

Scrutiny Overview Committee

28 September 2021

Pre-Audit Outturn 2020/21

Ward(s) **All**

Portfolios: All - specifically in relation to Resources and Transformation -
Cllr M Bird – Leader of the Council
Cllr A Andrew – Regeneration (Customer - Money Home Job)
Cllr G Perry – Resilient Communities (Partnerships)
Cllr M Statham – Internal Services

1. Aim

1.1 To inform the committee of the pre-audit financial position for 2020/21, to allow the scrutiny of the financial performance of the council and the services within the committee's remit.

2. Recommendations:

The Committee are requested to:

2.1 Note the pre-audit outturn 2020/21 for the council as a whole – a revenue underspend of £0.45m, and net capital break even position net of £38.87m council funded carry forwards into 2021/22.

2.2 Note the pre-audit outturn 2020/21 for services within the remit of this committee – a revenue underspend of £2.20m, and net capital break even position net of £27.64m carry forwards into 2021/22.

3. Report detail - Know

3.1 This report summarises the forecast revenue and capital pre-audit outturn position for 2020/21, both for the council as a whole, and for services within the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee, as reported to Cabinet on 16 June 2021. The full Cabinet report can be accessed by the following link:

[Pre-Audit Outturn 2020-21 - Cabinet 16 June 2021](#)

Council wide position

3.2 A number of significant risks and pressures emerged during 2020/21 that required action to be taken to limit the council's exposure, mainly as a result of Covid-19, and demand pressures within Adult Social Care and Children's Services. The financial impact of the council's response to Covid-19 is regularly monitored and reported to Cabinet, with all related pressures expected to be funded from specific grants specifically identified. With regards other directorate pressures, these were managed

via a combination of one-off actions (use of earmarked reserves, use of one-off grant) and ongoing actions (review of existing budgets and realignments where feasible). After corrective action the council as a whole reported an underspend of £0.45m, as reported to Cabinet on 16 June 2021, with the detail shown at **Appendix 1**. Significant investment has been included within the 2021/22 budget to manage the identified demand pressures within Adult Social Care and Looked after Children.

- 3.3 The capital pre-audit outturn 2020/21 is a break even position for the council as a whole, net of council funded carry forwards of £38.87m. Summary provided at **Appendix 1**, with details by scheme at **Appendix 2 & 3**.

Position for services within the remit of this committee

- 3.4 The revenue pre-audit outturn position for services within the remit of this committee, is an underspend of £2.20m against budget, net of the use of reserves. Further details are shown in **Appendix 4**.
- 3.5 The total capital programme for schemes within the remit of this committee is £41.47m. The capital pre-audit outturn position is £13.83m, leaving an underspend of £27.64m to be carried forward into 2021/22. Those schemes relating to the remit of this committee are highlighted red in **Appendix 2 & 3**.

Resource and legal considerations:

- 3.6 This report represents the pre-audit revenue and capital outturn 2020/21 as reported to Cabinet on 16 June 2021.

Reducing inequalities:

- 3.7 Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil its equal opportunities obligations.

4. Decide

- 4.1 This Committee is asked to note the pre-audit revenue and capital outturn for 2020/21.

5. Respond

- 5.1 This report is for noting by the Committee as above, and therefore no formal response is required.

6. Review

- 6.1 This report is for noting and review by the Committee as above, and therefore no formal response is required.

Background papers:

- Various financial working papers.
- Corporate Budget Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23, Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2020/21 Onwards, as reported to Council on 27 February 2020.
- Pre-Audit Outturn 2020/21 and Covid-19 update, as reported to Cabinet on 16 June 2021.

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Pre-Audit Outturn 2020/21 – Walsall Council

Revenue

The council wide pre-audit revenue outturn is an underspend of £0.45m, and summarised by directorate in **Table 1** below.

| Table 1: Pre-audit Revenue Outturn 2020/21 | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Directorate | Budget £m | Year end Forecast £m | Year end forecast - variance to budget (under) / over £m |
| Adult Social Care and Public Health | 68.04 | 67.01 | (1.03) |
| Children's Services | | | |
| - Children's and Education | 78.11 | 78.07 | (0.04) |
| - Customer Engagement | 6.48 | 5.00 | (1.48) |
| Economy, Environment and Communities | 55.28 | 54.86 | (0.43) |
| Resources and Transformation | 34.16 | 33.53 | (0.63) |
| Services position | 242.08 | 238.47 | (3.60) |
| Capital Financing | (24.11) | (24.11) | 0.00 |
| Central budgets / Covid-19 corporate grants | (90.40) | (87.25) | 3.15 |
| Total council tax requirement | 127.56 | 127.11 | (0.45) |

A robust risk assessment of the 2020/21 budget was undertaken prior to the budget being set in February 2020. Action was taken corporately in year to address ongoing demand and cost pressures with services, mainly within Children's Services and Adult Social Care. Significant investment has been included within the 2021/22 budget to manage the identified demand pressures within Adult Social Care and Looked after Children.

