

REPORT

SUBJECT	REVENUE & CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16 MONTH 9 OUTTURN FORECAST STATEMENT
DIRECTORATE	Chief Executive's Unit
MEETING	Children & Young People Select Committee
DATE	11th February 2016
DIVISIONS/ WARD AFFECTED	All Authority

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast revenue outturn position of the Authority at the end of reporting period 3 which represents month 9 financial information for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 1.2 This report will also be considered by Select Committees as part of their responsibility to,
 - assess whether effective budget monitoring is taking place,
 - monitor the extent to which budgets are spent in accordance with agreed budget and policy framework,
 - challenge the reasonableness of projected over or underspends, and
 - monitor the achievement of predicted efficiency gains or progress in relation to savings proposals.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED TO CABINET

- 2.1 That Members consider the position concerning the third period of revenue monitoring in 2015/16 (£162,000 overspend), and seek assurance that Chief Officers will continue to work on delivering the £1.6 million Recovery Plan reported to December 2015 Cabinet.
- 2.2 That Senior officers follow the requirement of the Protection of Employment Policy which requires that all redundancy and pension costs must be reported to and agreed by Cabinet before final approval.

- 2.3 Members consider the position concerning period 3 (Month 9) Capital Monitoring 2015/16 of an estimated £23.8million spend against a net budget of £23.9million, after proposed slippage of £37.7 million, notes the improvement in a need for slippage reported by managers (after excluding 21c schools), and the reservation that this necessitates managers incurring £12.5million expense during the last quarter, when collective they only spent £11.3 million in preceding periods this year.
- 2.4 Requests the addition of two wholly funded section 106 funded capital schemes to the capital programme, which managers report will be fully utilised by the end of March 2016:
- A capital budget of £40,000 to allow for the construction of a Puffin crossing in the vicinity of the development at Saw Mill house funded from S106 contributions from the development at Saw Mill house, Little Mill.
 - A capital budget of £6,800 to continue the implementation of the Monmouth Links Connect 2 walking and cycling network funded from Section 106 contributions received from the development at the Almshouses, St James' square Monmouth.

3. MONITORING ANALYSIS

3.1 Revenue Position

3.1.1 Revenue budget monitoring information for each directorate's directly managed budgets is provided together with information on corporate areas.

3.1.2 Responsible Financial Officer's Summary of Overall Position Period 3

Table 1: Council Fund 2015/16 Outturn Forecast Summary Statement at Period 3 (Month 9)	Annual Forecast @ Month 9	Revised Annual Budget @ Month 9	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend @ Month 9	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend @ Month 6	Forecast Variance Month 6 to Month 9	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend @ Month 2	Forecast Variance Month 2 to Month 6
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Social Care & Health	39,475	38,247	1,228	1,101	127	519	582
Children & Young People	51,491	51,351	140	197	(57)	274	(77)
Enterprise	10,162	10,140	22	601	(579)	338	263
Operations	16,148	16,308	(160)	339	(499)	634	(295)
Chief Executives Unit	6,810	7,002	(192)	(31)	(161)	(120)	89
Corporate Costs & Levies	18,115	18,215	(100)	(61)	(39)	63	(124)
Net Cost of Services	142,201	141,264	937	2,146	(1,209)	1,708	438
Attributable Costs – Fixed Asset Disposal	150	233	(82)	(51)	(31)	0	(51)
Interest & Investment Income	(100)	(51)	(49)	(33)	(16)	(30)	(3)
Interest Payable & Similar Charges	3,275	3,662	(387)	(382)	(5)	(202)	(180)
Charges Required Under Regulation	5,536	5,776	(241)	30	(271)	74	(44)
Contributions to Reserves	90	95	(5)	0	(5)	0	0
Contributions from Reserves	(1,862)	(2,773)	911	108	803	(90)	198

Capital Expenditure financed from reserves	210	210	0	0	0	0	0
Amounts to be met from Government Grants and Local Taxation	149,500	148,416	1,084	1,818	(734)	1,460	358
General Government Grants	(67,642)	(67,642)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Domestic Rates	(26,737)	(26,737)	0	0	0	0	0
Council Tax	(60,844)	(60,094)	(750)	(600)	(150)	(500)	(100)
Council Tax Benefits Support	5,925	6,097	(172)	(152)	(20)	(93)	(59)
Net Council Fund (Surplus) / Deficit	202	40	162	1,066	(904)	867	199
Budgeted contribution from Council Fund	-40	(40)	0	0	0	0	0
	162	0	162	1,066	(904)	867	199

3.1.3 The bottom line situation, a £162k potential overspend needs some further analysis to understand the underlying position. This overspend includes £620k overspend in relation to non school redundancy costs (which are still subject to member approval). Setting these one off costs aside would reduce the overspend to an underspend of £458k.

3.1.4 However the position reported above also includes £778k of underspends relating to reserve funded projects which are now going to be deferred to 2016/17. Taking this into account results in an **overspend of £320k overall and a £1.096 million overspend in net cost of services.**

3.1.5 The analysis in the table below takes the “simple” outturn prediction for services and adjusts for the unbudgeted redundancy costs that Directorates are forecasting, and the extent of reserve usage planned that instead Directorates request is deferred to a later year:

Directorate Cost	Outturn Reported based on month 9 data	Redundancy costs not budgeted for not falling to schools	Adjusted Outturn	Reserve funded expenditure requested deferred	Adjusted budget	“Real” variance against budget
Social Care & health	39,475	(11)	39,464	(97)	38,150	1,314
Children and young people	51,491		51,491		51,351	140
Enterprise	10,162	(557)	9,605	(662)	9,478	127
Operations	16,148	(52)	16,096		16,308	(212)
Chief Executives	6,810		6,810	(19)	6,983	(173)
Corporate Costs & levies	18,115		18,115		18,215	(100)
Net Cost of Services	142,201	(620)	141,581	(778)	140,485	1,096

3.1.6 The main overspending areas are:

- Social Care and Health (£1.3m), although the main pressure continues to exhibit in Childrens Services (£1.5m) and is compensated in part by the beneficial situation in Adult, Commissioning and Community Care
- CYP Directorate exhibits a slightly worsening position (£140k overspend) relating to the Primary Schools, CYP Management and the Youth Service
- Enterprise overspend of £127k relating to recovery plan savings not met and further pressures in some service areas
- Operations, Chief Executive’s and Corporate are all now exhibiting an underspend forecast which in part offsets the overspends above.

