

## Revised Report Template for all Executive Reports

### BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### PUBLIC REPORT

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>	<i>Exempt information paragraph number – if private report:</i>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND INTERIM CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER</b>	
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CORPORATE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 MONTH 4 (UP TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2017)</b>	
<b>Key Decision: Yes / No</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref: 003674/2017</b>	
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>O&amp;S Chair approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s) or Relevant Executive Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Ian Ward</b>	
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chair:</b>	<b>Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq</b>	
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>All</b>	

*(for late reports insert reason for lateness and reason for urgency)*

#### Purpose of report:

This report forms part of the City Council's robust arrangements for controlling its revenue expenditure.

Each Directorate's financial performance to date is shown, together with the risks and issues identified to date in the Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring document for Month 4, which is appended to this report.

#### Decision(s) recommended:

That Cabinet:-

1. Note the City Council's 2017/18 revenue budget position and the gross pressures identified as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
2. Note the latest monitoring position in respect of the City Council's savings programme and the present risks identified in its delivery
3. Approve the writing off of debts over £0.025m as summarised in Appendix 4 of the report.
4. Approve the delegation of the authority to agree a formula for the Devolution Deal funding to be provided to the West Midlands Combined Authority for 2016/17, 2017/18 and beyond, and to make the necessary payments, to the Section 151 Officer.

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**Consultation**

Consultation should include those that have an interest in the decisions recommended

Internal

Cabinet Members, Corporate Directors, the Acting City Solicitor, Human Resources and Assist Directors of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

There are no additional issues beyond consultations carried out as part of the budget setting process for 2017/18.

**Compliance Issues:**

Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?

The budget is integrated with the Council Financial Plan, and resource allocation is directed towards policy priorities.

Financial Implications

(How will decisions be carried out within existing finances and Resources?)

The Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring document attached gives details of monitoring of service delivery within available resources.

Legal Implications

Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires the Interim Chief Finance Officer (as the responsible officer) to ensure the proper administration of the City Council's financial affairs. Budgetary control, which includes the regular monitoring of and reporting on budgets, is an essential requirement placed on Directorates and members of the Corporate Leadership Team by the City Council in discharging the statutory responsibility. This report meets the City Council's requirements on budgetary control for the specified area of the City Council's Directorate activities.

Public Sector Equality Duty (see separate guidance note)

There are no additional Equality Duty or Equality Analysis issues beyond any already assessed in the year to date. Any specific assessments needed will be made by Directorates in the management of their services.

**Relevant background/chronology of key events:**

At the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the Council agreed a net revenue budget for 2017/18 of £821.8m to be met by government grants, council tax and business rates payers.

The base budget forecast variations in each Directorate are detailed in Section 2 of the Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring document, together with the actions presently proposed to contain spending within cash limits. The position is summarised in tabular form in Appendix 1 which incorporates the forecast year end pressures by Directorate.

Directorate risks relating to the Savings Programme and measures being undertaken to alleviate these are detailed in Section 2 of the attached report and the position is summarised in tabular form in Appendix 3.

### **Evaluation of alternative option(s):**

Corporate Directors, in striving to manage their budgets, have evaluated all the options available to them to maintain balance between service delivery and a balanced budget.

### **Reasons for Decision(s):**

To inform Cabinet of:

The City Council's 2017/18 revenue budget position and the level of gross pressures identified as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

The latest monitoring position in respect of the City Council's Savings Programme and the present risks identified in its delivery.

To approve:

The writing off of debts over £0.025m as summarised in Appendix 4 of the report.

The delegation of the authority to agree a formula for the Devolution Deal funding to be provided to the West Midlands Combined Authority for 2016/17, 2017/18 and beyond, and to make the necessary payments, to the Section 151 Officer.

**Signatures**

**Date**

Interim Chief Finance Officer: ..... ..

Interim Chief Executive: ..... ..

Deputy Leader: ..... ..

**List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:**

City Council Financial Plan 2017+ approved at Council 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):**

1. Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring Document – Month 4

## Equality Act 2010

The Executive must have due regard to the public sector equality duty when considering Council reports for decision.

The public sector equality duty is as follows:

- 1 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
  - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act;
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 2 Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:
  - (a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
  - (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
  - (c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- 3 The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.
- 4 Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:
  - (a) tackle prejudice, and
  - (b) promote understanding.
- 5 The relevant protected characteristics are:
  - (a) marriage & civil partnership
  - (b) age
  - (c) disability
  - (d) gender reassignment
  - (e) pregnancy and maternity
  - (f) race
  - (g) religion or belief
  - (h) sex
  - (i) sexual orientation