

EX76. FINANCIAL POSITION 2014/15

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer presenting the Council's projected year end financial position.

An overspend of £3.173m was projected in the General Fund. This was due in the main to overspends within the Education and Social Work Services' budgets. In both cases the overspend was attributed to an increase in demand for services. A summary was provided of the major deviations from budgets.

The General Fund balance was projected, at 31 March 2015, to be £7.102m. This was within the Council's reserves strategy range of £7m-10m, albeit at the lower end. However it was anticipated that the balance would decrease significantly below the lower limit over the next 2 years as reserves are utilised. A review of the reserves strategy would be reported to the Executive in January 2015.

The projected year end positions in regard to the Trading Account, Housing Revenue Account and General Fund reserves were also provided, together with details of movements on the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

Decision

The Executive noted :-

- 1) the Council's projected year-end financial position for 2014/15;**
- 2) transfers to the Repairs & Renewals Fund and Earmarked Reserves as outlined in Appendix 3 of the report; and**
- 3) the position on the General Fund Reserve as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report.**