3.1.7 The expectation of the Recovery Plan approved by Cabinet in December was to reduce the net cost of service overspend at month 6 from £2.146 million to £800k with the remaining overspend being met from Treasury and Council tax surplus. The above analysis shows that progress is being made to deliver on the plan.

3.1.8 Given the financial challenges that will continue to face the Authority for the foreseeable future, Chief Officers continue to be tasked with ensuring that services live within the budgets and savings targets set for the current financial year and deliver on the recovery plan agreed by Cabinet. The outturn report will contain information on what has been done to manage the over spends identified and the positive action that has been undertaken to ensure that the outturn comes in on budget.

3.1.9 Slippage on Reserve funded projects

The following table indicates the extent of budgeted reserve funding anticipated utilised by Directorates and that element of approved expenditure they request to be deferred.. These include,

Directorate	Project	Reserve Source	Reserve funding utilised in 2015-16	Reserve funding deferred to 2016-17
Enterprise	Superfast Broadband facilitation	IT transformation	53,200	20,000
	Centre of Innovation funding for Magor 2 building	Invest to Redesign	90,000	40,000
	Reserve funding to facilitate 14-15 mandates	Invest to Redesign	0	49,000
	Eisteddfod	Priority Investment	145,000	430,455
	Local development plan	Priority Investment	0	100,000
	HR restructure	Invest to Redesign	0	22,500
	Innovation and marketing assistance to deliver mandates	Invest to Redesign	105,000	0
	Informing the future of Cultural services	Invest to Redesign	24,000	0
	City Deal Contribution	Priority Investment	30,300	
	CMC2 shortfall 14-15	Priority Investment	140,000	
Sub Total Enterprise			587,500	661,955
Social Care & Health	Service Transformation Adult Social Care	Invest to Redesign	103,000	57,125
	Childrens Services Temporary Staff	Priority Investment	113,347	40,000
Sub Total Social Care			216,347	97,125
Children & Young People	Innovation and marketing assistance to deliver mandates	Invest to Redesign	60,000	0
	CYP development fund	Priority Investment	273,422	
	Restorative Approaches	Priority Investment	61,000	
	Raising Education standards	Priority Investment	56,000	
Sub Total Children & Young People			450,422	0
Sub Total Operations	Bus lease repayments	Grass Routes Buses	25,913	0

Chief Executives	Council Tax Recovery	Invest to Redesign	28,817	0
	Innovation and marketing assistance to deliver mandates	Invest to Redesign	26,000	19,000
	Reserve funding to facilitate 14-15 mandates	Invest to Redesign	13,000	0
	NNDR hardship case	Priority Investment	18,750	
Sub Total Chief Executive's			86,567	19,000
Sub Total Corporate	Redundancy Strain Costs	Redundancy & pension	325,434	0
Appropriations	Fixed asset disposal	Capital receipts generation reserve	100,369	132,988
	Vehicle leasing	Invest to Save Advances	8,583	
	Prudentially borrowed vehicle repayments	Invest to Redesign	60,737	0
Sub Total Appropriations			169,689	132,988
Total			1,861,872	911,068

3.1.10 Redundancy costs

In support of the summary table redundancy column included in para 3.1.5 above, the following provides greater detail for members of the redundancy costs incurred by Sections during the year.

Directorate	Service	Redundancy Costs 2015-16 to date
Enterprise	Strategic Management	85,279
	Community Hubs	300,973
	Community Education	96,317
	Leisure	18,081
	Markets	24,519
	Whole Place	31,392
	Sub total	556,561
Operations	Transport	9,131

	Building Cleaning	1,091
	Resources	7,271
	Grounds	30,752
	Highways	3,978
	Sub total	52,223
Social Care & Health	Supporting People	1,932
	My Day	8,783
	Sub total	10,715
Children & Young People	Schools	465,742
Total		1,085,241

3.1.11 When managers initially highlight the re-engineering of services, there is often a potential for redundancy payments, but it is not possible to quantify the extent of these costs without prejudicing the outcome of the interview process or the success of redeployment. A second report is required to quantify these costs prior to being incurred for member approval. The Protection of Employment Policy states that:

All redundancy and Pension costs must be reported to and agreed by Cabinet before final approval. All costs associated from redundancy and/or re-deployment will be borne by the service budget.

3.1.11 A summary of main pressures and under spends within the Net Cost of Services Directorates are presented here:

Directorate / Service area	Forecast Outturn Position exclusive of savings not yet achieved £'000	Targeted 2015-16 Savings not yet realised £'000	Forecast Outturn Position <u>net</u> of savings not achieved £'000	Movement since Period 2 Red= Adverse (Green) = Favourable	Headline Comment
Social Care & Health (SCH)					
ADULT SERVICES					
Severn View DC & My Day DC	(13)	0	(13)	12	Increased use of temporary staff to cover long term sickness has led to reduction in savings.
Mardy Park Rehabilitation Unit	(12)	0	(12)	0	Section 33 income is running ahead of budget but has reduced
MardyPark	60	0	60	12	Due to low level of income as a result of falling long term clients. A recently approved transformation model will look to readdress this position.
Severn View Residential	93	0	93	32	Combination of mandate savings not being achieved plus lower income charges from less full paying clients.
Direct Care	(71)	0	(71)	8	Reflects increased income from client referrals and Management vacancy
Transition Co-operative	(24)	0	(24)	0	Relates to income from staff seconded to an external agency.
Adult Services Man/Support	(103)	0	(103)	(4)	Current Disabilities team manager vacancy plus ICF grant meeting costs of the Direct Care team manager.
CHILDREN SERVICES					
Fostering Allowances and Payments For Skills	144	0	144	(12)	Reflects financial support to the current number and age mix of children in foster care and skills payments to carers with SGO's
Younger People's Accommodation	(66)	0	(66)	30	This budget is prone to volatility and since month 6 we are supporting two more placements costing £1,600 per week.