The report to Cabinet on 16 June 2021 outlines the main reasons for the variances as shown above, impact on reserves, and a review of the impact of Covid-19.

The 2020/21 budget was predicated on delivery of £8.77m from the Proud Programme to be delivered from adopting new ways of working across the council, significantly enhancing our enabling technology capabilities, and improving our service efficiency and performance. Planned activities within the Walsall Proud Programme (WPP) were reviewed in order to determine those activities which could continue and those which would be delayed as the council focused on responding to the Covid-19 situation. As the year progressed, it became clearer that the refocus of programme resource into managing the council's Covid-19 response: an inability to generate fee and charge increases due to facility closures, and an inability to commence consultation on a number of organisational redesigns would significantly impact the programme and as such, plans were made to ensure that undelivered financial savings of £8.60m would be rolled into the 2021/22 budget setting process.

Capital

Table 2 summarises the pre-audit 2020/21 capital programme and the re-phasing of projects into 2021/22. The pre-audit position is split between council funded schemes and external funded schemes, full details by scheme are shown in **Appendix 2 and 3**.

| Table 2 : Pre-audit Capital Outturn 2020/21 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Funding | Budget £m | Outturn £m | Variance £m | Re-Profiling / Carry Forward to 2021/22 £m | Underspend £m |
| Council Funded | 64.05 | 25.18 | (38.87) | 38.87 | 0 |
| Externally Funded | 153.13 | 77.79 | (75.34) | 75.34 | 0 |
| Total | 217.18 | 102.97 | (114.21) | 114.21 | 0 |

In year reprofiling, leading to carry forwards into the following year, is a routine and normal practice. Capital carry forward is defined as a means to carry capital resources from one year to another to cover identifiable commitments that have moved from one year to another, or for where a project spans more than one year. In any large organisation dealing with construction projects, procurement regulations, etc, a level of carry forward is expected and built into resourcing assumptions. It is recognised that capital projects can cross over years and it is often difficult to be accurate in the estimation of which year the expenditure will be incurred.

As shown in **table 2**, 65.8% or £75.34m of the total relate to grant funded schemes. Of these, £33.12m relates to schools/children's, £35.86m to major regeneration schemes, £0.23m for leisure / parks schemes, £5.94m to transport / highways schemes, and £0.19m for other schemes. These schemes tend to require carry forward due to the timing of the receipt of the grant versus the actual spend, which in school's is often during the summer of the next financial year.

Appendix 2 – Pre-audit Capital Outturn by Scheme 2020/21 – council funded schemes

| COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CHILDREN'S SERVICES | | | | | |
| Schools capital using DSG | 1,764,764 | 1,764,764 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 year old (RCCO) | 13,078 | 13,078 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School temporary classrooms | 249,136 | 249,136 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| School estate condition survey | 250,000 | 79,300 | (170,700) | 170,700 | 0 |
| Looked after children out of borough placements | 239,022 | 34,672 | (204,350) | 204,350 | 0 |
| Children's services locality project | 73,000 | 7,732 | (65,268) | 65,268 | 0 |
| Aids and adaptations (statutory element) | 526,920 | 105,283 | (421,637) | 421,637 | 0 |
| Health through warmth and related retro fit schemes | 102,679 | 89,501 | (13,178) | 13,178 | 0 |
| CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL FUNDED TOTAL | 3,218,599 | 2,343,466 | (875,133) | 875,133 | 0 |
| ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES | | | | | |
| New homes bonus | 76,999 | 0 | (76,999) | 76,999 | 0 |
| Regenerating Walsall | 230,006 | 6,800 | (223,206) | 223,206 | 0 |
| Town and district centres public realm | 770,500 | 0 | (770,500) | 770,500 | 0 |
| Walsall market | 40,516 | 0 | (40,516) | 40,516 | 0 |
| Town centre masterplan | 250,000 | 0 | (250,000) | 250,000 | 0 |
| Broadway west playing fields (council) | 92,000 | 0 | (92,000) | 92,000 | 0 |
| Open water | 5,000 | 4,875 | (125) | 125 | 0 |
| St Peter church repairs to surrounding wall | 32,784 | 0 | (32,784) | 32,784 | 0 |
| Walsall arboretum car park | 4,896 | 0 | (4,896) | 4,896 | 0 |
| Walsall arboretum restoration programme - illuminated park proposals | 5,242 | 0 | (5,242) | 5,242 | 0 |
| Willenhall memorial park | 3,076 | 0 | (3,076) | 3,076 | 0 |
| Workshop breakdown vehicle | 66,991 | 0 | (66,991) | 66,991 | 0 |
| Bentley greenway footpath improvements | 147,895 | 101,405 | (46,490) | 46,490 | 0 |

| COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Headstone safety in cemeteries (RCCO) | 32,035 | 32,035 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Installation of air conditioning & refurb of public toilets | 120,581 | 120,581 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Willenhall lawn cemetery extension & land development | 682,134 | 542,961 | (139,173) | 139,173 | 0 |
| Replacement cemeteries administration system | 75,000 | 0 | (75,000) | 75,000 | 0 |
| Oak park car park | 0 | 84,745 | 84,745 | (84,745) | 0 |
| Darlaston swimming pool-arrest system | 10,289 | 10,289 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Walsall cemetery flooding | 258,000 | 72,215 | (185,785) | 185,785 | 0 |
| Oak park CCTV | 7,032 | 7,032 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Community dropped crossings | 34,228 | 32,557 | (1,671) | 1,671 | 0 |
| District town centre's public realm improvements | 736,580 | 377,842 | (358,738) | 358,738 | 0 |
| Highways maintenance | 2,800,000 | 2,800,000 | (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Hatherton road car park | 225,187 | 13,731 | (211,456) | 211,456 | 0 |
| Promotion of community health & safety | 360,000 | 201,662 | (158,338) | 158,338 | 0 |
| Replacement of obsolete analogue weather stations | 30,000 | 0 | (30,000) | 30,000 | 0 |
| Replacement of obsolete traffic signal control equipment | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Replacement of speed enforcement camera | 145,316 | 145,316 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hatherton road MSCP structural maintenance | 200,000 | 0 | (200,000) | 200,000 | 0 |
| Replacement partisol units | 56,886 | 56,886 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSDA | 9,801 | 0 | (9,801) | 9,801 | 0 |
| Walsall town centre public realm improvements | 229,500 | 7,727 | (221,773) | 221,773 | 0 |
| Town and district centres public realm | 227,706 | 87,398 | (140,308) | 140,308 | 0 |
| Resurfacing of church road car park (RCCO) | 48,168 | 48,168 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transit site | 30,789 | 30,789 | (0) | 0 | 0 |
| CCTV | 432,000 | 402,792 | (29,208) | 29,208 | 0 |
| Enterprise zones | 4,185,088 | 300,000 | (3,885,088) | 3,885,088 | 0 |
| Library redesign - Lichfield street hub | 41,862 | 41,862 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Single library management system | 39,757 | 0 | (39,757) | 39,757 | 0 |

| COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Darlaston Library Integration | 78,542 | 0 | (78,542) | 78,542 | 0 |
| Replacement PC's | 34,000 | 0 | (34,000) | 34,000 | 0 |
| RFID self-issue | 93,000 | 0 | (93,000) | 93,000 | 0 |
| Regional materials recycling facility | 2,782,381 | 533,324 | (2,249,057) | 2,249,057 | 0 |
| Middlemore lane HWRC | 8,545,500 | 6,600,816 | (1,944,684) | 1,944,684 | 0 |
| ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES COUNCIL FUNDED TOTAL | 24,477,267 | 12,863,808 | (11,613,458) | 11,613,458 | 0 |
| RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION | | | | | |
| Procurement system for (HRMS) and oracle EBS financials | 3,365,539 | 3,207,490 | (158,049) | 158,049 | 0 |
| Asbestos removal | 1,978 | 1,978 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planned property maintenance | 437,714 | 187,714 | (250,000) | 250,000 | 0 |
| Safe water supplies | 100,235 | 100,235 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Statutory testing | 214,135 | 214,135 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Civic centre heating | 1,146,646 | 0 | (1,146,646) | 1,146,646 | 0 |
| Council house rewiring | 972,794 | 807,053 | (165,741) | 165,741 | 0 |
| Council house smoke & heat detection fire alarm | 326,920 | 0 | (326,920) | 326,920 | 0 |
| Council house general heating | 1,091,360 | 2,800 | (1,088,560) | 1,088,560 | 0 |
| Operation repair & maintenance of council buildings | 376,138 | 40,061 | (336,077) | 336,077 | 0 |
| Fire risk assessment | 211,633 | 211,633 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schools project | 159,419 | 60,452 | (98,967) | 98,967 | 0 |
| Walsall council house-modern secure reception | 26,228 | 0 | (26,228) | 26,228 | 0 |
| Cotag replacement | 1,705 | 1,705 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Council house internal decoration | 55,500 | 11,058 | (44,442) | 44,442 | 0 |
| Willenhall lane travellers site pumping station | 44,400 | 0 | (44,400) | 44,400 | 0 |
| One Source Archiving | 334,356 | 0 | (334,356) | 334,356 | 0 |
| Security arrangements for corporate buildings | 125,000 | 0 | (125,000) | 125,000 | 0 |

| COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Rushall Olympic football club | 5,833 | 0 | (5,833) | 5,833 | 0 |
| Challenge block | 85,000 | 51,786 | (33,214) | 33,214 | 0 |
| Town centre strategic acquisition for third sector hub | 2,476,483 | 13,140 | (2,463,343) | 2,463,343 | 0 |
| Council chamber refurbishment | 187,002 | 37,110 | (149,892) | 149,892 | 0 |
| MYCMIS | 29,500 | 2,500 | (27,000) | 27,000 | 0 |
| Data backup system replacement | 50,000 | 0 | (50,000) | 50,000 | 0 |
| Essential Microsoft upgrades & foundation for office 365 | 145,830 | 87,409 | (58,421) | 58,421 | 0 |
| ICT-safe and secure environment | 3,402,645 | 946,500 | (2,456,145) | 2,456,145 | 0 |
| Single mobile devices for use within the new in-tune platform | 34,820 | 0 | (34,820) | 34,820 | 0 |
| Resource & consultancy to upgrade win2008 server | 200,000 | 192,292 | (7,708) | 7,708 | 0 |
| Proud - ICT | 200,000 | 87,026 | (112,974) | 112,974 | 0 |
| Enabling Technology | 11,700,000 | 399,924 | (11,300,076) | 11,300,076 | 0 |
| Microsoft azure cloud usage | 570,381 | 570,381 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maintaining a safe and secure environment | 99,118 | 99,118 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Telephony cloud based system | 500,000 | 822 | (499,178) | 499,178 | 0 |
| Proud card payments digital website | 500,000 | 0 | (500,000) | 500,000 | 0 |
| Flexible use of Capital Receipts | 4,000,000 | 0 | (4,000,000) | 4,000,000 | 0 |
| Health & Safety - Central Scheme | 34,305 | 0 | (34,305) | 34,305 | 0 |
| Capital Contingency | 79,883 | 0 | (79,883) | 79,883 | 0 |
| Leasing | 2,557,613 | 2,557,613 | (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Saddlers centre shopping centre | 468,444 | 83250 | (385,194) | 385,194 | 0 |
| RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL FUNDED | 36,318,557 | 9,975,184 | (26,343,373) | 26,343,373 | 0 |
| ADULT SOCIAL CARE | | | | | |
| All age disability hub | 36,869 | 2,028 | (34,841) | 34,841 | 0 |
| ADULT SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL FUNDED TOTAL | 36,869 | 2,028 | (34,841) | 34,841 | 0 |
| TOTAL COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES | 64,051,292 | 25,184,486 | (38,866,805) | 38,866,805 | 0 |

Schemes highlighted RED relate to the services within the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee.

