# **Agenda**



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## An informal meeting of

## **Cabinet members**

will be held on Monday 20 December 2021 at 10.30 am This will be a virtual, online meeting.

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### **Cabinet Members:**

Councillors

Emily Smith (Chair)
Bethia Thomas (Vice-Chair)
Andy Crawford
Neil Fawcett

Debby Hallett Helen Pighills Judy Roberts Catherine Webber

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Patrick Arran Head of Legal and Democratic

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## Open to the Public including the Press

## 1. Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

### 2. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and any conflicts of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### 3. Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chair.

### 4. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

# 5. Budget monitoring 2021/22

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To consider the head of finance's report.

### 6. Budget 2022/23

To consider the head of finance's report (to follow).

# **Cabinet Report**



Report of Head of Finance

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Date: 20 December 2021

# Budget monitoring April 2021 – September 2021

### Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended to note the contents of the report

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To report the revenue and capital expenditure against budget for the period April 2021 to September 2021 and the latest year end outturns forecast by heads of service.

# **Corporate Objectives**

2. The allocation of financial resources within the revenue and capital budgets needs to match the objectives agreed by the council. The budget monitoring report shows how these resources have been allocated during the first ten months of the financial year.

## **Background**

3. This report reviews the council's revenue and capital expenditure performance to the end of month six (September). Year-end outturn forecasts were worked on during October and are based on heads of service's best knowledge at this time.

### Revenue budget monitoring

- 4. On 10 February 2021, Council agreed a net revenue budget for 2021/22 of £18.888 million. This has subsequently increased to £20.395 million. This reflects the carry forward of unspent one-off project budgets from 2020/21.
- 5. Table 1 below shows, summarised at service level, both the revenue position as at the end of September 2021 and the forecast position at year end.

Table 1: Revenue budget monitoring position as at September 2021

Service	Working	Spend to	Variance		Working	Forecast	Variance
	budget	Date			budget	spend for	
	year to date				full year	year	
	£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000
Strategic management team	646	373	(273)		1,293	745	(548)
Corporate services	1,931	1,522	(409)		3,824	3,413	(411)
Development and regeneration	418	1,587	1,169		488	721	233
Finance	436	(1,033)	(1,469)		465	572	107
Housing and environment	2,677	2,459	(218)		6,546	6,608	62
Legal and democratic	540	634	94		1,081	1,213	132
Partnerships	1,416	606	(810)		2,831	2,485	(346)
Planning	745	367	(378)		1,489	1,165	(324)
Policy and programmes	322	(397)	(719)		645	137	(508)
Contingency	867	760	(107)		1,733	537	(1,196)
Total	9,998	6,878	(3,120)		20,395	17,596	(2,799)

- 6. Further detail on the forecast variance is shown in the appendices as follows:
  - Appendix 1 provides a summary of the key forecast year end variances
  - Appendix 2 provides a list of budget carry forwards

### Capital budget monitoring

- 7. On 10 February 2021, Council agreed a capital programme for 2021/22 of £7.772 million.
- 8. As shown in appendix 3, at the end of September 2021, the capital programme had decreased to £7.439 million, reflecting slippage of schemes to future years. Total capital expenditure to the end of September totalled just over £3.2 million.

### Financial, legal and any other implications

9. The financial implications are as set out in the body of the report. There are no other implications of this report.

### Conclusion

10. At this stage of the financial year, for revenue an underspend is forecast. A full review of the capital programme will take place during November and budgets updated to reflect predicted spend in 2021/22.

# **Appendices**

- 1) Revenue budget monitoring summary
- 2) Revenue budget monitoring carry forwards
- 3) Capital budget monitoring summary

# **Background Papers**

• Budget papers for 2021/22

VALE revenue budget monitoring - September 2021	4
Summary	£
Working budget Forecast outturn Variance	20,394,339 17,597,030 (2,797,309)
Of which: Carry forwards (see appendix 2) Variance after carry forwards	1,512,153 <b>(1,285,156)</b>
Explanation of remaining variance	
All services Total employee cost variances	(579,647)
Corporate services  Net projected overspend on Beacon Reduction in corporate pension contributions Net underspend on Front of House	82,615 (75,204) (59,898)
Development and regeneration  Net underachievement of property rental income  Net additional costs of leisure provision	102,987 207,578
Finance  Net underspend on housing benefits  Projetced overspend on bank charges  Forecast underachievement of court fee	(177,960) 70,000 145,000
Housing and environment  Net losses in car parking  Additional expenditure on public conveniences  Net underspend on waste services	246,004 64,000 (92,276)
Other Projected underspend in contingency Other net underspends  Total	(1,196,352) (22,003) (1,285,156)

Appendix 1

VALE revenue budget monitoring - September 2021	Appendix 2		
Proposed carry forwards	£		
Strategic management team Transformation budget	480,000		
Development and housing			
Dalton Barracks	57,796		
Leisure	37,500		
Didcot Garden Town	23,995		
Housing and environment			
Homelessness grant funding	70,886		
Partnerships			
Growth deal	99,090		
Science Vale	246,971		
Policy and programmes			
Partnerships	63,426		
Community Hub	432,489		
Total carry forwards	1,512,153		

Capital VALE	Original Budget Full Year £	Working Budget Full Year £	Actual Spend to date £	Variance £	Forecast variance Manual input required (+ve overspend, -ve underspend)	Explanation of forecast variances >£50,000 Manual input required
Corporate Services - Capital	0	185,000	5,242	(179,758)	0	
Development & Regeneration - Capital	0	4,569,000	2,360,338	(2,208,662)	0	
Finance - Capital	0	53,000	(22,250)	(75,250)	0	
Housing & Environment - Capital	0	1,952,000	892,267	(1,059,733)	0	
Capital Contingency	0	680,000	0	(680,000)	0	
Direct Service Capital Expenditure	0	7,439,000	3,235,597	(4,203,403)	0	