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Ty'r Enfys	(52)	0	(52)	0	This facility with now remain closed for the entire year.
Counsel Costs	18	0	18	0	This service has received extra budget provision during the period of reporting
Therapeutic Service	(28)	0	(28)	0	Under spend due to vacant Play Therapist post being filled on a part time basis from 07/09/15
External Placements – LAC	1,094	0	1,094	174	Current activity is 70 placements (64 at M6) and we are seeing a full year effect of placements that only entered the system in the latter part of last year.
External Placement - Non-LAC	(96)	0	(96)	1	This cost centre is generally used to fund the over spend within S026.
GWICES (Gwent Wide Integrated Community Equip Services	(26)	0	(26)	0	Forecast based on GWICES report for November 2015 received from the host Torfaen CBC
Other Children's Services –appendix 6	(4)	0	(4)	(8)	
SCYP - Placement & Support Team	122	0	122	(6)	Over spend due to use of agency staff, contact and assessment costs and home to school transport. More recently this budget has funded building work to create in house contact centres.
Children Services Safeguarding Unit	(27)	0	(27)	(6)	Under spend relates to a vacant part time Independent Reviewing Officer post not expected to be filled until 2016/17.
SCYP - Supporting Children & Young People Team	233	0	233	35	Overspend relates to the employment of 7 agency workers to cover staff sickness and capacity issues and a 77% increase in transport costs since last year.
Disabled Children	91	0	91	3	Large part of overspend relates to the continued use of agency staff to cover sickness and the employment of a Student Placement Social Worker.
FRS – Family Support Team	42	0	42	15	This budget is currently employing the services of 12 social workers to cover for various staff absences.

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Bus Cases / Temp Funding - Cabinet 06/05/15	(77)	0	83	(161)	Underspend relates to delayed appointment to social worker posts connected with approved business cases
COMMUNITY CARE					
Aids for Daily Living	(9)	0	(99)	22	Forecast based on GWICES report for August 2015 received from the host Torfaen CBC
Adult Transformation	(57)	0	(57)	0	Delay reserve funding by £57K into 2015/16. Head of Service to make formal reserve slippage request.
Other Social Care	9	n/a	9	(16)	See appendix 6
COMMISSIONING	(15)	0	(15)	(7)	See appendix 6
RESOURCES	2	0	2	3	See appendix 6
Total SCH at Month 9	1,228	0	1,228	127	Total SCH Outturn at Month 9

Children & Young People (CYP)					
ISB	115	0	115	87	Additional costs of protection at schools, adverse school rateable value change and additional professional fees
Management	24	n/a	24	(12)	Professional fees relating to schools moved to ISB
Financial Management Services	30	n/a	30	14	vacancy has been temporarily filled earlier than previously anticipated at M6

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Support Services	19	n/a	19	(18)	Legal costs incurred by the Authority offset by saving in H&S assessments in transport.
Additional Learning needs	(152)	n/a	(152)	(50)	Recoupment income increased due to price increase w.e.f. from January and vacancy left open. The departmental recovery plan stated that £60,000 extra would be recovered in relation to recoupment charges. This has been received, however there is an overspend on the contingency budget which has offset some of this. We are still anticipating a further £20,000 saving on our collaborative arrangements. This will not be known until year end.
Early Years	(45)	0	(45)	(45)	Due to the establishment of a new LA nursery there are less children attending a non-maintained setting.
Primary Breakfast Initiative Grant	55	n/a	55	0	Take up continues to increase and therefore resulting in additional staffing requirements.
Community Education Youth General	(26)	137	111	(26)	Funding from Torfaen Training has since reduced in 15-16, however the ESF grant will now start on the 1 st February allowing this grant to be claimed for two months of 15-16 The departmental recovery plan anticipated a further £60,000 in grant income, notification has been received that this has been delayed until 2016-17 financial year.
Other CYP	(17)	n/a	(17)	(7)	See Appendix 7. The departmental recovery plan indicated a saving of £44,000. While a proportion of this will have been made, some vacancies were filled earlier than anticipated. All budget holders are ensuring that no non-essential spend it being made.

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Total CYP at Month 9	3	137	140	(57)	Total CYP Outturn at Month 9

Enterprise (ENT)					
Sustainability	65	33	98	15	Sections' inability to achieve the expected income targets. Therefore, recovery plan target unlikely to be met
Strategic Property Management	(50)	0	(50)	7	Under spend relates partly to a staff vacancy, and a reduction in budgeted professional fee's. The departmental recovery plan included a £33,000 saving on asset rentals and maintenance, at month 9 only £6,000 has been achieved.
Cemeteries	(76)	n/a	(76)	(33)	Continuing increase in budgeted income along with lower than anticipated expenditure,
County Farms Unit	(15)	n/a	(15)	(24)	Variance from month 6 to month 9 is a reduction is expected maintenance along with higher than anticipated income from recovered outstanding rentals. The departmental recovery plan set at month 6 included a reduction in maintenance spend of £50,000, currently £25,000 has been achieved
Markets	105	33	138	30	Overspend on employee costs due to delayed implementation of restructure along with unbudgeted overtime. The section is also forecasting an inability to meet the increase income target (Mandate £50k Markets Income) Redundancy cost increased
Community Education	178	0	178	88	£50,262 relates to one off redundancy costs which the section requests reserve funding. The remaining £40,000 due to the reduction in franchise income. M6 to M9 increase due to unbudgeted Hanbury House costs and delayed restructure
Community Hubs	261	125	386	71	due to £328k one off redundancy costs which have already been incurred at month 9 and £58k of redundancy costs which will be incurred by year end,
Eisteddfod	(430)	0	(430)	(430)	This years spend is likely to be around £145k but there is still uncertainty around these costs with the remaining £330k needing to be rolled forward into 16-17 as the agreed project runs over two financial years.

