

Month 2 (May 21) Financial Report

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Key messages

General Fund Budget:

- On 13th Feb 2021, Council **Approved a £1,052k Revenue Budget**.
- Since the initial approval, the Council has had to reset some of its revenue budgets. The **reason** for the reset of budgets is due to a number of factors including; (**refer Cover Report**)
 - **+£171k - realignment of case workers** across the Council (therefore requiring the realignment of salaries across Committees); and
 - **-£35k - aggregation of legal costs.**
- 2021/22 Budget for Committee is provisional pending the 2020/21 Budget Outturn being presented to S&R. This will follow the completion of the forensic review by Grant Thornton LLP UK. There is a possibility that this work could impact other Committee budgets.
- **At 24th June virements approved totalling £136k were added to the original budget,**
- **Provisional Budget now set at £1,188k**

Revenue Position:

- **At M2 Planning Policy is forecasting a £23k overspend** predominately due to: (**refer Annex**)
 - **£23k overspend** relating to the increased costs due to the public inquiry for the crematoria planning application
- Provisional and subject to the Council's 2020/21 Outturn being approved pending the GT Forensic Review

Key Messages (cont'd)

2021/22 Savings Programme:

- There is a Council-wide £2.7m savings programme, of which £0.5m (17%) is attributed to Planning

Committee	Target £000	Achieved £000	Plans in Place £000	Potential Barriers £000	High Risk £000	BAU Full year Forecast £000	Unachievable £000
Planning Policy	451	75	107	269	0	451	0

- Of the planned c£0.5m savings,
 - £0.1m (BLUE) are considered to be achieved (ie there has been a reduction in spend compared with 2020/21 attributed to the savings areas)
 - £0.1m (GREEN) have plans in place that will be evident later in the year
 - £0.3m (AMBER) currently on target but could have potential barriers to achievability (*refer Saving Tracker Annex*)

Risks & Opportunities:

- No risks have been included in the forecast position at M2
- Net risks of £421k have been quantified for the Committee (*refer Financial Risks Annex*)

Key messages (cont'd)

Capital:

- 2021/22 capital budget was approved by Council on 13th February 2021, at **£733k for Community Services**;
 - Programme slippage of £284k from 2020/21 is shown below as being carried forward in to 2021/22 but is yet to be approved. Approval is anticipated in September when the 2020/21 outturn position is reported to Strategy and Resources Committee.
 - As Outturn is still pending, **the provisional budget is £1,017k**, if the 2020/21 carry forward is approved

- **At M2, the Committee's Capital budget is forecast as balanced**

Capital Budget Monitoring at Month 2 end May	Original Budget 2021/22 £	Pending Potential Carry Forward from 2020/21 £	Provisional Budget including Carry Forwards £	Forecast at M2 2021/22 £	Forecast Variance at M2 2021/22 £
Planning Policy - Committee Chair: Councillor C Sayer - Officer: A Boote					
Capital contributions to third parties from CIL	733,000	284,000	1,017,000	1,017,000	0
Total Planning Policy	733,000	284,000	1,017,000	1,017,000	0

ANNEX

DETAILED REVENUE

- Planning Committee - Detailed Summary (slide 7)
- Planning Committee - Saving Tracker (slide 8 & 9)
- Planning Committee - Financial Risks (Slide 10)

