

Report

Report to:	Housing and Technical Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2021/2022 - Housing and Technical Resources - Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide information on the actual expenditure measured against the revenue budget for the period 1 April 2021 to 8 October 2021 for Housing and Technical Resources (HRA); and
- ♦ provide a forecast for the year to 31 March 2022

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the breakeven position on Housing and Technical Resources' (HRA) revenue budget, as detailed in Appendix A of the report and the forecast to 31 March 2022 of a breakeven position, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. This is the third revenue budget monitoring report presented to the Housing and Technical Resources Committee for the financial year 2021/2022.

3.2. The report details the financial position for Housing and Technical Resources (HRA) on Appendix A.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications as a result of this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. As at 8 October 2021, there is a breakeven position against the phased budget. The forecast for the budget to 31 March 2022 is also a breakeven position.

5.2. The COVID-19 lockdown has had an impact on the Property Services section which provides the property repairs and maintenance service to the HRA. The section continues to incur non variable costs which require to be offset by income recovery, therefore a recharge could be required at year-end to HRA revenue budget to cover a share of these fixed costs.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Revenue Budget is that there is an 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.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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1 November 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 1 December 2021.
- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee, 29 September 2021.

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Financial ledger and budget monitoring results to 8 October 2021.

Contact for Further Information

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

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

Housing and Technical Resources Committee: Period Ended 8 October 2021 (No.7)

Housing Revenue Account

Budget Category	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion 08/10/21	Actual 08/10/21	Variance 08/10/21		% Variance 08/10/21	Notes
Employee Costs	14,090	14,090	0	7,072	6,869	203	under	2.9%	1
Property Costs	48,021	48,021	0	24,302	24,350	(48)	over	(0.2%)	
Supplies & Services	879	879	0	272	275	(3)	over	(1.1%)	
Transport & Plant	195	195	0	80	80	0	-	0.0%	
Administration Costs	5,645	5,645	0	246	245	1	under	0.4%	
Payments to Other Bodies	2,976	2,976	0	1,052	1,052	0	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	100	100	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%	
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0.0%	
Financing Charges	19,637	19,637	0	19,687	19,695	(8)	over	(0.0%)	
Total Controllable Exp.	91,543	91,543	0	52,711	52,566	145	under	0.3%	2
Total Controllable Inc.	(108,345)	(108,345)	0	(48,607)	(48,620)	13	over recovered	0.0%	
Transfer to/(from) Balance Sheet	(839)	(839)	0	(387)	(229)	(158)	under recovered	(40.8%)	
Net Controllable Exp.	(17,641)	(17,641)	0	3,717	3,717	0	-	0.0%	
Loan Charges	17,641	17,641	0	0	0	0	-		
Net Controllable Exp.	0	0	0	3,717	3,717	0	-	0.0%	

Variance Explanations

1. The variance in Employee Costs is due to higher than anticipated staff turnover.
2. The net combined underspend year to date allows for a lower than budgeted level of transfer from reserves.

Virements

None