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Homelessness	(46)	0	(46)	3	Funding of the Financial Inclusion Officer coming from the Implementing the Housing Act Grant £28,000 and a reduction in expenditure against B&B accommodation offset by bad debt write offs since M6
Renovation Grants	18	0	18	18	Overspend relates to unbudgeted overheads on DFG grant income
Lodgings Scheme	(40)	0	(40)	5	Occupancy levels being forecast at a fairly high level therefore increasing the amount of rental income and HB benefit.
Spend to Save	(27)	0	(27)	2	Saving due to unexpected one-off grant funding
Whole Place	(20)	n/a	(20)	22	Staff vacancies - Delayed appointment, reduction since M6 due to redundancy costs
People Services, Innovation & Business	(201)	0	(201)	(201)	Savings due to reduced budgeted calls on reserves
General Overheads	1	112	113	3	The 100k savings that were to be achieved through in-house software development and the sale of products will not occur. This formed part of the departmental recovery plan set at month 6 and it is currently anticipated that none of these savings will be achieved. Other options to look for alternative savings are being actively sought.
Development Plans	(150)	0	(150)	0	LDP savings as scheme unlikely to be implemented in 2015-16
Leisure Services	(20)	30	10	(85)	20k over spend from Children's Services. 30k relates to a learning Co-ordinator post that is not grant funded anymore, 15k 3G pitch income issues with the lighting and electricity supply. The £35,000 saving built into the departmental recovery plan from increased income has not materialised see Appendix 8 for further detailed comments
Museums, Shirehall, Caldicot Castle & Country Parks	99	45	144	(6)	Budget does not reflect the cost to run the service. Historic budget assumptions along with 24k savings from 13-14 carried forward will not be made. Income on target for 15-16 but spend to achieve this income will be over budget. Of the £30,000 built into the recovery plan £8,000 has been achieved through the winter closure of Chepstow TIC, the remaining £22,000 is yet to be found.

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Other Enterprise	(8)	0	(8)	(64)	See Appendix 8
Total ENT at Month 9	(356)	378	22	(579)	Total ENT Outturn at Month 9

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Operations (OPS)					
Transport Policy	(19)	0	(19)	(14)	Increase in income due to favourable winter weather conditions
Highways	(360)	50	(310)	(295)	Highways is forecasting to underspend by £310,000 due to SWTRA income £250k, Operations savings £40k and increase in Fixed Penalty notices on street works £20k. The advertising income target is now unachievable this financial year due to approval delays. Currently the section has achieved £140,000 of the £215,000 targeted savings included in the month 6 Recovery Plan. It is now anticipated that certain income targets set in the plan will not be met, in particular road closure and pre-app planning fees and also advertising.
Public Transport Subsidy LTSG Grant	37	0	37	32	Un-budgeted staff costs, mainly on salaries and overtime and an increase in transport costs.

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Public Transport Subsidy Grant	(44)	0	(44)	4	Administering the Bus Services Support Grant is claimable against the grant £50,000, this has been off set by small over spend on vehicle and transport costs of £5,000 in quarter 3.
Home To School Transport	335	0	335	0	The over spend against budget is due to similar issues to that in 2014-15, in particular the assumed ALN transport savings have proven unachievable, budgeted increased income levels were not made whilst at the same time corporate budget decisions regarding reductions in overtime costs were imposed. A mandate has been put forward to highlight the fact that the service cannot operate within its existing budget and has requested further funding via the MTFP in 2016-17.
School Transport – External	(92)	0	(92)	(92)	Vacant post £11,000 and reductions in transportation costs and season tickets £81,000. The £15k listed in the departmental recovery plan at month 6 is expected to be achieved by year end.
Special Educational Needs	(32)	0	(32)	(32)	Vacant post £11,000 and reductions in transportation costs and season tickets £21,000.
Building Cleaning	25		25	0	Overspend due to delayed implementation of the mandate saving - transferring public conveniences to town councils.
Schools Catering	42	n/a	42	7	Increased costs due to the councils need to comply with Healthy Eating In Schools agenda, M6 to M9 relates to additional staffing costs to cover sick absence.
Resources	119	n/a	119	16	Forecasted deficit position is due to a reduction in income as a result of a shortfall in capital fees.
Accommodation	(159)	n/a	(159)	(9)	Underspend due to a continued reduction in premises and supplies and services costs on all accommodation
Grounds Maintenance	(75)	0	(75)	(75)	Increase in external income. A target of £70,000 was included in the departmental recovery plan, the unit is expected to exceed this by £5k.
Refuse & Cleansing Operations	(25)	25	0	(20)	pressures of the budget mandates are still real, however have been mitigated by a reduction in fuel costs (£80k benefit from budget) and a reduction in Superannuation as about 20 staff have opted out of the Council provided pension (£96k). Managers are to engage with staff to ensure that their decision to opt out of the pension is what they want to do, so

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					this may not be a recurring saving. All of the £30k listed in the departmental recovery plan is expected to be found by year end.
RAG Training	46	0	46	0	Has seen demand fall due to both increasing competition from other training providers and Council's facing major budget pressures only undertaking mandatory training.
Other Operations	(33)	0	(33)	(11)	See Appendix 9 – A £10,000 building maintenance saving included in the recovery plan will be achieved by year end.
Total OPS at Month 9	(235)	75	(160)	(499)	Total OPS Outturn at Month 9

Chief Executive's Office (CEO)					
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Customer Relations	12	0	12	0	Professional fees incurred during a complaint investigation.

Members Costs	17	0	17	17	Mainly inability to make vacancy factor savings
Democratic Services	(43)	0	(43)	(43)	Savings in supplies & services and unfilled staff vacancy
Legal	(25)	0	(25)	(25)	Savings in supplies & services and unfilled staff vacancy
Public Protection	(36)	0	(36)	(30)	Savings in supplies & services and unfilled staff vacancy
Benefits	(67)	n/a	(67)	(37)	Savings in Housing Benefit expenditure and reduced administration costs.
Council Tax & NNDR Administration	55	0	55	(10)	Forecast shortfall in income from court fees slightly improved from M6, includes potential redundancy costs for Officer
Cashiers	14	0	14	(2)	Overspend is largely attributable to estimated annual card fees
Revenues Systems Administration	(33)	0	(33)	10	Vacant post, reduced petrol costs and reduced system costs as proportion now charged to Housing Benefits. Decrease due to service costs for CIVICA system
Financial Systems Support and VAT	(5)	0	(5)	2	additional income from Schools following the renegotiation of contract costs
Communications	30	0	30	30	due to an under recovery of costs for the post of Digital Media Designer
Policy and Partnership Management	(43)	0	(43)	(14)	Mainly £32,000 of one off LSB grant attributable to a post which is currently vacant. £10k for other vacant post.
Other CEO	(68)	0	(68)	(59)	See Appendix 10
Total CEO at Month 9	(192)	0	(192)	(161)	Total CEO Outturn at Month 9

