

## Harborough District Council

### Report to the Performance Scrutiny Panel Meeting of 19 January 2023



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Report 3: 2022/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring – Quarter 2</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Public – For Discussion
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>A. Cabinet Report 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 2022/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring – Quarter 2</b> <b>B. Cabinet Report 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 2022/23 Revenue and Capital Monitoring – Quarter 2 Appendices</b>

### Executive Summary

- i. To provide the Performance Scrutiny Panel with the revenue and capital budget monitoring report up to 30 September 2022 for consideration.

### Recommendations

- a. Performance Scrutiny Panel is requested to consider the financial performance of the Council against its budget for the half year to 30 September 2022, as set out in the budget monitoring report attached at Appendix A and identify what, if any, recommendations should be made to Cabinet as a result.

### Reasons for Recommendations

- ii. The Statutory Guidance issued by the government to Councils in respect of Overview and Scrutiny (May 2019) requires effective scrutiny to have a defined impact “on the ground”, with the committee making recommendations that will make a tangible difference to the work of the authority. It encourages scrutiny panels to consider carefully which topics are most important to the Council and therefore where its input can make the biggest impact for the benefit of residents. It also suggests that “overview” relates to development of policy while scrutiny involves looking at decisions which are been made, or are about to be made, to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- iii. A key part of the overview and scrutiny function is to influence policy and hold Cabinet to account. A scrutiny panel does this by receiving and analysing information and or evidence and then asking questions about it.

- iv. A further function is to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to have their views and perspectives considered in the Council's decision making process.
- v. Scrutiny recommendations are the primary means by which Cabinet, or other executive function decision makers, can be asked to:
  - a. address a specific issue;
  - b. consider a course of action,
  - c. disclose or provide information;
  - d. provide an update to the panel on a particular area.

## **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide the Performance Scrutiny Panel with the revenue and capital budget monitoring report covering the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 for consideration.

## **Background**

2. Consideration of Cabinet's performance against the revenue and capital budget determined by Council in February 2022 has been included on the Scrutiny Work Plan for the Performance Scrutiny Panel by the Scrutiny Commission. Accordingly the Panel is invited to consider the extent to which Cabinet has ensured that the adopted revenue and capital budget has been adhered to and any variances reported.

## **Details**

3. The attached report (Appendix A) entitled "2022.23 Q2 Outturn Financial Performance" was considered and commented on by Cabinet on 5 December 2022. Cabinet discussed the causes of a revenue budget overspend of £810,000, and the source of a capital budget projected underspend of £70,000.
4. The Performance Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider the Cabinet's response to the quarter 2 performance data and determine what, if any, further action should be recommended.

## **Implications of Decisions**

### **Corporate Priorities**

5. The contents of this report evidence how the Overview and Scrutiny function ensures that Council and or the Cabinet monitors issues that may affect the delivery of the Councils' Corporate Priorities.

### **Financial**

6. The financial issues are identified in the attached appendices.

### **Legal**

7. The Council is legally required to set and manage a balanced budget, and to make provision for, appropriate scrutiny in accordance with statutory guidance.

### **Policy**

8. None directly arising from this report.

### **Environmental Implications including contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Council by 2030**

9. No direct impact

### **Risk Management**

### **Equalities Impact**

10. None directly arising from this report.

### **Data Protection**

11. None directly arising from this report.

### **Summary of Consultation and Outcome**

12. Budget holders and finance business partners discuss the financial performance against budgets at quarterly budget monitoring meetings. Financial performance is discussed at Corporate Management Team and with Portfolio Holders as part of Portfolio Holder briefings.

### **Alternative Options Considered**

13. None directly arising from this report.

### **Background papers**

14. Not applicable

