

Item: 6

Education, Leisure and Housing Committee: 8 September 2021.

Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Repairs and Maintenance Programme – Expenditure Monitoring.

Joint Report by Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing and Head of Finance.

1. Purpose of Report

To monitor expenditure incurred against the approved Housing Revenue Account revenue repairs and maintenance programme as at 30 June 2021.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

The summary position of expenditure incurred, as at 30 June 2021, against the approved revenue repairs and maintenance programme in respect of the Housing Revenue Account, as detailed in section 4.2 of this report.

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.2.

The explanations given in respect of significant budget variances, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, in order to obtain assurance on progress being made with delivery of the approved revenue repairs and maintenance programme in respect of the Housing Revenue Account.

3. Background

3.1.

The Corporate Asset Management Plan 2019 to 2023 takes account of guidance produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and has streamlined the suggested framework to incorporate and complement the existing Capital Project Appraisal system.

3.2.

The Corporate Asset Management Plan summarises the Council's aims and objectives for its assets to ensure that they are used in an effective and efficient manner. This has been further supplemented by the Property Asset Management Plan approved on 10 December 2019.

3.3.

The purpose of this report is to present an overview or summary of the expenditure incurred as at 30 June 2021 to allow members the opportunity to scrutinise the spending levels against approved budgets and gauge the extent to which the Council's assets are routinely being maintained and replaced.

4. Budget Monitoring

4.1.

Appendix 1 shows the position of expenditure incurred for the period 1 April to 30 June 2021, against the approved programme and provides a breakdown of the various programmes of work to be undertaken during financial year 2021/22.

4.2.

The position at 30 June 2021 was expenditure of £309,200 against an annual budget of £1,464,200, with remaining budget of £1,155,000.

4.3.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact on delivery of services as a result of mitigations, issues with access to occupied properties and supplies essential to the works required.

5. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with its governance and financial processes and procedures and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and Local Improvement Plan.

6. Financial Implications

6.1.

The Financial Regulations state that service directors are able to incur expenditure within approved revenue and capital budgets. Such expenditure must be in accordance with the Council's policies and objectives and subject to compliance with the Financial Regulations and approved schemes of delegation.

6.2.

Development of a corporate approach to asset management planning should lead to efficiencies in the use of fixed assets, together with the potential for rationalisation of the Council's property estate going forward.

6.3.

More detailed monitoring of expenditure on the Housing Revenue Account revenue repairs and maintenance programme will result in improved accountability in relation

to delivery of the approved programmes of work and ensure members are kept informed of progress.

7. Legal Aspects

Regular financial monitoring and reporting help the Council meet its statutory obligation to secure best value.

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9. Appendix

Appendix 1: Housing Revenue Account revenue repairs and maintenance programme - Expenditure analysis as at 30 June 2021.

Repairs and Maintenance Programme	<u>Actual Expenditure</u> 30 June 2021 £000's	<u>Approved Budget</u> 2021/22 £000's	<u>Overspend /</u> <u>(Underspend)</u> £000's	<u>Estimated Outturn</u> 2021/22 P1 £000's	<u>Predicted</u> <u>Overspend /</u> <u>(Underspend)</u> £000's	<u>Update</u>
Cyclical Maintenance	10.0	60.0	(50.0)	70.0	10.0	Anticipate larger expenditure on external decoration if weather and resources allow due to catchup from last financial year.
Planned Maintenance	167.8	641.0	(473.2)	800.0	159.0	Anticipate increase in spend due to outstanding works from last financial year.
Reactive Repairs	51.8	233.9	(182.1)	233.9	-	On budget.
Voids/Improvements/Adaptations	79.6	328.0	(248.4)	328.0	-	On budget.
In-House Professional Fees	0.0	201.3	(201.3)	201.3	-	To be charged at year-end.
TOTALS	309.2	1,464.2	(1,155.0)	1,633.2	169.0	