

Meeting of:	Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, 09 December 2020
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Revenue and Capital Monitoring for the Period 1st April to 30th September 2020
Purpose of Report:	To advise Scrutiny Committee of the progress relating to revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1st April to 30th September 2020
Report Owner:	Report of the Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Carys Lord Head of Finance/ Section 151 officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a monitoring report on their respective areas. This report does not require Ward Member consultation
Policy Framework:	This report is for executive decision by the Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revenue position for 2020/21 is challenging with additional pressure for the service both operationally and financially as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This has impacted both as a result of incurring additional expenditure but also from a loss of income. Funding has been provided by Welsh Government to cover some of the issues. • The capital budget for this Committee has been set at £23.832m. 	

Recommendations

1. That Scrutiny Committee consider the position with regard to the 2020/21 revenue and capital budgets.
2. That Scrutiny Committee note the revised budget for 2020/21.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. That Members are aware of the projected revenue outturn for 2020/21.
2. That Members are aware of the revised budget for 2020/21

1. Background

- 1.1 Cabinet on 16th November 2020 approved the revised budget for 2020/21 (minute number c372).

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Revenue

- 2.1 At this time of the year the original budget is usually reviewed for any required adjustments and an amended budget is calculated. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the amended budget for 2020/21 relating to this Committee, together with the necessary adjustments to be made. These adjustments reflect charges for the use of capital assets, changes to inter-service recharges and transfers and pensions adjustments to comply with accounting standards. They have no overall effect on the net budget of the Committee and are accounting adjustments largely outside the control of services.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that services within this Committee's remit will outturn within budget at year end.

Directorate/Service	2020/21 Original Budget	2020/21 Revised Budget	2020/21 Projected	Variance (+)Favourable (-) Adverse
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Youth Offending Service	737	718	718	0
Regulatory Services	1,894	1,900	1,900	0
Council Fund Housing	1,339	1,317	1,317	0
Private Housing	848	854	854	0
Total	4,818	4,789	4,789	0

- 2.3** Youth Offending Service - It is early in the financial year and currently it is anticipated that this service will breakeven at year end.
- 2.4** Regulatory Services - The allocation represents the Vale of Glamorgan's budget for its share of the Shared Regulatory Service (SRS). A separate set of accounts is maintained for the SRS and periodically reported to the Shared Regulatory Service Joint Committee. It is anticipated that the SRS will outturn on target.
- 2.5** Council Fund Housing - In response to the WG guidance on managing homelessness during the COVID19 pandemic and the provision of £10 million of additional funding to enable local authorities to secure accommodation needed to ensure that those without a home can be protected, supported and isolated if necessary, the Housing Solutions Team worked hard to secure additional emergency temporary accommodation for the Vale's homeless clients during this period. The team has successfully housed 265 clients by using Ty lolo hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation and council, leased and shared properties in the private rented sector and have secured a total of 86 local hotel rooms in order to satisfy demand. The additional costs of this increased accommodation have been funded by WG and confirmation has been received that this will continue until 31st March 2021. The Community Safety team has also been heavily involved in dealing with an increase in anti-social behaviour during lockdown, mainly due to large gatherings. This means there is now an impetus on ensuring that our CCTV equipment provision is positioned at the most effective sites. The team are currently looking at rolling out the replacement programme using the £350k capital funding set aside last year. Discussions are still on-going regarding the future monitoring of CCTV therefore the 2019/20 revenue savings target of £75k will again not be achieved this year. It is anticipated that unless this saving can be covered by underspends elsewhere within the service, funding will need to be drawn down from reserves to cover this shortfall.
- 2.6** Private Housing - The pandemic has badly affected the Disabled Facility Grants fee income as clients have understandably been anxious about officers and contractors entering their property. Quarter 1 fee income was £5k, against a profiled target of £36k. With the slow easing of lockdown it is anticipated that the situation should improve but it will not be possible to achieve the full year's target by March. This position may improve if the loss of income claim to WG is successful.

2020/21 Efficiency Targets

- 2.7** As part of the Final Revenue Budget Proposals for 2020/21 no efficiency targets were set for services under this Committee.

Capital

- 2.8** Appendix 2 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th September 2020. The following changes have been made to the Capital Programme since the last report to Committee.
- 2.9** Community Safety Improvements - The lighting scheme is complete and has underspent and it has been requested to carry forward and vire £10k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to the Upgrade of CCTV system scheme to accommodate the purchase of a CCTV camera.
- 2.10** Upgrade of CCTV system - The multi-agency South Wales CCTV Strategic Group and Operational Group have been established and work plans agreed. In terms of the Vale it has been agreed to establish a multi-agency task and finish group to review the existing CCTV service, location, monitoring and technology used. The task group will be aligned to the South Wales Regional work so that the Vale can maximise opportunities to ensure that the Vale can deliver a 21st Century response to CCTV. The Vale will be in a position to agree a formal plan and procure a new solution during the early part of 2021/22. It has therefore been requested to carry forward £335k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- 2.11** Housing Improvement Programme, Individual Schemes - Due to COVID 19 causing delays in procuring and the commencement of works on Section 20 Leaseholder external refurbishment schemes at Severn Avenue, Long Meadow and Pontalun, it has been requested that £1m is carried forward into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- 2.12** Housing Improvement Programme, Common Parts - Due to COVID 19 causing delays in procuring and delivering the internal and communal area improvements and the fire door installation programme, it has been requested to carry forward £1m into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- 2.13** Housing Improvement Programme, Environmental Improvements - Due to COVID 19 causing delays in procuring and delivering the highway resurfacing, garages procurement and pathway/parking schemes, it has been requested to carry forward £300k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The revenue budget has been set in order to support services in the delivery of the Council's Well-being objectives. It is therefore important for expenditure to be monitored to ensure that these objectives are being delivered.
- 3.2** The revenue budget has been set and is monitored to reflect the 5 ways of working.

