

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Financial Update and Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits 2021/22
Report From:	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the latest Covid-19 financial position for the current year as at the end of September compared to that reported to Cabinet in September, which was as at the end of August.
- 1.2 Notes the latest Medium Term forecast arising from Covid-19 as at the end of September and the County Council's response to it.
- 1.3 Notes the latest position in respect of the business as usual financial resilience monitoring for the current financial year.
- 1.4 Approves the mid-year report on treasury management activity at Appendix 1 and notes the action to be taken should we encounter negative interest rates as set out in paragraphs 83 and 84.
- 1.5 Notes the additional government funding of £1bn announced on 12 October of which the County Council will receive £8.8m.
- 1.6 Approve the revised baseline position for the Transformation to 2019 and Transformation to 2021 Programmes as outlined in Section G.
- 1.7 Approves funding of £3.82m to meet the critical one off health and safety priorities identified in Section I.
- 1.8 Approves the provisional cash limits for 2021/22 set out in Appendix 3.

- 1.9 Notes the announcement of a one year Spending Review and the impact on the County Council's medium term financial planning and therefore the timeline for the next successor savings programme.
- 1.10 Notes that the 2023 savings programme will need to be delivered in full by 1 April 2023.
- 1.11 Approves the capital guideline amounts for the next three years set out in paragraph 139.

Recommends to County Council that:

- 1.12 The updated position for the impact of Covid-19 in this year and for the medium term is noted.
- 1.13 The schemes detailed in Appendix 4 are added to the Economy, Transport and Environment Capital Programme
- 1.14 The updated departmental savings targets for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 149, be approved.
- 1.15 The updated timetable for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 150, be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To note the financial position for the County Council in view of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 To note the latest position in respect of the current financial year, as at the end of September, and also for the medium term, compared to that reported to Cabinet and County Council in July as part of the update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 2.3 To receive an update on business as usual financial monitoring, including the transformation programmes (Transformation to 2019 and to 2021), and sets out the process and framework for the setting of the 2021/22 budget, together with the prospects for the medium term under a business as usual scenario.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable

7. **Statement from the decision maker:**

Approved by:

Date:

24 November 2020

Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans