



**COUNCIL MEETING
17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

REVENUE BUDGET – FIRST QUARTER REVIEW 2020/21

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the latest monitoring position on the 2020/21 revenue budget at the end of the first quarter, including impacts of the global pandemic.
2. The original revenue budget for 2020/21, as agreed by the Council on 27 February 2020, was set at £220.761m. The first quarter review now projects an outturn of £245.839m representing an overspend of £25.078m. This overspend is mitigated by additional grant funding (COVID, Public Health and Better Care Funding) resulting in an overall projected overspend of £8.014m. The projection for the year also includes the application of £0.950m of reserves consistent with agreed usage. Ongoing actions to mitigate the budget shortfall are presented in appendix 1 of the attached report.
3. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that Council approves an amendment to the net revenue budget for 2020/21 from £220.761m to £238.071m, as presented in appendix 2 of the attached report, to account for the additional better care, public health and COVID emergency grant funding.