

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Performance Portfolio Holder

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FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE – Q3

Purpose

1. To provide the Portfolio Holder with an update on performance for the year 2010-11.
2. This is not a key decision but provides key performance information necessary to assess the authority's performance against its strategic aims and effectiveness of its budgetary control in doing so.

Recommendations and Reasons

3. The Policy and Performance Portfolio Holder is requested to note the contents of the report.

Background

4. The 2010-11 estimates for the Policy and Performance Portfolio form part of the overall considerations for the Council's annual budget setting exercise and were presented for endorsement by the Portfolio Holder, prior to being confirmed by Council in February 2010, the revised 2010-11 estimates were endorsed by the Portfolio Holder in January 2011.
5. The financial performance review for the period ending 31 January 2011 reports on the variance between the Revenue profiled revised budget and the total expenditure and commitments for that period, and is shown in **Appendix A**, and the Capital revised budget and total expenditure and commitments for that period, and is shown in **Appendix B**.

Considerations

Financial Performance period ending 31 January 2011

6. When compared to the profiled estimate for the period ending 31 January 2011, the Policy and Performance Portfolio shows an under-spend of £15,904, this variance is attributable to direct costs, the recharges being shown as a commitment equal to the profiled estimate for the year.

Policy and Performance

7. When compared to the profiled revised estimate, the Policy and Performance service shows an under-spend of £14,575. This is due in part to slippage on the Customer Service Excellence project, full assessment will take place in June 2011 and to the staff training programme due to take place in the Spring. It is expected that the Policy and Performance Manager will request the under-spend on these items to be rolled over to 2011-12 to fund the slippage.

Capital

8. The ICT capital estimate shows expenditure at 31 January 2011 of £91,339 compared to the Revised Estimate 2010-11 of £308,000. The under-spend is accounted for in part through slippage of £128,000 on Building Control and Housing Management Systems. The Head of ICT will request that any under-spend at year-end be rolled over to 2011-12 and vired to support the pc virtualisation project.

Implications

9. The Council needs to ensure that it spends within its budget, because of the impact on the level of balances and the implication for the Medium term Financial Strategy.

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| Financial | As detailed in the report. |
| Legal | None |
| Staffing | None |
| Risk Management | As above |
| Equal Opportunities | None |
| Climate Change | None |

Consultations

11. The relevant cost centre managers who are responsible for setting the level of their respective budgets and controlling the expenditure within them have been consulted.

Effect on Strategic Aims

12. The effect of any under or overspending on the achievement of corporate aims, service priorities and performance indicators and the linking of budgets with service performance is an ongoing challenge which the Council must continue to meet.

Conclusions / Summary

13. This report details the position of the revenue and capital expenditure on the Policy and Performance Portfolio for the period ended 31 January 2011.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Estimates 2010/11 and Revised Estimates 2010-11

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