



# Report

Report to:	<b>Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>15 September 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011-12</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update members of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum of progress on the Council's revenue budget for the period covering 1 April 2011 to 5 August 2011.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the 2011/2012 Financial Position as at period 5 (5 August 2011) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations is noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (2) that the position on the Enterprise Resources' Trading Operation, Financial and Operational Performance Review, as at period 5 2011/2012 (5 August 2011) 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 September 2011. The reports detail the position as at 5 August 2011 for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading operations. Also, Financial and Operational Performance Review papers have been included for the Roads Trading Operations as part of the rotating reporting cycle.

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

- Appendix A – 2011/12 Financial Position as at Period 5 (5 August 2011) for General Services, Housing Revenue Account and Trading Operations
- Appendix B – Enterprise Resources' Trading Operation – Financial and Operational Performance Review as at period 5 2011/2012 (5 August 2011).

## 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 Operations are detailed in Appendices A and B

attached.

- 5.2. Appendix A shows a net underspend of £0.266 million against the phased budget. The forecast for the General Fund Revenue Account to 31 March 2012 is a break even position.
- 5.3. Education Resources' budget has increased by £0.924m to reflect monies received from the Government in respect of the Protection of Teacher Posts.
- 5.4. At the end of 2010-11 a sum of £1.985m was allocated to the Repairs and Renewals Fund to be used on road reconstruction to repair damage caused by the severe winter. These works have now commenced and this budget has now been allocated to Enterprise Resources. This is reflected in the budget figure in Appendix 1.
- 5.5. Housing Revenue Account Position  
As at 5 August 2011, Appendix 2 of the report shows an underspend of £0.036million against phased budget on the Housing Revenue Account.

## **6. Other Implications**

- 6.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Revenue Budget is that there is a significant overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed budget management applied across the Resources. The risk is managed through four weekly Budget Monitoring Meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensures early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.
- 6.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **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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5 September 2011

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Improvement Themes/Objectives**

- ◆ *Value:* Accountable, Effective and Efficient

## **Previous References**

- ◆ None

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Revenue Ledger prints to 5 August 2011

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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