

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY BOARD - APRIL 24TH 2017

PROVISION OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY COUNCILLOR HARRAND IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL HEALTH MONITORING REPORT THAT WAS RECEIVED AT STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY BOARD ON APRIL 24TH 2017

1. Table 1 and the Financial Dashboard schedules later do not appear to include anywhere the total expenditure or income for a directorate, although we do have the variances from budget totals. Variances are always interesting but if we have the original figures as well, we might be better able to understand the significance of the excesses or shortfalls. Can we please have a schedule that provides the actual figures of expenditure and income?

This can be found attached in Appendix 1

2. Are the budget variances on pages 30 to 50 actual variations? If so, what is estimated under the heading 'Latest Estimate'?

The reported variances are year-end projected variations from the latest approved budget. The 'Latest Estimate is the net cost of service/Directorate and represents the Latest Approved Estimate i.e. the Original Estimate as approved at Council in February adjusted for any approved virements.

3. On page 42, the public health grant does not seem to be set against any specific expenditure. Can the council spend this as we choose or can that grant figure be allocated across the next ten headings?

For presentational purposes the totality of the public health grant receivable is identified separately and hasn't been allocated to the different areas of expenditure that are identified on the dashboard although it is resourcing these areas of spend.

The Public Health Grant is a ring-fenced grant which must be used only for meeting eligible expenditure incurred or to be incurred by local authorities for the purposes of their public health functions as specified in Section 73B(2) of the National Health Service Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

4. Can we please have the expenditure – gross and net – for each directorate for 2015-16 and 2016-17? (which I understand will be for eleven months only)

Please see attached- Appendix 2 (Summary worksheet)

5. What does 'Appropriation' mean in the schedules?

In respect of Local Government Accounting requirement, the Appropriation Account facilitates the transfer of resources between the revenue account and reserves held on the balance sheet.

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12th May 2017