Directorate / Service area	Forecast Outturn Position exclusive of savings not yet achieved £'000	Targeted 2015-16 Savings not yet realised £'000	Forecast Outturn Position <u>net</u> of savings not achieved £'000	Movement since Period 2 Red= Adverse (Green) = Favourable	Headline Comment
Corporate (COL)					
Audit Commission Fees (Certification Grant Claims)	(36)	n/a	(36)	14	Forecasted saving in relation to the auditing of grant claims
Drainage Levies	10	0	10	10	Drainage Levy original budget insufficient for service cost
Coroner Fees	16	0	16	0	Original budget insufficient for service costs

Directorate / Service area	Forecast Outturn Position exclusive of savings not yet achieved £'000	Targeted 2015-16 Savings not yet realised £'000	Forecast Outturn Position <u>net</u> of savings not achieved £'000	Movement since Period 2 Red= Adverse (Green) = Favourable	Headline Comment
HMRC Rate Reimbursements	(29)	0	(29)	7	VAT rebates exercise
Early Retirement Pension Costs	161	n/a	161	11	Additional cost of redundancies notified in latter part of 2014/15 & during 2015/16
Insurance Premium Payment(Direct)	(67)	n/a	(67)	(7)	Based on reduction in premium costs as a result of the tender completed in September 2015.
Insurance Settlement Expenditure	(65)	0	(65)	(65)	Insurance settlement claims predicted to be lower due to reduced claims activity
Indirect Revenue Gains Reserve	(97)	0	(97)	17	Rate rebates from MCC Properties
Other Corporate	7	0	7	1	See appendix 11
Total COL at Month 9	(100)	0	(100)	(40)	Total COL Outturn at Month 9

Appropriations (APP)					
Attributable Costs - Fixed Asset Disposal	(82)	0	(82)	(31)	12 Schemes delayed mainly due to a rethink of disposal strategy to optimise receipts
Interest and Investment Income	(49)	0	(49)	(16)	Increased cash income due to increased cash balances - in turn due to temporary borrowing taken out when rates were advantageous to prevent concentrated borrowing at difficult times.
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	(387)	n/a	(387)	(5)	saving against budget due to long term debt not being taken out and temporary borrowing being at a lower rate than budgeted
Charges Required Under Regulation	(241)	n/a	(241)	(271)	Consistent with recovery plan intentions, a planned set aside of £6m of capital receipts in 2016/17 will be brought forward a year from 16/17 as there is a balance of receipts available to do this and this will achieve a saving on MRP payments due.
Earmarked Contributions Reserves (Revenue)	906	n/a	906	799	£911k of budgeted spend expected to be slipped to 16/17; offset by additional reimbursement (£5k)

Directorate / Service area	Forecast Outturn Position exclusive of savings not yet achieved £'000	Targeted 2015-16 Savings not yet realised £'000	Forecast Outturn Position <u>net</u> of savings not achieved £'000	Movement since Period 2 Red= Adverse (Green) = Favourable	Headline Comment
Other Appropriations	0	0	0	0	
Total APP at Month 9	147	0	147	528	App Outturn at Month 9

Financing (FIN)					
Council Tax	(750)	n/a	(750)	(150)	Surplus due to projected better Council Tax Collection rates as a result of increasing Council Tax base.
Benefit Support	(172)	n/a	(172)	(20)	The forecast reflects the current commitments within the system. Caseloads continue to reduce, a trend that is expected to continue through to year end.
Total Financing	(922)	0	(922)	(170)	
Grand Total @ Month 9	(325)	590	265	(801)	

3.1.12 More detailed monitoring information together with a narrative of more significant variance over £25,000 is provided in the Select Appendices 2 to 5.

3.2 SCHOOLS

3.2.1 Each of the Authority's Schools is directly governed by a Board of Governors, which is responsible for managing the school's finances. However, the Authority also holds a key responsibility for monitoring the overall financial performance of schools. Below is a table showing the outturn forecast Schools' balances position based on month 9 projections.

Draft Council Fund Outturn 2015/16– Schools Summary outturn position at Month 9 (Period 3)	(A) Opening Reserves (Surplus) / Deficit Position 2015/16 £'000	(B) Budgeted Draw on School Balances 2015-16 £'000	(C) Variance on Budgeted Reserve Draw £'000	(D) Draw Forecasted on School Balances @ Month 9 £'000	Forecasted Reserve Balances at 2015-16 Outturn (A+D) £'000	(D) Draw Forecasted on School Balances @ Month 6 £'000	Variance Month 6 To Month 9 £'000	Draw Forecasted on School Balances @ Month 2 £'000	Variance Month 2 To Month 6 £'000
Clusters									
Abergavenny	(412)	124	(24)	46	(366)	(19)	63	(312)	(119)
Caldicot	(426)	275	(23)	112	(314)	153	(41)	(174)	(99)
Chepstow	98	36	9	80	178	63	17	143	18
Monmouth	(424)	166	27	138	(286)	154	(16)	(231)	(39)
Special	24	(18)	(10)	116	140	105	11	(4)	133
Total	(1,140)	583	(21)	491	(649)	457	(34)	(578)	105

3.2.2 School balances at the beginning of the financial year amount to £1,140,000. The Schools budgeted draw upon balances is forecasted to be £491,000 for 2015/16, therefore leaving £649,000 as forecasted closing reserve balances.

3.2.3 Within these summary figures, of particular note, is the deficit reserve position forecasted for the Chepstow Cluster, Chepstow Comprehensive school have a recovery plan in place, the latest forecast indicates an increase in the deficit for the school. This is due to the contribution to redundancy costs that the school has incurred. The recovery plan is currently being reviewed and given the number of pupils on roll this deficit will still be met over the duration of the plan.

3.2.4 5 schools exhibited a deficit position at the start of 2015/16; Llanvihangel Crocorney (£15,039), Castle Park (£39,730), Chepstow Comprehensive (£388,687) Llandogo (£12,347) and Mounton House Special School (£25,955). Of these five schools the following three have seen an increase in their deficit balance at month 9, Llanvihangel Crocorney (£30,947), this is due to the pupil numbers in the school increasing and therefore an additional teacher needed to be employed, Mounton House Special School (£142,391) due to significant staffing changes and a delay in grant funding through the ESF project and Chepstow Comprehensive (£399,926). Overmonnow are now projected to have a surplus closing school balance after the implementation of a recovery plan since month 6.

