Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX24/20222
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	13 June 2022

PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2021/22

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The report of the Director of Resources on the Provisional Revenue Outturn for 2021/22 compared with the approved budget and the capital expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2022 with sources of funding.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the provisional revenue outturn for 2021/22 and in so doing to note that the figures are subject to external audit and final accounting adjustments (ref. paragraph 2.1).
- 2.2 To approve the recommendation regarding the underspend of £71,000 in respect of the scheme commitments on Ward Budgets to be carried forward to 2022/23 in full (ref. paragraph 3.3). Noting that this recommendation is the result of the implementation of the Ward Funding scheme arrangements approved by Executive on the 7 December 2020 (decision EX54/2020 refers).
- 2.3 To approve the provisional capital outturn for 2021/22 and methods of scheme funding as outlined (ref. paragraphs 4.2 and 4.5).
- 2.4 To note the Prudential Indicator (ref. paragraph 4.3).
- 2.5 To note the levels of the earmarked reserves including those for the Housing Revenue Account and maintained schools (ref. paragraphs 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5).
- 2.5 To note the revised dates and process for the draft, final audited accounts and the public inspection of accounts (ref. paragraph 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To bring the Provisional and Capital outturn figures to Members' attention at the earliest opportunity in accordance with good financial practice and to seek approval of the treatment of carry forward underspend as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report at Appendix 2a to the Executive report.
- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or No approved by the Council?
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

6.0 Background Information

- 6.1 The report of the Director of Resources attached at Appendix 2a to this report outlines the Provisional Revenue Outturn for 2021/22 compared with the approved budget and the capital expenditure in the year ended 31 March 2022 with sources of funding.
- 6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

7.0 List of Appendices:

Appendix 2a - Report of the Director of Resources Appendix 2b - Outturn Summary Appendix 2c - Chief Executive Summary Appendix 2d - Governance and Partnership Summary Appendix 2e - Ward Budgets Summary Appendix 2f - Resources Summary Appendix 2g - Communications and Regeneration Summary Appendix 2h - Strategic Leisure Assets Summary Appendix 2i - Community and Environmental Services Summary Appendix 2j - Adult Services Summary

No

Appendix 2k - Children's Services Summary Appendix 2I - Public Health Summary Appendix 2m - Budgets Outside the Cash Limit Summary Appendix 2n - Capital Outturn Summary

8.0 Financial considerations:

- 8.1 See reports and appendices.
- 9.0 Legal considerations:
- 9.1 None.
- 10.0 Risk management considerations:
- 10.1 Impact of financial performance on Council reserves and balances.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 The Equality Analysis completed when the General Revenue budget was approved by Council on 8 March 2021 remains relevant.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

- 12.1 None.
- **13.0** Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:
- 13.1 None.
- 14.0 Background papers:
- 14.1 None.
- 15.0 Key decision information:
- 15.1 Is this a key decision?
- 15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:
- 15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A
- 15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

16.0 Call-in information:

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process?

No

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

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

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

- 18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):
- 18.1 None.

19.0 Summary of Discussion:

19.1 Mr Steve Thompson, Director of Resources, presented the report to the Executive in doing so he highlighted that the figures remained provisional in that they are subject to external audit and any final accounting adjustments. Mr Thompson highlighted the performance overall remained positive with working balances preserved at £6.1m and a number of necessary earmarked reserves protected. The biggest challenge remained within children's services and it was intended that a refreshed Children's Services Medium Term Financial Strategy would be brought to an Executive meeting in the near future to deal with the increased costs in more detail. In response to questions from the Executive Mr Thompson explained that as outlined in Appendix 2a to the Executive report at paragraph 4.5 the funding sources for the Capital Programme included roughly one-third from government grants with the remainder funded via Prudential Borrowing and Capital Receipts.

20.0 Executive decision:

- 20.1 The Executive agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:
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 - 6. To note the revised dates and process for the draft, final audited accounts and the public inspection of accounts (ref. paragraph 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5).

21.0 Date of Decision:

21.1 13 June 2022

22.0 Reason(s) for decision:

22.1 The report fulfilled the purpose of bringing the Provisional and Capital outturn figures to Members' attention at the earliest opportunity in accordance with good financial practice. The Executive considered the treatment of carry forward underspend as outlined in paragraph 3.3 of Appendix 2a to the Executive report and agreed that this would be reasonable and in line with best practice.

23.0 Date Decision published:

23.1 14 June 2022

24.0 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

24.1 The Executive noted that there were no alternative options for consideration.

25.0 Executive Members present:

25.1 Councillor L Williams, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Campbell, Farrell, Hugo, Smith and Taylor

- 26.0 Call-in:
- 26.1
- 27.0 Notes:
- 27.1 The following non-Executive member was in attendance: Councillor Hunter

Apologies were received from Councillor Hobson who was engaged elsewhere on official Council business.