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| Report to: | Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum |
| Date of Meeting: | 5 November 2009 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) |

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| Subject: | Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/2010 |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ update members of the Budget Scrutiny Forum of progress on the Council's revenue budget for the period covering 1 April 2009 to 4 September 2009.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Budget Scrutiny Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the 2009/10 Financial Position as at period 6 (4 September 2009) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Services Housing Revenue Account is noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (2) that the budget pressures within Education Resources and the strategy to manage the predicted overspend of £1.948 million be noted; and
- (3) that the position on the Enterprise Resources Trading Services, Financial and Operational Performance Review, as at period 6 (4 September 2009) be noted (as detailed in Appendix B).

3. Background

3.1. The Revenue reports attached provide detail on the most recent Executive Committee report dated 7 October 2009. The reports detail the position as at 4 September 2009 for General Services, Housing and the Council's Trading Services. Also, a Financial and Operational Performance Review paper has been included for Enterprise Resources' Trading Service as part of the rotating reporting cycle.

3.2. The papers have been split into separate Appendices as shown below:

- Appendix A – 2009/10 Financial Position as at Period 6 (4 September 2009) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Services
- Appendix B – Enterprise Resources' Trading Service – Financial and Operational Performance Review as at period 6 (4 September 2009).

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The financial position of the General Services Revenue Budget, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading Services are detailed in Appendices A and B attached.
- 5.2. Appendix A shows a net overspend of £0.643 million against the phased budget. The net position is mainly the result of an overspend in Education Resources, offset in part by underspends in Corporate Resources and Finance and IT Resources, both as a result of vacancies.

A report to the Executive Committee on 9 September highlighted that a review of Education Resources budget had been undertaken and that a core problem of £4.078 million had been identified. As a consequence £2.130 million of central funds was transferred from loan charges into Education Resources budget, leaving a remaining budget pressure of £1.948 million.

With this budget pressure in mind, Education Resources' will continue to implement actions to address long standing budget pressures. As reported to the Executive Committee on 7 October, this will include savings from the lower than anticipated uptake of free school meals, the early implementation of management restructuring where possible, more stringent control of temporary cover costs, a review of energy management in all properties, the freezing of non essential vacancies and a review of additional support needs expenditure. In addition further scrutiny of central service budgets will take place to cancel or delay spending plans wherever possible.

These actions are intended to assist in reducing the current reported forecast overspend of £1.948 million.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. None

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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6 October 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

Value:

- ◆ Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Revenue Ledger prints to 4 September 2009

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