Appendix 3 – Pre-audit Capital Outturn by Scheme 2020/21 – externally funded schemes

| EXTERNALLY FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CHILDREN'S SERVICES | | | | | |
| Academies | 346,130 | 0 | (346,130) | 346,130 | 0 |
| Basic need | 30,838,665 | 4,330,956 | (26,507,709) | 26,507,709 | 0 |
| Capital maintenance | 4,227,341 | 2,252,915 | (1,974,426) | 1,974,426 | 0 |
| Devolved formula capital | 2,158,585 | 669,789 | (1,488,796) | 1,488,796 | 0 |
| Healthy pupils capital fund | 63,704 | 63,704 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Section 106 | 381,270 | 36,902 | (344,368) | 344,368 | 0 |
| Special provision fund | 1,625,840 | 0 | (1,625,840) | 1,625,840 | 0 |
| Universal infant free school meals | 9,610 | 0 | (9,610) | 9,610 | 0 |
| Purchase of dispersed temporary accommodation | 255,000 | 0 | (255,000) | 255,000 | 0 |
| Warm homes | 737,728 | 437,005 | (300,723) | 300,723 | 0 |
| Disabled facilities grant | 2,816,396 | 2,816,396 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Off gas scheme | 285,373 | 13,320 | (272,053) | 272,053 | 0 |
| CHILDREN'S SERVICES EXTERNALLY FUNDED TOTAL | 43,745,642 | 10,620,986 | (33,124,656) | 33,124,656 | 0 |
| ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES | | | | | |
| Regenerating Walsall - private contributions | 8,746 | 0 | (8,746) | 8,746 | 0 |
| Broadway west playing fields (external) | 150,000 | 0 | (150,000) | 150,000 | 0 |
| Waste infrastructure capital grant | 226,980 | 41,888 | (185,092) | 185,092 | 0 |
| Pelsall memorial garden | 5,369 | 857 | (4,512) | 4,512 | 0 |
| Fibbersley LNR-Enovert | 828 | 0 | (828) | 828 | 0 |
| Rethinking parks | 119,000 | 61,773 | (57,227) | 57,227 | 0 |
| Black country blue network- ERDF | 43,435 | 27,134 | (16,301) | 16,301 | 0 |
| Additional highway maintenance pothole funding | 225,499 | 225,499 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Development of highways asset management plan | 2,774 | 2,774 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LTP including bridge strengthening 2010/11 | 221,417 | 221,312 | (105) | 105 | 0 |
| LTP Yorks bridge | 35,904 | 35,904 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| EXTERNALLY FUNDED SCHEMES | 2020/21 Budget £ | 2020/21 Outturn £ | Variance £ | Carry forward to 2021/22 £ | (Underspend)/ overspend £ |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Capital block DFT fund | 2,258,473 | 2,258,473 | (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Emergency active travel - tranche 1 | 209,000 | 207,961 | (1,039) | 1,039 | 0 |
| Challenge fund | 3,237,294 | 3,237,293 | (1) | 0 | 0 |
| Replacement footbridge Coalpool lane | 491,568 | 353,703 | (137,865) | 137,865 | 0 |
| M6 junction 10 highway improvements | 23,609,178 | 19,022,255 | (4,586,923) | 4,586,923 | 0 |
| National productivity investment fund | 390,143 | 390,144 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Zebra crossing | 54,560 | 49,786 | (4,774) | 4,774 | 0 |
| M6 j10 designated funds | 18,323 | 7,115 | (11,208) | 11,208 | 0 |
| West midlands strategic transport plan (STP) 'movement for growth' | 2,399,522 | 1,198,164 | (1,201,358) | 1,201,358 | 0 |
| ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES EXTERNALLY FUNDED | 33,708,013 | 27,342,036 | (6,365,977) | 6,365,977 | 0 |
| RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION | | | | | |
| Growth deal | 32,948,081 | 27,499,895 | (5,448,186) | 5,448,186 | 0 |
| LPIF | 29,765,878 | 355,627 | (29,410,251) | 29,410,251 | 0 |
| Getting building fund | 9,789,825 | 9,786,405 | (3,421) | 3,421 | 0 |
| BCLEP reinvestment digital fund | 781,318 | 250,000 | (531,318) | 531,318 | 0 |
| Towns fund accelerated funding | 1,500,000 | 1,046,629 | (453,371) | 453,371 | 0 |
| RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION EXTERNALLY FUNDED TOTAL | 74,785,102 | 38,938,555 | (35,846,547) | 35,846,547 | 0 |
| ADULT SOCIAL CARE | | | | | |
| Integrated Community Equipment | 888,000 | 888,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ADULT SOCIAL CARE EXTERNALLY FUNDED TOTAL | 888,000 | 888,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXTERNALLY FUNDED SCHEMES | 153,126,757 | 77,789,577 | (75,337,180) | 75,337,180 | 0 |

Schemes highlighted RED relate to the services within the remit of the Scrutiny Overview Committee.

