

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 28 FEBRUARY 2019
2018/19 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT
REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: FINANCE & HR (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)
LEAD CABINET MEMBER: CLLR LEE CARTER

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

1.1 The Financial Management report to Cabinet on 14 February 2019 provided an updated projection for the 2018/19 year end which showed a significant balance remaining in the corporate budget contingency together with the benefit from a successful VAT claim for £2.673m. The report recommended that part the balance is earmarked for investment in key community priorities and to support future budget strategies. These transfers to reserves are now presented for approval by Full Council.

1.2 SUMMARY

The detailed approvals required by Council are listed in Section 5.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are asked to approve the transfers to reserves set out in section 5.1 and to delegate authority to the Managing Director after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Commercial Services and Economic Development to allocate this funding to specific projects;

3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	Delivery of all priority objectives depend on the effective use of available resources.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	The capital programme will be immediately updated to reflect the new approvals.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	Financial impacts arising from this report will be reflected in future

		financial management reports and built into the service and financial planning strategy for 2019/20 and beyond
LEGAL ISSUES	No	None directly arising from this report. The S151 Officer has a statutory duty to monitor income and expenditure and take action if overspends /shortfalls emerge.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	Budget holders actively manage their budgets, both revenue and capital, and the many financial risks and challenges that council services face, examples include the risk of a particularly harsh winter which would impact adversely on the winter gritting and adult social care budgets, the increasing dependency on income from a wide range of activities and the risk of interest rate movements. The Council has comprehensive risk management arrangements in place and an appropriate level of contingency within its revenue budget and actively seeks opportunities for additional external funding which would assist in delivering Council objectives.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough Wide

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cabinet 14/02/2019 – 2018/19 Financial Management Report

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.0 PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

5.1 The following transfers to reserves are proposed:

	£m
Pride in Your High Street	1.000
Pride in Our Community	1.000
Funding to support initiatives with public transport operators and other partners on a range of options potentially including demand responsive transport to serve the main industrial estates and a young person's fare offer.	0.300
Funding to support a range of initiatives including- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of physical activity, • Supporting green spaces and rights of way, • Support for Armed Forces personnel, 	1.300

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns such as support for the retention of services at the Princess Royal Hospital, Business Winning & Business Supporting, recruitment of Foster Carers etc. and • Support for people affected most by the continuing impacts of austerity. 	
Invest To Save/Capacity Fund – which is integral to the delivery of the Council’s service and financial planning strategy funding one-off costs necessary to achieve long term financial sustainability and meeting resource pressures	1.223
VAT/Taxation Reserve – setting aside part of the VAT refund as a contingency to meet any unforeseen taxation costs which may arise in future	0.450
Total	5.273

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

2018/19 Budget Strategy / Financial Ledger reports

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