



## **SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY – LATEST POSITION**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise members that a further report regarding the 2021/22 revenue budget for period 4, an update on the capital programme and the approach to updating the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2022-26 will be submitted to the Scrutiny Commission on 8 September.
2. The report will be circulated to members and published on the County Council's website as soon as it is available. That report will also be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Recommendation**

3. Members are asked to note this and the supplementary report and to agree comments for consideration by the Cabinet.

#### **Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

4. The MTFS is a rolling financial plan that is updated annually. The current MTFS was approved by the County Council in February 2021. The County Council's Strategic Plan outlines its long-term vision and the MTFS, along with other plans and strategies such as the Transformation Programme, aligns with and underpins the Strategic Plan.

#### **Background**

5. The Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 considered a report regarding the 2021/22 revenue budget and capital programme monitoring position at the end of May 2021 (Period 2 of the financial year). That report was circulated to all members of the County Council.
6. The report explained that revenue budget monitoring showed a net projected overspend of £18.4m and capital programme monitoring indicated a likely net slippage of £10.2m compared with the updated 2021/22 budget. The savings requirement for the period of the MTFS totalled £80m, of which £23m still needed to be identified.

7. The report advised that the Scrutiny Commission would receive a paper on the revenue budget and capital programme monitoring position as at the end of Period 4 and that further work would be taking place over the summer to review the MTFs, the outcome of which would be reported to members in September.
8. The Period 4 position is the position up to the end of August 2021. Council departments were required to submit their returns by the 20<sup>th</sup> August. At the time of writing, these details are still being interpreted and consolidated into the overall financial position and the further report will be circulated to members as soon as this is completed.

### **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

9. None.

### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

10. There are no equality or human rights implications arising from this report.

### **Background Papers**

Report to the Cabinet on 20 July 2021 - "2021/22 Medium Term Financial Strategy Monitoring (Period 2)" and minutes of that meeting

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=6445>

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