, on the following basis:
  - saving has been achieved (green),
  - saving forecast to be achieved but actions are still required to secure the saving (amber),
  - saving will not be achieved (red).

Table 6 - General Fund Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2020/21

Saving/Efficiency	£'000
Housing Repairs Review - staffing efficiency	13
Dynamic Resource Scheduler efficiency - less use of	
subcontractors	60
Increase Vacancy Factor by 0.5%	25
TOTAL	98

6.2 The forecast achievement of these savings is included within the forecast outturn reported in section 3 of the report.

## 7. Capital Programme Summary 2020/21

7.1 The most recent revised 2020/21 Capital Programme budget was considered at Cabinet on 23rd February 2021 and approved by Full Council on 4th March 2021. Table 6 below shows the actuals and commitments as at January 2021 compared to the approved revised budgets, which are aligned to the current forecast outturn. The outturn report will provide details of any variances arising to the end of March 2021.

Table 7 - Capital Programme Summary 2020/21

Description	Actual + Commitments to January 2021	Current Approved Capital Programme February 2021	Variance to Proposed February 2021 Capital Programme
Housing Revenue Account			
Decent Homes Schemes			
Management Fee	0	581	581
Catch Up and Future Major Works	2,100	2,455	355
Service Improvements	4	69	65
Contingent Major Repairs	53	55	2
Exceptional Extensive Works	144	140	(4)
Kirkby & Rural	(80)	0	80
Disabled adaptations - Major adaptations	65	110	45
Disabled adaptations - Minor adaptations	156	218	62
Sub Total	2,442	3,628	1,186
Other Housing Revenue Account Schemes			
Affordable Housing developments	81	20	(61)
Investment in New or Existing Dwellings	477	1,144	667

Grand Total	11,358	17,279	5,921
Total	7,502	11,602	4,100
Other General Fund Schemes (less than £100k)	484	782	298
Towns Fund Projects	147	1,425	1,278
Titchfield Park Brook	19	310	291
Purchase of Vehicles	431	325	(106)
Piggins Croft Car Park	6	153	147
Officers' IT for Agile Working (General Fund)	65	103	38
Nuncargate Recreation Ground	79	146	67
Lindleys Lane Play/Youth Area	170	178	8
Kirkby Park and Play Areas	149	120	(29)
Kirkby Leisure Centre	1,184	2,563	1,379
Kings Mill Reservoir Car Park Expansion	4	4	0
Kings Mill Reservoir (The King and Miller to Kingfisher)	492	678	186
Investment Properties	3,610	3,305	(305)
Improvement Grants 1996 Act Disabled Facility Grant	643	1,177	534
Hucknall Leisure Centre	12	118	106
Hucknall Car Parks (Combined)	0	0	0
Health and Safety works for Kirkby Offices	7	215	208
General Fund			
Total	3,856	5,677	1,821
Sub Total	1,414	2,049	635
Other Housing Revenue Account Schemes (less than £100k)	33	76	43
Officers` IT for Agile Working (HRA)	51	103	52
Maun View Sutton-in-Ashfield	3	3	0
Housing Vehicles	766	700	(66)
Hucknall Infill Sites	3	3	0

# **Implications**

## **Corporate Plan:**

The General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme reflect the priorities in the Corporate Plan.

## Legal:

If approved by Cabinet, this report will require approval by Council as this forms part of the Council's Budgetary Framework (Financial Regulation B.1 and Article 4 of the Constitution).

### Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	As set out in the detailed information section of the report.
General Fund – Capital Programme	

Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	

#### Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Failure to spend within approved budgets could impact on the financial sustainability of the Council.	Financial monitoring reports to CLT and Cabinet. Financial Regulations. Financial Management training of Budget Holders and Managers.

### **Human Resources:**

No implications

### **Environmental/Sustainability**

No implications

### **Equalities:**

No implications

### Other Implications:

None

### **Background Papers**

Annual Budget and Council Tax 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update to Council 5th March 2020

Forecast Outturn for General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme as at Jan 2020 to Council 23rd April 2020

Draft Outturn 2019/20 Accounts Report to Cabinet 21 July 2020

2020/21 Forecast outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at July 2020 Report to Cabinet 15 September 2020.

2020/21 Forecast outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at September 2020 Report to Cabinet 1 December 2020.

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