

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>Decision Number:</b>	EX44/2018
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	8 October 2018

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT MONTH 4 2018/19

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The level of spending against the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets for the first 4 months to 31 July 2018.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the report.

2.2 To continue to lobby Government (HM Treasury, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Education in particular) along with local authority peers, the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Children's Services for more funding to cope with the mounting demand and new burdens presenting in Children's Services.

2.3 To require the respective directors and Director of Resources to continue to closely monitor and manage service financial and operational performances, specifically Children's Services, Strategic Leisure Assets and Parking Services.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure financial performance against the Council's Revenue and Capital Budget is kept under review by members.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

**4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

**5.0 Background Information**

5.1 See reports and appendices circulated to members under separate cover.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes

The Corporate Delivery Unit has been working with Resources to ensure any service Transformation required by budget savings are addressed in the Delivery Unit workplan.

**5.4 List of Appendices:**

Report

Appendix 1 - Revenue Summary

Appendix 2 - Schedule of Service forecast overspendings

Appendix 3a - Chief Executive

Appendix 3b - Governance and Partnership Services

Appendices 3b/c - Ward Budgets

Appendix 3d - Resources

Appendix 3e – Communications and Regeneration

Appendix 3f - Strategic Leisure Assets

Appendix 3g - Community and Environmental Services

Appendix 3h - Adult Services

Appendix 3i - Children’s Services

Appendix 3j - Public Health

Appendix 3k - Budgets Outside the Cash Limit

Appendix 4 - Capital Monitoring

Appendix 5 - Cash Flow Summary

Appendix 6 - General Fund Balance Sheet Summary

All circulated to members under separate cover

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 See reports and appendices circulated to members under separate cover.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was produced as a part of the budget setting process and remains relevant.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 See reports and appendices circulated to members under separate cover.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 Impact of financial performance on Council balances. Financial performance against approved Revenue and Capital budgets.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Key decision information:**

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

**15.0 Call-in information:**

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**

**16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):**

Date informed: N/A                      Date approved: N/A

**17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):**

17.1 None.

**18.0 Executive decision:**

18.1 The Executive agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:

1. To note the report.
2. To continue to lobby Government (HM Treasury, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Education in particular) along with local authority peers, the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Children's Services for more funding to cope with the mounting demand and new burdens presenting in Children's Services.
3. To require the respective directors and Director of Resources to continue to closely monitor and manage service financial and operational performances, specifically Children's Services, Strategic Leisure Assets and Parking Services.

**18.2 Date of Decision:**

8 October 2018

**19.0 Reason(s) for decision:**

To ensure financial performance against the Council's Revenue and Capital Budget is kept under review by members.

**19.1 Date Decision published:**

8 October 2018

**20.0 Executive Members present:**

**20.1 Councillor Blackburn in the Chair**

Councillors Benson, Cain, Campbell, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

**21.0 Call-in:**

21.1

**22.0 Notes:**

22.1