

Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

28 June 2017

Addendum to Annual Governance Statement

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

This report is public

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is for members to consider and endorse an addendum to the Annual Governance Statement Report which sets out details of Revenue carry forwards and Capital Slippage.

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee is recommended to:

- Approve the carry forward of budget underspends from 2016/17 to 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 1;
- Approve the balances on capital schemes which have slipped in 2016/17 to be carried forward into the 2017/18 capital programme as set out in Appendix 2;
- Note the outcomes from the informal review of the Statement of Accounts undertaken on 28 June immediately prior to the formal meeting at 5.00pm which will be updated verbally at the meeting.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Statement of Accounts has been prepared in line with all relevant statutory reporting requirements and the closedown timetable. It has been reviewed by officers and the Chief Finance Officer. Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee is being asked to consider Revenue carry forwards from 2016/17 to 2017/18 and capital slippage from 2016/17 to 2017/18.

2.2 To meet the statutory timescales the Statement of Accounts must be approved by the Chief Finance Officer and received by Ernst Young, the Council's external auditor by 30 June 2017.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The Council's Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2015/16 was presented to Executive on 19 June 2017.
- 3.2 The Council's Financial Procedure Rules (paragraph 2.4.6) state that Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee approval is required where the underspend exceeds 10% of the individual budget heading (where this amounts to £10,000 or more) or £50,000, whichever is less. This used to be the responsibility of full council but following a recommendation from the Accounts, Audit and Risk committee it was amended so that consideration of the slippage amounts and carry forward requests can take place at the same time as consideration of the accounts and before the end of June deadline.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 and 2 set out Revenue Carry Forwards and Capital Slippage respectively. The shaded items are those that require Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee approval.
- 3.4 The Statement of Accounts has been prepared on the basis that these proposed carry forwards and slippage requests will be approved.
- 3.5 The statutory reporting requirements make the Statement of Accounts document very technical in nature and quite complex in parts. So, as in previous years, they will be subject to an informal review by member of this Committee prior to the formal meeting.
- 3.6 The review will take place at 5.00pm on 29 June and will provide members with an update on key elements of the Statement of Accounts and any changes from previous years.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To approve Revenue Budget Carry Forwards and Capital Slippage. To note the outcome of the informal review of the Statement of Accounts and the requirement for the Chief Finance Officer to approve and sign the Accounts by 30 June 2017.

5.0 Consultation

- 5.1 None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 None

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Legal Implications

7.2. There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Risk Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Equality and Diversity

7.4 There are no equality and diversity implications from this report.

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8.0 Document Information

Annex No	Title
Appendix 1	Request for Revenue Budget Carry Forwards to 2017/18.
Appendix 2	Capital Outturn 2016/17 (Including Slippage Requests).
Background Papers	
None	
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