

**Report of the Corporate Directors of Economy & Place and Health,  
Housing & Adult Social Care**

**2016/17 Finance and Performance Monitor 2 Report**

**Summary**

This report provides details of the 2016/17 forecast outturn position for both finance and performance across services within Economy & Place and Health, Housing & Adult Social Care.

**Analysis**

Finance – General Fund

1. A summary of the Service Plan variations which relate to services within this scrutiny are shown below:

	Budget £'000	Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
<b>Economy &amp; Place</b>			
Waste	8,860	9,084	+224
Public Realm	2,105	2,105	0
Public Protection	1,004	988	-16
Licensing	-341	-343	-2
<b>Housing, Health &amp; Adult Social Care</b>			
Housing General Fund	1,808	1,839	+31
Community Safety	644	662	+18
<b>Customers &amp; Corporate Services</b>			
Bereavement Services	-1,388	-1,407	-19
Registrars	-258	-258	0
<b>Children, Education &amp; Communities</b>			
Community Centres	71	71	0
Communities and Equalities	1,285	1,285	0

Note: '+' indicates an increase in expenditure or shortfall in income  
 '-' indicates a reduction in expenditure or increase in income

2. Details of the main variations by service plan are detailed in the following paragraphs.

#### Waste (+£224k)

3. In waste collection the main variations, totalling £360k, are additional staffing and transport costs. These are cost pressures that remain from previous years and require action through round reviews across green waste and recycling to bring the costs back within budget. A review is currently being undertaken however it is not anticipated to deliver the reduced costs until 2017/18. There are shortfalls in income at HWRCs from trade waste/customer charges (£170k) and from green waste subscriptions (£57k) and additional cost from co-mingled recyclates of £158k. There are forecast savings in waste disposal from increased recycling rebate (£203k), operational savings from the Teckal arrangement (£100k), additional income for landfill gas (£70k) and a saving from lower waste PPP costs and Yorwaste loan interest (£145k). As a result of the new services contract with Yorwaste there is no dividend anticipated in 2016/17.

#### Health, Housing and Adult Social Care – Housing & Community Safety (+£49k)

4. There is a forecast overspend of £49k within Housing due to overspends on repairs and maintenance at Travellers' sites (£50k) offset by additional income from managing Housing Association properties (£35k) and underspends on staffing and other overheads (£21k). These underspends are offset by additional legal costs of £39k.

#### Finance – Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

5. The Housing Revenue Account is budgeted to make an in year surplus of £3.0m. A review of the budgets in the area shows that, overall, an overspend of £350k is forecast.
6. Repairs and maintenance is forecast to overspend by £660k. The service anticipates being able to use this increased capacity to pick up some of the work currently allocated to subcontractors. This reduction in subcontractor expenditure has yet to come through, the service remains confident that reductions will be made but that the full year saving will not be achieved in this

financial year. A range of smaller underspends make up the overall variation.

7. The working balance position at 31 March 2016 was £18.4m. This is higher than forecast in the latest business plan (£16.6m) due to the underspend achieved in 2015/16.
8. The projected outturn position outlined in paragraph 32 means the working balance will increase to £21.0m at 31 March 2017. This compares to the balance forecast within the latest business plan of £20.2m.
9. Detailed information and regulations are still awaited regarding forthcoming changes to HRA legislation including the sale of high value properties. While the full extent of the impact of these changes is not yet known, the HRA will be required to make significant efficiencies in order to mitigate the reduction in income without reducing the HRA balance below prudent and sustainable levels.

## **Performance**

**Household waste recycled / composted - this measure gives an understanding of a key outcome of the Council plan**

Household waste recycled / composted - (YTD)



10. The amount of landfill waste, in Q1, decreased to 12,030 tonnes (from 12,124 in Q1 2015/16) and the residual waste per household remained constant at 141kg per household (142kg in Q1 2015/16). The recycling rate within the city, in Q1, of 49% is the same as in Q1 2015/16 and higher than at year end but this is, normally, seasonally higher in the first half of the year. 52% of the residents, who responded to the Talkabout survey (June 2016), think that the Council and partners are doing well helping to reduce amount of household waste.

11. Year end data for 2015/16 showed there was an 11% increase in total Crime compared to the previous year and levels had reverted back to those of 2012/13. We have seen a 9% decrease in the levels of Violent Crime reported during the first half of 2016/17 in comparison to the same period in 2015/16. There has been a small increase in incidents reported domestic violence during the first half of 2016/17, with 1,567 incidents of Domestic Violence reported between April – September 2016, 5% higher than the 1,491 reported during the same period in 2015/16.
12. Between April-September 2016 there have been 93 Hate Crimes reported; this is a slight increase on the 82 Hate Crimes reported during the same period last year. 70% of the Hate Crime/Incidents that were reported are of a "racial" nature, with the other 30% made up of a variety of disability, religious, homophobic and sexual orientation incidents.
13. The average void period for Council houses has reduced from 2.9 weeks in Q1 to 2.5 weeks in Q2. This compares to 3.3 weeks in Q2 2015/16. The number of void Council house properties has decreased from 172 in Q1 to 151 in Q2 (there were 160 empty properties in Q2 2015/16). The number of mutual exchanges of Council houses has increased from 35 in Q1 to 37 in Q2 (40 in Q2 2015/16).
14. The rent arrears at the end of Q2 for current tenants (D1) were £694,553. This figure has risen by 12.3% from £618,360 at the end of Q1. Although the rent arrears at the same time last year was £843,433, the comparison to this year should be viewed in the context of rents moving from a 48 week charging pattern in 2015/16 (4 rent free weeks per year) to a 52 week rent pattern for 2016/17. This, together with a 1% rent decrease, means that any rent arrears is always likely to be less than a comparable deficit last year. For former tenants (D1) the rent arrears at the end of Q1 were £269,795. This is a 10.6% decrease from Q1 in 2016/17 (when the rent arrears was £301,738) and a 1.2% increase from the same period last year when the arrears was £266,466.
15. Gentoo Tolent has been awarded a £2.1m framework contract to deliver around 500 whole house improvements to the Council's housing stock which will include new bathrooms, kitchens, electrical work and general property repairs over the next two years.

16. The number of households being accepted as homeless in Q2 has decreased by 3 to 25 from Q1. The number of households with children being accepted has increased by 1 to 13 (increased by 1 to 15 if pregnant with no other children is included). The number of families in temporary accommodation has increased to 36 (from 27). This is within the target figure for the number of families in temporary accommodation. However, the number of children in temporary accommodation has seen an increase from Q1 to 63 (from 48).
17. The Council has been tackling fuel poverty and improving people's quality of life by working with Better Homes Yorkshire to install 19 gas central heating systems, funded by the Government's Central Heating Fund. One of the homes in the project has had its energy performance increased from a G Rating to a D Rating and halved its estimated heating costs.

### **Implications**

18. There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime & disorder, information technology, property or other implications associated with this report.

### **Risk Management**

19. The report provides members with updates on finance and service performance and therefore there are no significant risks in the content of the report.

### **Recommendations**

20. As this report is for information only, there are no recommendations.

Reason: To update the scrutiny committee of the latest finance and performance position.

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**Annexes**

Annex 1 – Performance Scorecard