- 3.3 Looking to the long term** - The setting of the revenue budget requires planning for the future and takes a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable and that future need and demand for services is understood.
- 3.4 Taking an integrated approach** - The revenue budgets include services which work with partners to deliver services e.g. Health via ICF.
- 3.5 Involving the population in decisions** – As part of the revenue budget setting process there has been engagement with residents, customers and partners.
- 3.6 Working in a collaborative way** – The revenue budgets include services which operate on a collaborative basis e.g. Shared Regulatory Service, Vale Valleys and Cardiff Adoption Service.
- 3.7 Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – Monitoring the revenue budget is a proactive way of understanding the financial position of services in order to tackle issue at the source as soon as they arise.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** As detailed in the body of the report.

Employment

- 4.2** There are no employment implications.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** There are no legal implications.

5. Background Papers

None

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PROFILE TO DATE	ACTUAL SPEND 2020/21		APPROVED PROGRAMME 2020/21	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2020/21	VARIANCE AT OUTTURN 2020/21	PROJECT SPONSOR	COMMENTS
£000	£000		£000	£000	£000		
		Youth Offending Service					
15	0	YOS Building Gas Mains Renewal	15	15	0	R Evans	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
15	0		15	15	0		
		Housing Improvement Programme					
0	0	HRA Internal Works	1,080	1,080	0	M Punter	Planned internal upgrades have been put on hold, with only emergency and void property maintenance of WHQS being undertaken e.g. Kitchens, bathrooms, rewires and heating systems.
154	143	HRA External Works	2,103	2,103	0	M Punter	Continuation of installation of windows & doors, roof replacements, wall repairs and Airey properties refurbishment.
0	12	Individual Schemes	2,703	1,703	1,000	M Punter	Delivery of individual schemes. Start dates delayed due to Covid-19 lockdown & ecology compliance. Request to carry forward £1m as part of this report.
557	296	Energy Efficiency	2,229	2,229	0	M Punter	Continuation of External Wall Insulation projects
61	1	Emergency Works	421	421	0	M Punter	Emergency works schemes i.e. Building works to resolve property structural and damp issues
195	178	Aids and Adaptations	485	485	0	M Punter	Continuation of the adapted extension scheme and other major adaptations.
280	39	Common Parts	2,685	1,685	1,000	M Punter	Delivery of the fire safety management upgrade works and communal area improvements. Delays experienced in procuring the internal & external common part improvements due to Covid-19. Request to carry forward £1m as part of this report
545	124	Environmental Improvements	2,121	1,821	300	M Punter	On-going works to the Buttrills Estate, Margaret Avenue Gardens and Highway Maintenance Schemes. Delays in projects starting due to covid-19 lockdown. Request to carry forward £300k as part of this report.
1,733	888	New Build	8,697	8,697	0	M Punter	Continuation of Holm View/Breacon Court, new start on sites at Hayes Road and Civic Amenity site, Barry, along with feasibility works for new scheme and acquisition of properties/lanc
3,525	1,681		22,524	20,224	2,300		
		Community Safety					
		Additional In Year Capital Funding					
0	0	Community Safety Improvements	10	0	10	M Punter	Request to carry forward and vire £10k to the Upgrade of CCTV System scheme below in the 2021/22 Capital Programme
0	25	Upgrade of CCTV system	370	35	335	M Punter	Request to carry forward £335k as part of this report.
0	25		380	35	345		
		Public Housing					
3	0	Community POD Penarth	3	3	0	N Jones	Scheme complete.
3	0		3	3	0		
		Private Housing					
53	53	Disabled Facilities Grant	726	726	0	P Chappell	In the process of issuing grants
5	5	Barry Island and Cosmeston Toilets	18	18	0	P Chappell	The works at Cosmeston are complete. Works at Barry Island are nearing completion, a final piece of equipment was due to be installed during fire break so has been delayed until November
0	0	Penarth Renewal Area	5	5	0	P Chappell	We are reviewing one property for additional works required, discussions are ongoing with the homeowne
0	0	ENABLE	161	161	0	P Chappell	WG Grant. Scheme is progressing however spend is being reviewed due to Covid-19.
58	58		910	910	0		
3,601	1,764	COMMITTEE TOTAL	23,832	21,187	2,645		