

EX74. Projected Financial Position 2018/19

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the financial position of the Council for 2018/19 and its Reserves; and detailed progress with meeting the budgeted financial targets.

In August, the Executive noted the projected overspend in net expenditure of £5.380m however, this variation was partially due to expenditure funded from reserves. The expenditure for this report, had been offset by contributions from reserves, as the overall effect was to reduce the previously reported overspend to £3.197m. The impact on the General Fund position remains the same as that reported in August.

Net expenditure at 31 March 2019 was now forecast to be £345.2m which was £1,996m (0.6%) above the resources available. This was an improvement of £1,231m from the restated August overspend of £3.197m and, was primarily due to a reduction in the projected overspend within Children's Services.

The report set out the reasons for the significant deviations from budget by each service.

Spending within the Housing Revenue Account of £62.7m was in line with the budget. The reserve balance brought forward at 1 April 2018 was £5.093m and no application of reserves was planned for 2018/19.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the Council's projected year-end financial position for 2018/19;**
- (2) noted the position with respect to Reserves, and**
- (3) agreed to instruct service directors to take appropriate actions to maintain their costs within the approved budget.**