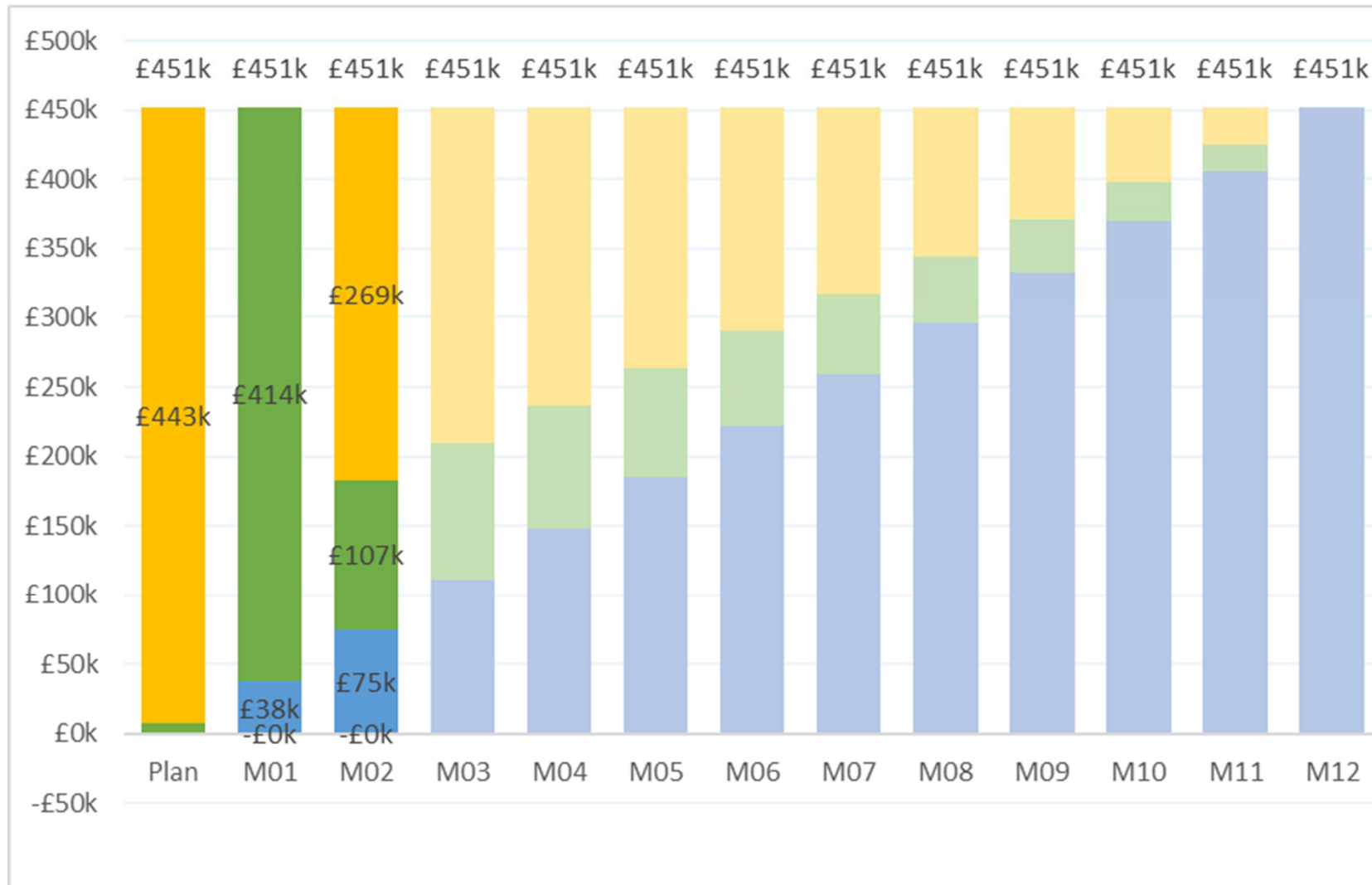
Planning Policy - Revenue

TABLE 2: 2021/22 Forecast: General Fund Financial Position at year end 31/03/2022

	2021/22 Outturn forecast at M2 £	2021/22 Provisional Budget M2 £	M2 Forecast Variance £
Planning Policy (Chair: Cllr Sayer; Lead Officer: L Wesson)			
By function:			
Local Plan & Policy	476,600	476,600	0
Development Management	733,600	711,100	22,500
Environmental Improvement	400	400	0
Planning Grants	0	0	0
	1,210,600	1,188,100	22,500
By subjective:			
Salaries (non planning grants)	1,618,400	1,618,400	0
Salaries (planning grants)	117,300	117,300	0
Non Salaries	1,997,900	1,975,400	22,500
Income	(2,523,000)	(2,523,000)	0
	1,210,600	1,188,100	22,500

At M2 the Committee is forecasting a c£23k overspend due to the public inquiry for the crematoria planning application. The application was submitted after the budget was approved.

Saving Tracker at M2 – Overall for Committee



Key:

Blue – Savings Achieved; Green – Plan in place to deliver the savings; Amber – Potential barriers to delivery of savings

Savings Tracker as at M2 – By Project

Committee	Description	Target £000	Achieved £000	Plans in Place £000	Potential Barriers £000	High Risk £000	BAU Full year Forecast £000
Planning	Evaluate external counsel policy and process	123	20	0	102	0	123
Planning	Improved agency / flexible resourcing approach	121	20	101	0	0	121
Planning	Evaluate consultants policy and procurement process	100	17	0	83	0	100
Planning	Reduce Local Plan - whilst review success criteria and timeline	100	17	0	83	0	100
Planning	Provide statutory minimum for local plan adverts	8	1	7	0	0	8
TOTAL		451	75	107	269	0	451

Revenue Risks

Committee	Risk	Mitigation	Min & Max Range	Likely / Average Financial impact	RAG Risk
Across the Council	Continuation of COVID-19 social distancing affecting business interruptions	Applying current COVID-19 directions and identifying costs onto the COVID-19 loss of income & expenditure tracker	£50k - £1.5m	£100k	A
Planning	Insufficient Senior Management direction to successfully achieve staffing efficiencies			£221k	A
	Local Plan business case roadmap is unrealistic and unachievable	Subject to the pending 2020/21 outturn / carry forwards		£200k	A
	Amalgamation of legal and counsel services achieve appropriate economies of scale	Depending on specialist advice and no future public inquiries	£0k - 30k		G
	Committee member direction appropriate understanding to drive success	Good member development plan, training and transparency of direction			G
Risk Criteria:	R: Critically severe & Probable		Amber: Moderately severe & Occasional		Green: Marginally severe & Remote