Birmingham City Council

Report to Corporate and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

24 January 2025

Title:	**PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2023/24**
Lead Member:	Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member Finance
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Not Applicable
Has this report been shared with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair?	Not Applicable
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Is this a Key Decision?	Not Applicable
Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this a Late Report?	No
Reason(s) why Late and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this decision eligible for 'call in?'	Not Applicable
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Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?	No
Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private?	Not Applicable
Reasons why not included on the Notification and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This is the cover report for the Provisional Financial Outturn Cabinet Report. The contents of this report can be found at Appendix A.

2 COMMISSIONERS' REVIEW

2.1 Commissioners have previously commented on the poorly constructed 2023/4 budget. This report demonstrates just how inaccurate that budget has proved to be. Only 18% of planned savings were delivered which raises serious questions about both the due diligence arrangements and delivery mechanisms. In addition, there were revenue overspends totalling £97m which is 10% of the net budget. There are also significant income variations and major slippage of nearly 30% in the capital programme.

2.2 An accurate budget and capital programme are a fundamental building block of sound financial management. It is pleasing that improvements have been made, and we would urge the council to be remain focused on ensuring further progress is made in this area through the finance improvement programme

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

3.1 Notes the contents of the report contained in Appendix A.

4 KEY INFORMATION

4.1 Please see Appendix A.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 Please see Appendix A.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Please see Appendix A.

7 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

7.1 Please see Appendix A.

8 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Best Value

8.1 Please see Appendix A.

Legal

8.2 Please see Appendix A.

Equalities

8.3 Please see Appendix A.

Procurement

8.4 Please see Appendix A.

People Services

8.5 Please see Appendix A.

Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero

8.6 Please see Appendix A.

Corporate Parenting

8.7 Please see Appendix A.

Other

8.8 Please see Appendix A.

9 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix A: Provisional Financial Outturn 2023/24.

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Please see Appendix A.