3.2.5 An increase in Chepstow’s deficit is inconsistent with Governors recovery plan aspirations that the Council had endorsed, which continues to be monitored closely in consideration of whether the Council continues to endorse such proposals. The situation has been adversely affected by “catch up” water charges which had historically been estimated and the payment of 2 compromise agreements for staff affected by the redundancy exercise. Colleagues in CYP are currently modelling changes in post 16 apportionments between the 4 secondary schools, to establish whether this will have an unanticipated positive effect on the balance position. Irrespective of this, Governors remain confident that recovery will still take place in the original year set.

3.2.5 Schools balances are exhibiting a fluctuating trend with some schools showing a continuing reduction in schools balances which is of concern and others a more balanced trend.

Financial Year-end	Net level of School Balances
2011-12	(965)
2012-13	(1,240)
2013-14	(988)
2014-15	(1,140)
2015-16 (Forecast)	(649)

3.2.6 There has been a significant reliance on reserve balances to supplement school spending plans in the last 4 years across individual schools with a certain amount of replenishment. As a rough guide, prior to 2010, Welsh Government advocated that school balance levels equated to no more than £50,000 for a primary school and £100,000 for a secondary school. Members may wish to seek a comfort that balances aren’t being used to subsidise and sustain core costs such as staffing.

3.2.7 Further information on Schools is provided in Children & Young People Select Appendix 5.

3.3 2015/16 Savings Progress

3.3.1 This section monitors the specific savings initiatives and the progress made in delivering them in full by the end of 2015/16 financial year as part of the MTFP budgeting process.

In summary they are as follows:

2015/16 Mandated Budgeted Savings Progress at Month 9

DIRECTORATE	Specific Savings Initiatives 2015/16 £'s	Savings Identified @ Month 9 £'s	Percentage Progress In Savings Achieved %	Delayed Savings to 2016/17 £'s	Savings Unachievable in 2015/16 £'s
Children & Young People	1,514,000	1,377,000	91%	0	137,000
Social Care & Health	274,000	274,000	100%	0	0
Enterprise	1,392,983	1,015,983	73%	125,000	253,000
Operations	1,513,000	1,438,000	95%	50,000	25,000
Chief Executives Office	85,000	85,000	100%	0	0
Total Budgeted Savings	4,778,983	4,189,983	88%	175,000	415,000

3.3.2 Forecasted mandated savings are currently running at 88%, with £415,000 being deemed unachievable at the end of month 9, and a further £175,000 unlikely to crystallise in 2015-16.

3.3.3 The emphasis of reporting savings has changed from previously where savings were reported when they were manifest, however the judgement is now whether saving is forecast to be achieved.

3.3.4 The savings appendix also has a traffic light system to indicate whether savings are likely to be achieved or have reasons explaining the mandates delayed implementation against the original and revised delivery recovery plans. The following savings mandates are still reported to be high or medium risk.

Operations (OPS)

- Highways advertising income is forecasting a £50,000 delayed saving due to planning issues in regard to the implementation of the scheme.
- Trade Waste are indicating that the sale of extra trade waste re-cycling bags (£25,000) is likely to be unachievable within the remainder of the financial year.

Enterprise (ENT)

- Utility supply issues at the Caldicot 3G sports pitch has resulted in reduced income of £15,000 and £15,000 for caretaker charges at Abergavenny Leisure Centre. Delayed Lighting installed at the 3G pitch resulted in only partial income being reached against alternative delivery plans amounting to £5K.
- Sustainable Energy Initiatives is reporting £33,000 of unachievable income targets
- Museums, Shirehall & Castles and Tourism – £15,000 shortfall due extra staffing requirements at Chepstow TIC and unattainable green screen savings (£10,000) and conservation income (£20,000). There has been no positive impact as a result of the alternative delivery plan as at month 9.
- In House development of ICT systems and associated income generation estimated at £100,000 will not occur with additional savings of £12,000 still be found from software contracts.
- MCC Markets are indicating that the extra income of £33,000 from the Markets and associated activities is unachievable due to budget pressures relating to the Borough theatre. The service is forecasting to achieve 37k against the alternative delivery plan of ceasing all repair and maintenance work to the asset portfolio.
- The delayed implementation of the Community Hubs project has led to a £125,000 savings shortfall.

Children and Young People (CYP)

- The Youth Service are forecasting to achieve £63,000 of the mandated savings (£200,000) and have identified the shortfall as being two grants that have been delayed until 2016/17 that were also part of the alternative delivery plan agreed in December by Cabinet

Social Care & Health (SCH)

- The Mandates for Adult Social Care Service re-design and the transfer of SCH Transition project staff to Bright New Futures are forecast to be fully achieved.

Chief Executive's Office

- All current financial year savings have been identified within the Chief Executive's section of responsibility.

3.4 Capital Position

3.4.1 The summary Capital position as at month 9 is as follows

MCC CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 9 by SELECT COMMITTEE						
CAPITAL BUDGET SELECT PORTFOLIO	Annual Forecast	Slippage Brought Forward	Total Approved Budget 2015/16	Provisional Capital Slippage to 2016/17	Revised Capital Budget 2015/16	Forecasted Capital Expenditure Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children & Young People	15,200	7,267	51,351	(36,041)	15,310	(110)
Adult	337	35	353	(15)	337	0
Economic & Development	758	531	1,186	(458)	728	30
Strong Communities	7,531	2,940	8,723	(1,197)	7,527	4
Capital Schemes Total	23,826	10,773	61,613	(37,713)	23,900	(76)

MCC CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 9 BY SCHEME CATEGORY

CAPITAL BUDGET SCHEME	Annual Forecast	Slippage Brought Forward	Total Approved Budget 2015/16	Provisional Capital Slippage to 2016/17	Revised Capital Budget 2015/16	Forecaste d Capital Expendit ure Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Asset Management Schemes	3,751	889	4,079	(338)	3,741	10
Future Schools	13,551	6,699	48,896	(35,235)	13,661	(110)
Other School development Schemes	269	219	1,075	(806)	269	0
Infrastructure & Transport	3,174	670	3,242	(68)	3,174	0
Regeneration Schemes	936	947	1,554	(644)	910	26
Sustainability Schemes	94	81	126	(29)	96	(2)
County Farm Schemes	226	152	352	(123)	230	(4)
Inclusion Schemes	1,354	348	1,354	0	1,354	0
ICT Schemes	277	188	288	(11)	277	0
Other Schemes	193	581	646	(457)	189	4
Capital Schemes Total	23,825	10,773	61,612	(37,711)	23,901	(76)

3.5 Proposed Slippage to 2016-17

- 3.5.1 The only major proposed slippage apparent at month 9 relates to 21c schools initiative, a further £1.585 million in addition to that reported at month 6 and reflects the latest cashflow profile provided by CYP colleagues.
- 3.5.2 So ignoring the slippage which pertains to 21c schools, this means that service managers have requested far lower slippage levels £2,433,000 and £38,000 for services managers and property services respectively in comparison to the outturn levels last year of £4,031,000 and £532,000.

