

**Financial Position Quarter Four 2016/17****1. General Fund Revenue Budget**

- 1.1 The Council approved a General Fund Revenue Budget of £14,138,550 on 24 February 2016. The actual position compared to this budget is monitored by managers, EMT and Portfolio Holders in order to detect any significant variances of expenditure or income from the approved amounts contained in the budget.
- 1.2 The unaudited outturn in respect of the General Fund Revenue Account was a surplus of £6,037 compared to the budget of £14,138,550. Whilst there were adverse variances against some budget heads, these have been offset by positive variances against others. The Audit and Standards Committee agenda for its meeting on 3 July 2017 contains a commentary on the outturn in the report in relation to the Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 which can be referred to for further details such as areas where variances occurred. The formal external audit of the Statement of Accounts commences on 10 July 2017.

**2. Capital Programme**

- 2.1 The revised budget for capital projects in 2016/17 as shown in the Revenue and Capital Budgets report approved by Council in February totals £11,744,000.
- 2.2 The position at the end of the fourth quarter is as follows:-

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Budget	11,744,000
Actual Expenditure	(8,725,678)
Committed orders and carry forwards for existing projects	(646,437)
Funds to be carried forward regarding S106 projects	(42,816)
Budget to be carried forward regarding Castle House project	(2,248,363)
Variance	(80,706)

- 2.3 During the year discussions have taken place regarding the need to carry out a full Stock Condition Survey on all the Council's assets. The works resulting from this survey could amount to a considerable sum. It is proposed to finance the survey by using additional "Right to Buy" sale proceeds. The Council has received an additional £83k during 2016/17 over and above the amount budgeted for part funding the Castle House project and it is recommended that this is earmarked for the survey.
- 2.4 It should be noted that the Council's Capital Balance is at a minimum. The contingency funds available for any urgent/essential works only amount to £381k. It is imperative that the sites earmarked for disposal within the Asset Management Strategy are progressed as soon as possible as any delays will only worsen the Council's overall financial position.

**3. Investment Counterparties**

- 3.1 Investment counterparties with whom money is invested, as at 31 March 2017 are as follows (with the parent company shown in brackets, where applicable):

Santander

- 3.2 With regard to the Council's frozen investment in Heritable Bank the total amount repaid now totals £2,457,623, which is 98% of the total that was frozen.