

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Targeted Budget Management (TBM) 2014/15 Month 5</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>18 November 2014</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head of Law</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

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***Action Required of the Audit & Standards Committee:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy & Resources Committee for information:

**Recommendation:**

That the report be noted.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 16 OCTOBER 2014**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor J Kitcat (Chair) Councillors Sykes (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Morgan (Group Spokesperson), Bowden, Hamilton, Lepper, A Norman, Peltzer Dunn, and Shanks

**PART ONE**

**61 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2014/15 MONTH 5**

61.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources in relation to Targeted Budget Management (TBM) 2014/15 (Month 5). TBM was a key component of the Council's overall performance monitoring and control framework; the report set out the forecast outturn position (Month 5) on the Council's revenue and

capital budget for the financial year 2013/14. Month 5 showed only a small improvement to the position overall (from Month 2) as the organisation approached the mid-point of the year; there continued to be significant pressures and forecast risks to manage across the General Fund Revenue Budget.

- 61.2 Councillor Sykes thanked Officers for the report, and noted his concern in relation to the budget position as the budget preparation for 2015/16 was beginning. Year on year demand for services in the city was increasing, and there were ongoing problems in City Clean in relation to the cost of industrial action.
- 61.3 Councillor A. Norman thanked Officers for the report; she stated that the position within Adult Services summed up the projected overspend which was largely due to non-achievement of savings – this work was dependent on the commissioning review, and evidence of the delay was apparent and could have a detrimental impact on the most vulnerable residents. The trade union release time was currently being reviewed, and the additional funds from Central Government for pothole repairs were welcomed – as well as monies for retrofitting technology. The Executive Director for Finance & Resources clarified that there was not sufficient budget to fund the current central release time for staff; the organisation was reviewing to better understand this area and would make proposals for changes.
- 61.4 In response to Councillor A. Norman's queries about the catering contract at Hove Museum the Assistant Chief Executive explained that the museum was in-between contracts, and following the recent tendering process the new contract was due to be awarded.
- 61.5 Councillor G. Theobald noted the points already made in relation to City Clean and the release time for union staff; he stated he welcomed the review commitment made by the Executive Director for Finance & Resources. The Executive Director for Environment, Development & Housing stated whilst there was all intention of bringing the budget in on target the current dispute was challenging; however, a comprehensive service redesign was planned to help in future financial years.
- 61.6 The Chair noted that the largest proportion of the overspend related to social care, and it was hoped the Better Care Fund would go some way towards addressing this.
- 61.7 The Chair then put the recommendations to the vote:
- 61.8 **RESOLVED:**
- 1) That the Committee note the forecast outturn position for the General Fund, which is an overspend of £5.219m. This consists of £5.019m on council controlled budgets and £0.200m on the council's share of the NHS managed Section 75 services.
  - 2) That the Committee note that there is a further £1.890m of as yet unallocated risk provision that could be used to mitigate against this overspend.

- 3) That the Committee note the forecast outturn for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which is an underspend of £0.247m.
- 4) That the Committee note the forecast outturn position for the Dedicated Schools Grant which is an underspend of £0.548m.
- 5) That the Committee note the forecast outturn position on the capital programme.
- 6) That the Committee approve the capital programme variations and reprofiles in Appendix 3 and new capital schemes in Appendix 4 (excluding the Dorothy Stringer all weather pitch).
- 7) That the Committee delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to approve the Dorothy Stringer all weather pitch capital scheme, subject to seeking further assurance on the detail of the business case.