COUNCIL MEETING, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

## REPORT OF THE

## Cabinet

PART I

## 1. 2017/18 – END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

- 1.1. The Cabinet received a report of the Director of Corporate Resources on the end of year financial position for 2017/18 at its meeting on 18 June 2018.
- 1.2. Net service cash-limited expenditure was £10.4m lower than budgeted against an overall gross budget of approaching £1.9bn, a variance in the region of 0.5%. This position reflects the County Council's continuing successful financial strategy of early delivery of resources from proposals in advance of need which provides funding that can then be used to meet the costs of change, to cash flow the delivery of savings or to offset service pressures.
- 1.3. The position for each of the departments is summarised in the table below:

	Variance (Under) / Over Budget £'000
Adults' Health and Care	0
Children's Services - Non Schools	0
Economy, Transport and Environment	(4,982)
Policy and Resources	(5,451)
Total Departmental Expenditure	(10,433)

- 1.4. Savings on non-cash limited budgets total £25.1m. This is mainly as a result of treasury management activity (including the achievement a return of more than 4% from higher yielding investments) and unused contingencies. Contingencies were in the main set aside in recognition of the increased risk in the budget due to ongoing pressures within social care, together with the fact that a further £98m was removed from the budget in 2017/18.
- 1.5. The report considered by Cabinet is attached, in full, as Annex 1 to this Council report.
- 1.6. In addition to a recommendation to Council, set out below, Cabinet resolved to:
  - Approve the outturn position set out in Section 3.
  - Approve the transfer of £6.25m to the Insurance Reserve to increase the reserve in line with most recent actuarial review.
  - Approve the transfer of £0.5m to the Investment Risk Reserve.
  - Approve the allocation of £1.4m of the net corporate savings to enable the County Council to provide funding to undertake vital remedial work

- to the county's road network following the prolonged cold and wet period.
- Approve an additional one off cash limit increase to the Economy, Transport and Environment Department of £1m in 2018/19 to add to the extra funding already identified as part of a sustained pot hole busting campaign, to be funded from a draw from the Corporate Policy Reserve, making a £6m additional commitment to tackling pot holes.
- Approve the transfer of the balance of the net corporate savings of approaching £17m to the Grant Equalisation Reserve (GER).
- Approve the increase of service capital programme cash limits for 2018/19 to reflect the carry forward of capital programme schemes and shares of capital receipts, as set out in Appendix 3.

The full report to Cabinet can be found at the following link:

• Cabinet 18 June 2018

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council:

a. Approves the report on the County Council's treasury management activities and prudential indicators set out in Appendix 2 of the End of Year Financial Report at Annex 1.