The risk associated with reporting far lower slippage levels is the pressure this puts on managers to convert their commitments during the last quarter into actual expenditure. Indicatively actual expenditure incurred is £11.3m and will require managers to convert £5.1m commitments and incur a further £7.4m in the last quarter, combined £12.5m, which is more than they incurred in the previous 8 months.

The more significant areas have been reminded of this, and that there will be no automatic right to slippage at year end. However all are intent to stand by their predictions. The same discipline will be applied at outturn to consider whether to recommend slippage to Members, i.e.

- whether there has been little or no progress in 12 month,
 - the level of expenditure incurred this year has been less than in year budget and slippage b/fwd., to consider any opportunity to realign the budget to more realistic levels or reprofile budget more accurately over multiple years,
 - or where there are identified problems/barriers to progress e.g. no agreement over scheme, archaeological considerations, planning considerations not yet satisfied or where the manager hasn't clearly evidenced why this should be slippage in the request made.
- 3.5.3 Potentially the Council has costs to incur in remediating the ex-community education building in Usk. This situation is still being quantified, but officers have suggested utilising the slippage associated with County Farms maintenance should it prove necessary rather than create further pressures on the capital programme. This change, should it be necessary, wouldn't be made without future report to members for consideration.

3.6 Capital Outturn

- 3.6.1 After allowing for the indicative slippage volunteered by services, the capital programme for 2015-16 is forecasting to be £76,000 under spent at Month 9. This is predominantly a saving on the Raglan element of 21c schools programme, and shouldn't be viewed as available for redistribution as members may recall agreeing a call upon this underspend to part afford the ICT schools refresh during 2016-17. Tenders have been received in respect of the two main secondary school builds and evaluation and benchmarking being undertaken before contracts can be agreed.
- 3.6.2 The other net underspend refers to sc106 resources which are presumed to return to sc106 pot for re-allocation should the outturn prove as forecast.
- 3.6.3 This leaves potentially £40,000 worth of net overspends to be afforded, and in being consistent with previous treatment it is recommended these be capital receipt funded at outturn if there are no additional underspends manifest at outturn.

3.6.4 Members have been considering a pressure to increase the disabled facilities budget that has remained pretty static over the years. It was hoped that underspends apparent at month 6 would be able to be directed to DFGs to mitigate the extent of forward commitments that potentially carry forward to 2016-17 (the service forecasts this to be circa £428,000). However service managers indicate no significant capital underspends likely at outturn from this month 9 activity, but this will require them to convert significant levels of uncommitted expenditure by the end of March 16 as mentioned in para 3.5.2 above. That hasn't been the reality in past years, and any increase in slippage reported at outturn not already identified in this report will be reviewed particularly closely.

3.6.5 During monitoring the addition of 2 section 106 schemes was requested by service managers. The expenditure associated with such would be complete by the end of 2015-16, therefore it is proposed to recommend their approval. The two schemes are,

- A capital budget of £40,000 to allow for the construction of a Puffin crossing in the vicinity of the development at Saw Mill house. The Puffin crossing was a requirement of the Section 106 agreement relating to the approval of planning permission at the site. The budget of £40,000 will be funded from S106 contributions from the development at Saw Mill house, Little Mill.
- A capital budget of £6,800 funded from Section 106 contributions received from the development at the Almshouses, St James' square Monmouth. The Section 106 agreement specifies the funding is to be used for 'Continuing implementation of the Monmouth Links Connect 2 walking and cycling network'. The expenditure proposed is consistent with that aim.

3.7 Capital Financing and Receipts

3.7.1 Given the anticipated capital spending profile reported in para 3.4.1, the following financing mechanisms are expected to be utilised.

MCC CAPITAL FINANCING BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 AT MONTH 9 BY FINANCING CATEGORY								
CAPITAL FINANCING SCHEME	Annual Forecast Financing	Slippage Brought Forward	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Approved Financing Budget 2015/16	Provisional Budget Slippage to 2016/17	Revised Financing Budget 2015/16	Forecasted 2015/16 Capital Financing
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Supported Borrowing	2,420	0	2,420	0	2,420	0	2,420	0
General Capital Grant	1,462	0	1,462	0	1,462	0	1,462	0
Grants and Contributions	8,897	3,952	16,816	477	21,246	(12,349)	8,897	0
S106 Contributions	643	690	0	602	1,292	(647)	646	(3)

Unsupported borrowing	320	1,274	15,311	(5,411)	11,174	(10,854)	320	0
Earmarked reserve & Revenue Funding	837	409	489	350	1,248	(411)	837	0
Capital Receipts	9,015	4,414	11,134	7,032	22,581	(13,453)	9,128	(113)
Low cost home ownership receipts	189	33	0	156	189	0	189	0
Unfinanced	40	0	0	0	0		0	40
Capital Financing Total	23,825	10,773	47,633	3,206	61,613	(37,711)	23,901	(76)

3.8 Useable Capital Receipts Available

3.8.1 In the table below, the effect of the changes to the forecast capital receipts on the useable capital receipts balances available to meet future capital commitments is shown. This is also compared to the balances forecast within the 2015/19 MTFP capital budget proposals.