**Pre-Audit Outturn 2020/21 –
Services within the remit of the Overview Scrutiny Committee**

Revenue

The 2020/21 pre-audit revenue outturn for services within the remit of this Committee is an underspend of £2.20m, as shown in **table 3** below:

| Table 3: Pre-audit outturn 2020/21 by service | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SERVICE | ANNUAL BUDGET | DRAFT OUTTURN AFTER USE OF AND TRANSFER TO EARMARKED RESERVES | VARIANCE TO BUDGET |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Economy, Environment & Communities | | | |
| Communities and Partnerships | 2,697,743 | 2,505,609 | (192,134) |
| Children Services | | | |
| Customer Engagement | 6,485,189 | 5,006,868 | (1,478,321) |
| Adult Social Care | | | |
| Print & Design / Communications | (5,586) | (5,586) | (0) |
| Resources and Transformation | | | |
| Democratic Services | 1,633,610 | 1,583,075 | (50,535) |
| Legal | (208,094) | (112,356) | 95,738 |
| Electoral Services | 782,698 | 848,372 | 65,674 |
| Finance | 1,979,786 | 1,805,571 | (174,215) |
| Corporate Assurance | (134,122) | (152,210) | (18,088) |
| Human Resources | 315,430 | 145,695 | (169,735) |
| Corporate Landlord | 9,281,292 | 9,031,322 | (249,970) |
| Payroll & Pensions | (139,714) | (87,734) | 51,980 |
| Procurement | (75,695) | (46,322) | 29,373 |
| Transformation & Digital | 1,682,015 | 1,571,896 | (110,119) |
| TOTAL | 24,294,552 | 22,094,200 | (2,200,352) |

The main variances are summarised in **Table 4** below.

| Table 4 – Reasons for revenue outturn variance | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Service | Variance £m | Explanation of Year End Outturn |
| Communities & Partnership | (0.19) | Underspend mainly due to staff costs allocated to grants |
| Money Home Job / Housing Standards | (1.48) | Underspent on: Salaries (£434k), Income (£98k) (surplus rent (£169k), overpayments (£378k) and shortfall court income £449k), HB Subsidy (£516k) and supplies (£436k) (inc (£150k) recovery costs, temporary accommodation (£364k). HS&I bad debt provision £8k |
| Print & Design / Communications | 0 | |
| Democratic Services | (0.05) | Underspends on salaries (£21k) and supplies and services (£30k) |
| Legal | 0.09 | Agency over spend of £464k and transfer to reserves of £182k, offset by UoR (£380k), salaries (£164k) and general (£6k) |
| Electoral Services | 0.07 | Transfer to reserves £256k and under recovery on income £12k, offset by savings on supplies and services (£200k) and salaries (£2k) |
| Finance | (0.17) | Underspend on salaries (£224k), audit contract (£21k) over recovery of income (£287k) and UoR (£276k), offset by overspend on agency £415k and supplies and services £220k |
| Corporate Assurance | (0.02) | Underspends on salaries (£13k) and supplies and services (£5k) |
| Human Resources | (0.17) | Underspends on salaries (£232k) and supplies and services (£88k) plus use of reserves (£70k), offset by under recovery of income £204k and transfer to reserves £17k |
| Corporate Landlord | (0.25) | Asset Management (£65k) mainly rental income, Hard IFM (£156k) vacant posts, Crossings (£82k) vacant posts, Catering (£42k) covid funding, Cleaning (£11k) vacant posts, Post Room (£3k), under recovery of income in Box Office £42k and Caretaking £67k |
| Payroll & Pensions | 0.05 | Under recovery of income £29k, and overspends on agency staff £11k, salaries £8k, and general £4k |
| Procurement | 0.03 | Over spends on agency staff £172k and supplies and services £20k offset by under spend on salaries (£163k) |
| Transformation & Digital | (0.11) | Underspend on salaries (£290k), offset by under recovery of income £49k, overspend on supplies and services £63k and transfer to reserves £68k |
| Services within remit of this Committee | (2.20) | |

Capital

The net capital pre-audit outturn 2020/21 for the services within the remit of this Committee was a net break even position, net of carry forwards of £27.64m to be utilised in 2021/22. Those capital schemes relating to the remit of this committee are highlighted red in **Appendix 2 & 3**.