

## Overview and Scrutiny Board

3 August 2022, 2.00pm – 4.11pm

### Present:

Councillor John Mullen - in the Chair

Councillors Adrian Brocklehurst, Joshua Brooks, Karen Garrido, Robin Garrido, Jim King and Rob Sharpe

### Invitee:

Councillor Bill Hinds                      Lead Member for Finance and Support Services

### Officers:

Tom Stannard	Chief Executive
Jacquie Russell	Assistant Director for Strategy and Change
Joanne Hardman	Chief Finance Officer
Mike McHugh	Senior Democratic Services Officer

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Stuart Dickman, Margaret Morris, Mike Pevitt and Irfan Syed.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes of Proceedings

RESOLVED: THAT consideration of the minutes from the meeting held on 6 April 2022 be deferred to the next meeting of this Board.

### 4. Matters Arising

#### (a) LGA Peer Review

RESOLVED: THAT a report outlining the Peer Review Development Plan be presented at the meeting of this Board on 5 October 2022.

#### (b) Modern Slavery

RESOLVED: THAT this matter be included in the Abeyance List on the Work Programme of the Board.

## 5. 2021/22 – Budget Monitoring – Outturn Position

Joanne Hardman presented a report providing details of the 2021/22 Budget Monitoring – Outturn Position.

It was reported that the general fund position for the year end was a balanced budget which was in line with the forecast presented to the Board as at the end of the third quarter.

There was an underlying adverse variation of £1.9m relating to DSG funded services however, it was confirmed that Salford was participating in the Safety Valve scheme which supported local authorities to manage down existing DSG deficits.

As a result, £6.6m was received during 2021/22 leading to a net reduction in the DSG deficit of £4.7m. Future receipts of Safety Valve financial support were dependent upon continued delivery of an agreed recovery plan.

General balances remained at £13.2m, above the risk-assessed minimum level but below the desirable level of reserves identified in the 2021/22 budget report.

The capital programme outturn position showed expenditure of £82.603m against estimated spend of £108.019m. This represented a significant reduction in the anticipated spend to the end of 2021/22 and a re-profiling of expenditure to 2022/23.

Discussion took place in respect of a number of issues, including -

- details of the operation of the Safety Valve scheme.
- details of the year end variance relating to (a) People (Children's), (b) People (Adults) and (c) Service Reform.
- ongoing work relating to the Shared Legal Service.
- reasons for the Capital Expenditure underspend and future budget planning.
- The impact on budgets and service delivery relating to Inflation.
- Signoff of the Statement of Accounts

RESOLVED: THAT the final outturn position regarding the 2021/22 revenue budget, general balances and capital programme be noted.

## 6. End of year 2021-22 Corporate Performance Report

Jacquie Russell presented the End of year 2021-22 Corporate Performance Report.

It was reported that since 2016-17, each year CMT (Corporate Management Team) had agreed a set of core performance indicators and core actions from Service Group business plans for inclusion within the Council's corporate performance framework.

Performance reports were produced to report on progress against these performance measures and achievement of the council's priorities – The Great Eight.

The 'Great Eight' priority progress report for end of year 2021-22 (1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022) was presented. The report summarised progress against the council's priorities and the council's performance framework.

It was noted that Risk management was also an element included within the council's performance framework and details were presented of the end of year update on all the risks in the council's 2021/22 Strategic Risk Register.

It was confirmed that the priority progress report and Risk Register update would be made available on the council's website.

RESOLVED: THAT the end of year 2021-22 progress report and appendices which detail progress against the Council's business plans and "Great Eight" priorities for the city, including risks to delivery and corporate performance data be noted.

## 7. CEO Update and Q&A

Tom Stannard provided details of the issues which were currently areas of focus, which included -

- (i) Council Budget and Budget Planning
- (ii) the LGA review and associated action plan
- (iii) the Integrated Care System
- (iv) the councils work and skills agenda

Members raised a number of questions including -

- Implications for the council regarding increases in energy bills
- The impact of Inflation on council budgets and services
- details of the Integrated Care System structure and operation
- the role of scrutiny in the Integrated Care System

RESOLVED: THAT the update be noted.

## 8. Scrutiny Panel Updates

RESOLVED: THAT consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of this Board.

9. Work Programme 2022/23

RESOLVED: THAT consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of this Board.

10. Any other business

There were no items of any other business.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: THAT the next meeting of this Board be held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 2.00pm.