Movement in Available Useable Capital Receipts Forecast

TOTAL RECEIPTS	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance b/f 1 st April	17,440	5,536	16,354	4,655
Receipts forecast to be received in year as 2015/19 MTFP	10,235	25,220	2,150	0
Increase / (decrease) in forecast receipts forecast at month 6	(6,877)	(149)	6,050	2,000
Deferred Capital Receipts	4	4	4	4
Less: Set aside Capital Receipts	(6,250)	(7,274)	(1,732)	0

Less: Receipts to be applied - General	(2,092)	(1,373)	(509)	(509)
Less : Receipts to be applied - 21C Schools	(6,923)	(5,908)	(17,662)	(3,962)
TOTAL Actual / Estimated balance c/f 31st March	5,536	16,354	4,655	2,188
TOTAL Estimated balance reported in 2015/19 MTFP Capital Budget proposals	11,660	21,104	11,542	10,388
Increase / (Decrease) compared to MTFP Capital Receipts Forecast	(6,124)	(4,751)	(6,888)	(8,200)

Points to note:

- The reduction in the capital receipts forecast in 15/16 is due to the delay in an LDP receipt & the Coed Glas receipt from 15/16 to 16/17 (£7.9m) offset by early collection of the Abergavenny cattle market receipt **deposit** (£1.6m). The increase in forecast receipts in 17/18 is due to slippage of a second LDP receipt from 16/17 to 17/18 (£6.2m).
- The decrease in the Capital receipts balance of £6.1m compared to the MTFP at 31/3/2016 is due to: the reduction in forecast receipts (£6.9m); an early application of capital receipts in respect of those being actively stockpiled for the 21C schools program (£6.2m) and corresponding decrease in borrowing - approved in the 1617 capital mtfp; and a set aside of capital receipts to reduce MRP payments (£6.2m) approved by Cabinet; offset by forecast slippage of capital receipt funded budgets (mainly 21C schools) to 1617 (£13.5m).
- The balance of receipts forecast to be available at the end of the mtfp window at 31/3/2019 (£2,2m) is reduced against the forecast in the 15/16 MTFP by £8.2m mainly due to the increase in total set aside of capital receipts from £10.5m to £15.2m and an increase in budgets funded by capital receipts, including virements from borrowing within the 21C schools program (£5.0m).

3.8.2 The Council has agreed to the inclusion of 21c schools initiative within the Capital Program and this relies on utilising £29.7 million of capital receipts during this next 4 year MTFP period. Consequently the balance of capital receipts available for other schemes during this MTFP window has considerably reduced.

3.9 Reserve Usage

3.9.1 Revenue and capital monitoring reflects an approved use of reserves. Building upon the inclusion of a reserve summary provided as part of 2014-15 the following table indicates the anticipated position both at the end of 2015-16 but also the predicted position for 2016-17 based on decisions already made.

SUMMARY EARMARKED RESERVES POSITION 2015-16 AT MONTH 9

Earmarked Reserves	2014-15	Revenue Approved Usage		Capital Usage	2015-16	Revenue Approved Usage		Capital Usage	2016-17
	b/fwd	Replenishment of Reserves	Draw on Reserves			Replenishment of Reserves	Draw on Reserves		c/fwd
Invest to Redesign	(1,483,522)	(49,396)	519,138	261,278	(752,502)	(72,508)	465,067	150,000	(209,943)
IT Transformation	(639,840)		53,200	97,341	(489,299)		20,000	250,000	(219,299)
Insurance & Risk Management	(2,250,388)				(2,250,388)				(2,250,388)
Capital Receipt Regeneration	(460,342)		100,369		(359,973)		132,988		(226,985)
Treasury Equalisation	(990,024)				(990,024)				(990,024)
Redundancy & Pensions	(599,936)		325,434		(274,502)		192,126		(82,376)
Capital Investment	(1,620,945)	(15,500)		489,541	(1,146,904)			489,541	(657,363)
Priority Investment	(1,973,294)		837,819		(1,135,475)		639,316		(496,159)
Museums Acquisitions	(59,798)				(59,798)				(59,798)
Elections	(83,183)	(25,000)			(108,183)	(25,000)	100,000		(33,183)
Grass Routes Buses	(160,615)		25,913		(134,702)	(5,000)			(139,702)
Sub Total	(10,321,888)	(89,896)	1,861,872	848,160	(7,702,750)	(102,508)	1,549,497	889,541	(5,365,220)
Restricted Use Reserves									
Chairman's	(36,754)				(36,754)				(36,754)
Youth Offending Team	(382,226)				(382,226)				(382,226)
Building Control Trading	(490)				(490)				(490)
Outdoor Education Centres	(190,280)				(190,280)				(190,280)
I Learn Wales	(48,674)				(48,674)				(48,674)
Total Earmarked Reserves	(10,980,311)	(89,896)	1,861,872	848,160	(8,360,174)	(102,508)	1,549,497	889,541	(6,023,644)

3.9.2 This indicates that by the end of 2016-17 the Council is likely to utilise over 45% of the useable earmarked reserves brought forward from 2014-15, based on approvals to use reserves so far. No assumption has been made concerning the reserve funding of redundancy costs identified in para 3.1.10 above as yet.

3.9.3 Given the forecast use of earmarked reserves, Cabinet approved the following change in practice to ensure adequacy of reserves for the MTFP:

- Increase workforce planning and redeployment to reduce the need for reserves to cover redundancies
- Any request for reserve funding must first explore whether existing budgets, or external funding sources can be used for the proposal accepting this may require a change in priorities if existing budget are used
- Use of reserves to implement budget savings must use the saving first to repay the reserve
- IT investment bids will need to be considered in the core capital programme when the IT investment reserve is extinguished, this may necessitate displacing some of the core capital programme allocations depending on the priorities agreed

3.9.4 A revaluation of the insurance reserve requirement has been commissioned and the work is being undertaken so that the figures will be current and available for 2015/16 closure. This may give scope to re-designate some of this reserve but this is subject to the outcome of the work outlined.

3.9.5 If action is not taken to slow down the use of ear marked reserves through the above mechanisms, consideration would need to be given to budgeting to replenish reserves or including in the base budget, requests that would normally have been funded by reserves, both of which will increase the resource gap in the MTFP.

4 REASONS

4.1 To improve budget monitoring and forecasting information being provided to Senior Officers and Members.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The forecast overspend and use of earmarked reserves, requires action to be taken to ensure that the budget is kept on track and earmarked reserves are maintained at an adequate level for the MTFP.

6 WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The decisions highlighted in this report have no future generations and sustainability implications.

7 CONSULTEES

Strategic Leadership Team
 All Cabinet Members
 All Select Committee Chairman
 Head of Legal Services
 Head of Finance

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Month 9 monitoring reports, as per the hyperlinks provided in the Appendices

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