

Report to:	EXECUTIVE
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	20 January 2020

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT MONTH 7 2019/20

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The level of spending against the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets for the first 7 months to 31 October 2019.

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 significantly more funding to cope with the soaring 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 but also Strategic Leisure Assets, Parking Services and Concessionary Fares, and to ensure the release of at least £1m of budgets across all directorates as a consequence of a 1-year freeze on non-essential spend and the release of £1m of Earmarked Revenue Reserves to compensate for the deficit on Working Balances as at month 4.

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 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 – Growth & Prosperity

Appendix 3h - Community and Environmental Services

Appendix 3i - Adult Services

Appendix 3j - Children's Services

Appendix 3k - Public Health

Appendix 3l - 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:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: N/A

Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1

18.2 Date of Decision:

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

19.1 Date Decision published:

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1